



450 Attend Outreach- From as far away as an hour's drive, children, their families, and churches came to celebrate Christmas together and offer a present to Jesus. The gift they offered - their songs, poems, dramas, and smiles.

The "Fiesta Navidena" Christmas celebration began in 1999, before there was a building to host it. It has become a tradition, with the children of the Burgos region gathering for a program, food, and gifts. In earlier years, the program was presented by visiting groups who brought puppets, clowns, etc. to entertain the kids and present the Christmas story. It has evolved into the areas' children and churches preparing and presenting a song, a skit, a poem, or other presentation.

Below - Children from Labores de la Paz wait to present their song and Bible verse. Several area churches participated in this year's events. Burgos Missions actively supports these churches, their pastors and their ministries throughout the year in various ways.



Youth Help Facilitate Fiesta - Area youth were a tremendous help in making this year's fiesta a success. Youth from El Lobo came to help distribute gifts to each of the near 300 children in attendance. In our October newsletter we reported our opportunity to help the church of El Lobo with a children's carnival to kick off their Sunday School ministry. We have also been instrumental in the beginning of their youth group. The youth returned the help by assisting with our outreach.

Alba and Ana (above left) were the hosts for the program. They led the children in games, songs, and directed the day's events. Peto (above right) is pictured leading the children from his church, Cristo es la Roca in 3 songs that he taught and rehearsed with them. The finale was "Feliz Navidad" which the children sang in Spanish and English and can be viewed on the main page at www.burgosmissions.org.



Above - Children are divided into age groups to receive gifts and lunch. **Below** - Volunteers from Cristo es la Roca church serve lunch to all in attendance.



April Visits - Pictured to the right are Andrea and Karen with April who, along with her family, sponsor the two girls. April was in Burgos to help with the Fiesta Navidena and to meet her sponsored children for the first time. April's home church in Paris, Texas, Covenant Christian, is a Burgos Missions Partner and underwrites the gifts for the Christmas Outreach.



What a wonderful and full year 2008 has been. We have seen God's mercy and grace in our lives personally and in the work in Burgos. From Emory's birth and now good health, to the prospering of the Lord's work in Mexico, we are in awe and humbled to be living the Lord's dream for our lives. We have seen growth in the lives of people and the programs that Burgos Missions facilitates to minister to families. Thank you for helping to make a way with your prayers and resources. We ask God's blessings and care over your life in this new year. With love and blessings, Matt&PJ Burton