

Blessings to you and yours and thanks to God, the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This newsletter briefly highlights the month's mission trips. More information, photos, and videos can be found on the "home" page and "blog/update" page at burgosmissions.org. We are very encouraged by all that is going on in these days and well aware of our need for the Lord's help and plan. Jesus said in Matthew 9, that there is much work and few to do it. We are striving to be found among the few.



My parents visited this month with my nephew Spencer. They enjoyed seeing Burgos, the various ministry projects, and playing with their granddaughters. We were able to end the visit with a trip to La Pesca (beach). A highlight was seeing the turtle rescue center. We arrived in time to see and hold 4 hour old baby turtles which were to be released that afternoon. Later in the month, PJ's cousin Lizzie visited us to help as we hosted a mission trip. She is always a tremendous help with our girls.



New Hope Ministries Youth spent the first five days of July helping with building projects, leading children's activities and fiestas, and ministering to families and youth. Last year the group led VBS at the church, but this year their days were spent in different places, ministering in various ways. The main work project was preparing the dorm floors to be cemented. A highlight of the trip was the children's and youth ministry events. The group presented lessons, puppet shows and played with kids in four communities. They also helped lead our monthly youth service by sharing testimonies, drama, and music. Those in attendance, as well as the New Hope group were deeply impacted by the service.

Christian Worship Church brought a talented ministry team to Burgos for a weekend trip. The group's music, teaching, and drama teams were very skilled in their various roles. The trip began on a Friday evening with an outdoor service in the plaza. During the service children were taught lessons in various age groups. The music team was great and one member is originally from Burgos. The drama presentation was very impacting and led into a powerful ministry and prayer time. Saturday morning, the church leaders hosted a pastors meeting, the music team taught our musicians, and the teaching team led our weekly children's program at the church. Much was accomplished in a short time.



First Assembly of God Lockhart arrived just before hurricane Dolly. The group did a lot of work at the camp/church including a children's program, cleaning, organizing the "casita", painting, and cementing one of the dorm floors. Work projects were also done on our home and the Mission House. The evenings were spent ministering to families in Burgos and El Charco. The group made hot dogs and raspas (snow cones). The children rotated through various craft areas and received gifts and food at the end of the program. Three families in the group sponsor children and were able to visit them during the trip. This was a special time for the sponsored kids.

The Campos family visited Burgos the last week of July. The trip was a family mission trip and also a scouting trip to see if and how they might be involved. They enjoyed seeing different communities, meeting some of our friends, passing out school supplies, assisting with children's programs, painting, and climbing "El Cerro". We were encouraged to be able to use the Mission House to host the family. On the Burgos Missions web site, they had seen a video with an interview with Peto, our music leader and good friend. (We always tell Peto that he is famous in Texas.) The second picture (right) is the Campos family at Peto's house, meeting his mom and dad. We were very encouraged by the trip and the Campos' ministry to Burgos and to us.



The Hester and Maisonet families have become good friends and mentors to us. They were able to come for a couple of days on their way home from a conference in Tampico. Both families are involved in world missions as well as pastoring churches. What a blessing it was to us to host them and to spend some family time together. We are so encouraged by the people God has put in our lives as friends and examples to us.



We are looking forward to a busy August which will include the Back to School Outreach, Mi Generacion youth service, and some special church services and guests. This month we will be looking at how to better facilitate the Child Sponsorship Program which continues to grow as does our need for new sponsors. Thank you for your help and for your prayers. We are so grateful for partners like you and for a God who listens. Matt&PJ