



Hello and God bless you. Our prayers are with you and your family as we send this update. John 5:17 reminds us that God is always working, we can see it here in Burgos and know that it is true where you live also. God is pursuing us, calling us, loving us, working out His plans, writing history.

We are privileged to have a part in it in Burgos. Thank you for the part you are playing here and in your community. May the Lord strengthen us all in His love, to do the things He created us to do.

We are excited about the progress here. Building is a major focus. Physically, many advances were made this month on the dorms, the church, and our house. Relationally, growth continues in new relationships and the maturing of old ones. Spiritually, our family and faith has grown through several unexpected challenges and surprises this month. You hear the words, "God is faithful" a lot, but what an incredible thing it is to walk with him through the course of a day or month and experience His faithfulness first hand. We continue to be amazed by Him.

Prayer and resource support continues to grow as well. Sponsored children, clothes and food, literature, gifts, job opportunities, and financial donations, are a few examples of the help God is sending to the people of Burgos through you. What a great promise we have in the Bible that we will reap what we sow and in a multiplied way. May God's blessings continue to fill up your life and spill out on others.



(left) Children with their new clothes after a Saturday morning Children's program. These are some of the 70+ sponsored kids who receive help monthly. The pictures were taken outside of the church "Cristo es la Roca" in the community of Emiliano Zapata, known locally as *Las Amarillas*.

(Top L-R) Victor, Martin, Silvino (bottom L-R) Pancho, Homero, and Edgar all live in Labores de la Paz and attend our Children's Programs, VBS, and their local church. The boys range from 4th to 8th grade. Each is being helped through the Child Sponsorship Program.

In the Burgos Region, most (but not all) youth and men are disconnected from church. Though there is a general respect for God, church is seen as something for the women. We see the relationships we are building with these boys and others as vital for the future of the local church and families. Many fathers are absent from the family due to working in the states or other locations, while others seem disinterested. Most of the child-raising responsibility falls to the mom.

Our hope is that as we grow relationships with these boys, we are able to help educate families on their roles as God has explained them in the Bible. From the different responsibilities each family member has, to the love and respect needed in a healthy family, there is much benefit offered by Christian education in developing healthy families and relationships. Please keep these young men in your prayers. Just like where you live, they are the future leaders of their country, community, and families.



October Highlights

- Dorm walls completed - preparing for roof
- Bible College - 3rd Trimester mid-term
- Clothing distributed in local churches
- Child Sponsorship Program - pants, shirts
- Painted 2 rooms of mission house

Prayer

- Christmas Outreach - Dec.15
- Dora's health - MS
- Maria's health - kidneys, heart
- Overall Ministry Vision, goals
- November visits, 3 families

Thanks again for the encouragement you are to us. Please let us know if we can help in any way: more information, trip plans, questions. Also, there is more information available on the web at burgosmissions.org

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the arrival of our third child. With excitement we are transitioning and adjusting in many ways.

Blessings, Matt & PJ Burton