



Hi Everyone,

It's still Caravan Day, Saturday, January 3, 2009--Part 2. In our last update, we left you at Colonia Lagunitas just as all the preparations were being completed, and we were about to let the children start coming into the dining area where we'd set up toys for display. In this update we'll take a look at the rest of the action that day at Colonia Lagunitas.



*The gates are open, and kids are being let into the dining area a few at a time--it's worth the wait...*

## ***moving pictures***

As great as these photos are, nothing helps to get a feel for a day like this better than live video. Mike Morgan, who shots these stills, also shot video and put together a short movie with both live action and more stills. I just watched it again, and I'm still smiling--the energy and action, the children, parents, toys, colors...it's all there in tiny little window.

To take a look, [click here](#). In the meantime, here's Part 2 of the story...

## ***colonia lagunitas***

At our dining room here, our volunteers worked with the local women who maintain the dining room to unpack the toys and display them for the kids. They also helped the children navigate their way through the dizzying stacks of toys, helped them choose two toys each, and then restocked the tables as items were depleted. It was the usual barely-controlled chaos as the children had their hands marked with purple ink (so they wouldn't try to get back in line) and were allowed in about 5 at a time to ooh and ah over the toys and pick their winners.



*Purple ink was everywhere--not for voting this time, but to mark a child who'd already been through the line.*



*Patti Gorman, with her new husband Rich, was giving God the glory this day.*



*Now that's a shiny ball.*



*Vanessa Inzano from San Clemente, CA loving and recording the action.*



*Not to be outdone, Vanessa's husband, Mike, shooting video and loving it too.*



*Happy customers...*



*He's happy...really.*





*Mike Inzano and Gene Spann looking out over all that action...too much fun, as Gene always says.*



*Diane Sukut from Cornerstone Church in San Clemente, interrupted from just taking it all in, is still gracious enough to smile.*



*And speaking of smiles...that's about a gigawatt's worth right there.*

Now it's on to Chuy's dining room at Colonia Panamericano for more kids and toys and lunch.  
Look for Part 3 of Caravan Day coming soon to an email box near you...

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