

WRAPPING IT ALL UP



On July 17th, we did evangelism in Villa Prades in the morning and in Luquillo in the evening. In Villa Prades, we were inviting people to the outdoor service we would have the next evening. In Luquillo, we were able to meet people in the areas surrounding the church, get them in contact with the pastor, and pray with them for whatever need there was. Part of the group was able to meet a backslider and minister to him! We are believing for Bible Studies and new converts from the evangelism efforts.



The next day, July 18th, we had service on the basketball court in an apartment complex. People were able to hear us throughout the apartment complex, so we had some visitors show up. God moved! There was a beautiful presence of the Lord, and people were touched. I believe that everyone that could hear us throughout the complex was able to receive something, even if they didn't come down to the basketball court.

On July 19th, we painted in the church in Santurce. We worked on the trim and also painted some of the walls. We were also able to go back to Villas de Loiza, the first church we had training in. It was great to be able to see them again and to have church with them! God touched lives and I am praying He will continue to bless this church.

July 20th was the Bible Church Graduation in Ceiba! There were 31 graduates, many of whom had to wait 2 years to graduate because of Hurricane Maria. It was a great experience to be able to share this moment with them! I can't wait to hear reports of everything that they accomplish for the Lord.

On July 21st, we had service in Canovanas. It was a powerful service! Lindy and I spoke about purpose and being intentional in our relationship with God. During worship service, a young man came in while he was on his way to work. A couple men prayed with him, and after that prayer he wanted to give his life to the Lord! It was a beautiful moment to experience.





Following service on the 21st, we joined the Luquillo team again to do more outreach. It was hot, but that didn't stop God from leading us to hungry people! My group met a lady and her sister who needed a touch from God. One of them was bedridden, so they allowed us to enter the house to pray with her. Tears streamed down her face as we prayed and she felt the presence of God. It's moments like these that we pray for! It's hungry people being reached and given an opportunity to feel the presence of God that we work for. Amen. We were also able to pray and sing for a member of the church who is going through a hard time. They recently lost the man of the household, so they needed peace and encouragement. I am expecting that God will move on their behalf and continue to bless them!

Monday the 22nd, we attended a prayer service for Puerto Rico. This was during the political unrest as tension was growing in Puerto Rico. There were many protests that were going on throughout that week, and some were violent. However, God was in control! We were all safe. Please continue to pray for Puerto Rico as they are trying to figure out who will be the next governor.

Tuesday and Wednesday were fun days! We had a final get together at the Landaws on Tuesday, and on Wednesday I went to El Yunque with a couple Next Steppers and 2 of our friends from Ponce.



Thursday we had music practice and did a prayer walk in Caguas. The spirit of intercession broke out as we prayed for the youth of Puerto Rico and for the pastors of that church. That evening, we had our final service in Santurce. It was a very powerful service. They prayed for our group at the end of service, which I am so grateful for. It was very emotional as it began to hit me that I was finishing the last service in Puerto Rico.

I will never forget all of the wonderful connections I made with people in Puerto Rico, whether it was with the Puerto Ricans or with my Next Steps family (including all of the missionaries). God has shaped me through this trip, and I have left encouraged, challenged, and ready to keep working for His kingdom. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support. It means so much to me.

Dios Le Bendiga!

God Bless You!