



Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year. We are pleased to give this report of the Lord's goodness and kindness. In keeping with the example of our God, that of giving and demonstrating love with action, Cristo es la Roca church hosted the annual Christmas outreach. Known as Fiesta Navidena, the event hosted over 500 people this year. We saw an increase in the participation of area churches. Some traveled an hour to join in the celebration. More U.S. churches participated this year as well, providing gifts, food, drinks, volunteers, and supplies. The outreach is a reminder and demonstration of God's faithfulness and provision. He makes a way where there is no way. He is able to do more than we can ask or imagine. With joy we thank Him and celebrate His mercy towards us. We also thank you for your prayers and support.

Food was donated and prepared primarily by members of Dios es Amor church in Edinburg, Tx. Volunteers from New Hope Ministries in McAllen assisted in serving the food and transporting gifts and supplies from Texas. Drinks and supplies were provided by the many partners of Burgos Missions.



The Fiesta is a great opportunity for American families to come to Burgos and participate in missions. Several children and teenagers helped with this year's fiesta.



CCC Paris provided the gifts for the Fiesta. They raised \$2100 in the fall which was used to purchase new toys for the children. Gifts were given also to mission work among Indians in Chihuahua and to the Bethany and Josiah Children's Home in Reynosa. In years past, we have been blessed with donations of used toys. It is encouraging to see God's increase as we continue with Him.



Other churches continued their traditions of donating gifts which allowed us to send gifts to the mission in Veracruz. and to area pastors to share with poorer communities.



Dance team from Cristo es la Roca



Children from Cruillas and Las Norias



Kids from our Children's Programs

The majority of the day's activities were led by children from several area churches. The kids, with their pastors or leaders, presented songs, skits, poems, and other presentations. It was a great picture of the beauty and diversity of the church, the body of Christ. We are very encouraged by the amount of participation. We have and continue to pray for unity among the churches in the area. Unity that is displayed not only in words, but also in action. There are many who are doing great things in the area in various congregations. Burgos Missions is blessed to be able to know these people and provide friendship and support in many ways.

Three of the children's groups are led by young adults that are being trained through the ministries of Burgos Missions. We are very excited by this and see it as one of the most important things we are involved in. One young lady, Maria, is leading children's classes at her church twice a week and once a week in a smaller community near her church. Abi is leading the dance team in our church. Peto is leading the music team in our church and special events throughout the region. He also preaches and helps in the various ministries of Cristo es la Roca. Please keep these three in your prayers. They are learning to lead, to serve, to develop their talents and gifts, and to follow the Lord closely. We are asking God to raise up more young leaders from within congregations to increase the effectiveness of their church and its programs.

As always, thank you for the strength you bring to us. Your prayers, support, and encouragement are impacting this ministry and our family. Be encouraged. The Bible teaches that God is always at work. He doesn't sleep or take a day off. He has unbelievable plans for you and your community. May He strengthen us to follow Him into our destinies. Matt & PJ Burton

