

September 26, 2006



Blessings from Mexico and our Family,

It doesn't seem possible, but on September 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated one year of living in Burgos. We are thankful to God and you for this blessing. We are excited about this next year and discovering God's plans in it.

The support from friends and family in the States has assisted in creating several ministry programs which are demonstrating the love of God to families in Burgos in practical and powerful ways. Not only does Burgos Missions lead Cristo es la Roca Church and its construction, but also facilitates Children's Programs in several communities, Regional Outreaches, Mission Trips and Visits to Burgos, Food and Clothing Distribution, and English Classes. Next month, a video-based Bible College will begin classes to train leaders for church and mission work.

September also marked the beginning of the Child Sponsorship Program. Families, groups, or individuals from the U.S. sponsor a specific child from Mexico. The sponsorship allows relationships to develop and helps to facilitate physical and spiritual ministry to the Mexican child and family. The program has grown at an unexpected pace, with 37 sponsored children.

Sponsors donate \$20 a month to Burgos Missions all of which goes to the purchase of monthly items for the sponsored child. For example, sponsored children received new shoes in September. Some children received a pair for school (they wear uniforms) and a pair for home. Others received shoes and socks. The items for October are jeans and a long-sleeved shirt.

The children receive a photo of their sponsors and periodically write to thank them and develop their relationship. Sponsors receive biographical information and a photo of their sponsored child, giving information, and the calendar of monthly items that the child will receive. Children available for sponsorship are from poor communities in and around Burgos. They also attend our Children's Programs. It is a goal of Burgos Missions and our Sponsors to service the spiritual needs and growth of the child as well as the physical. All information is updated periodically, enabling the sponsor to see the growth and development of their sponsored child. Sponsors are asked to make, at least, a year commitment, but the hope is to create life-long relationships to the benefit of both the sponsor and child.

All donations are tax deductible and spent in total on the child. We are very excited about the potential for this program. More information can be obtained by emailing [childsponsorship@burgosmissions.org](mailto:childsponsorship@burgosmissions.org) or writing to Burgos Missions, PO Box 537, Lockhart, TX 78644.

This year, there have been several advances in our church facility. Building continues, windows are going in, and money is being gathered to continue more of the floor. We met a family through one of the children's programs and have developed a good relationship over this year. The father is now leading the window installment project and other construction at the church. The work is a blessing to us and to their family. It is evidence of the importance and potential of the ministry here.

We are thankful for this first year and have big hopes for year two. We are learning that God's plans and dreams are much bigger than we can imagine. Thank you for being an instrument to see these things come to pass. We know that many are actively praying for the work and people in Burgos. We are praying for you as well. Psalm 24:1 says that the whole earth and everything in it is the Lord's. This includes us in Mexico and you and your family in your part of the earth. We are blessed to know you and for your influence in our lives.

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