

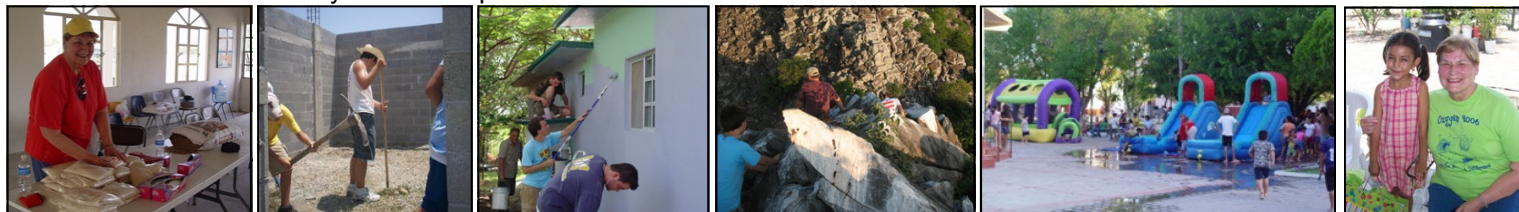


3rd Annual CCC Family Mission Trip

My admiration for great writers, who can make words on a page come to life, grows as I try to take life and put it on a page. We are truly living in unbelievable days in Burgos. God's presence, power, and love seem to be waiting for us around every corner. With wide eyes and wonder, we wait for what God will do next.

**Isaiah 43:19** For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert!

May God's blessings be poured out over you as you live as a blessing to Him.



L-R trip highlights: food distribution, work projects at Church & Mission House, swimming & hiking, children's fiestas, sponsor/child visits.

Covenant Christian Church, of Paris, Texas, returned to Burgos for morning work projects, afternoon swimming, and evening children's events. Well known by the local children for their waterslides and lemonade, the group's impact in area communities continues to grow. One of the purposes of BurgosMissions is to connect people with opportunities for ministry. Mission trips do that and provide the opportunity to build relationships with the families of Burgos. CCC, in its third year of coming, is a great example of how this process can work.

One of the highlights of the CCC trip was the evening in El Charco. The church hosted a Children's Fiesta using a generator to blow up its inflatable slides and jump houses. The children loved the balloons and face painting. The activities ended with the children singing songs they have learned in the Children's Programs that BurgosMissions facilitates in their community. The CCC group joined in the singing in English. The smiles on the parents' faces as they watched their kids was heart warming to say the least. In this poor, dry, and disregarded community, smiles mean a lot. After the families began walking back to their houses, most made of mesquite branches, the CCC group began to pray. What happened next is difficult to describe, but you could feel the presence of God near, very near. It is amazing to feel the love that God has for these otherwise unknown people. It is amazing that He would send a group from North Texas to tell the families of El Charco that He loves them, sees them, and cares for them. It reminds me of how Christ was sent to tell us.



Kelly Miller was one of the missionaries from the CCC trip. She stayed after the trip for 3 weeks to help with the everyday activities, special events, and children's ministry of BurgosMissions. The Mission House served as her home away from home. Kelly and her family have been involved in the Child Sponsorship Program since its inception, so she was able to spend time with her sponsored child Yessica and the kids of her community.

Kelly's background in education made her a tremendous asset to the ministry activities and to our family. We are so thankful to Kelly, her church, and to God for this experience and help. What a blessing it has been to us and to Burgos.

## a month of interns

Arnie Cazares continued his stay as an intern during June and has become a friend to many in Burgos. Arnie continued preaching in several area churches and led a 3 day "campana", or rally, in the Burgos Plaza. It was an amazing 3 nights; life-changing for many of those who attended. Of course it is difficult to describe something that is supernatural, or something that happens or changes deep inside you, but night after night we watched the Lord personally minister to the hearts and souls of many who came for prayer, healing, and more of God.



Along with many other things, Arnie taught piano lessons, led music and taught in the Children's Programs, helped facilitate mission trips and youth services, and became our good friend. It was a surprise when Arnie was able to come at the beginning of May, but we now see how God had it in His plans from long ago.

Isaac Reyna, a youth who attends New Hope Ministries in Pharr, TX, (the same church as Arnie) joined us for two weeks to help with youth services and to play the drums at the campana. The experiences with Arnie, Kelly, and Isaac have encouraged us to pursue more "intern" opportunities. We have a lot to learn in hosting long-term stays, but we are so blessed by this new chapter in our work here.



Left - CCC at El Charco More information, photos, and videos of this month's activities can be found online at [burgosmissions.org](http://burgosmissions.org) and [burgosmissions.blogspot.com](http://burgosmissions.blogspot.com). We are so grateful to those who continue to support the work in Burgos with prayers, finances, and resources. You are making a difference. May the blessing return to you. Thank you. Matt & PJ Burton