

THY STRONG WORD

OCTOBER 2019

Mission Update

The biannual FORO meeting was held in Orlando, Florida the second week of October. The mission team met with the FORO partners to collaborate and discuss mission strategy, report on the work being done, and share resources. They also had a little fun at a Germanfest and a dinner at the restaurant outside of Disney World.

The church in Mayaguez hosted a Bonfire (Fogota) the Saturday before Reformation Sunday. We had hot dogs and s'mores, Anthony gave a devotion, and we sang several songs. It was a lot of fun, and we were happy to have more than our normal church-goers in attendance. We pray that some of the new people might be interested in coming to church someday.

For Reformation Sunday, we held a joint Service at the church in Ponce (pictured above). The Mayaguez attendees carpooled the hour and fifteen minutes there and enjoyed a wonderful church service, followed by a Reformation skit put on by the pastors (Anthony played John Tetzl). We then enjoyed a delicious German lunch together and



played games like Pin the 95 Thesis on the door (Eliana's favorite) and ping pong.

There have been many opportunities this month with Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN) to share the Gospel. Yaritza was able to get tables at a local book fair and community service fair where they could pass out the CPTLN brochures on various topics like depression, responsible parenting, stress, why go to church, etc., in addition to passing out

invitations to upcoming church events. Yaritza also did an interview on a local radio station about CPTLN- what it is, what resources we offer, etc., and that same station is now playing radio commercials advertising the organization.

The contract for the new building in Ponce is set to be signed on November 15. Please pray that everything would go smoothly with the signing and the mission would get the building!



ANTHONY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION GRILLING ON OUR PATIO



ANTHONY AT THE MAYAGUEZ BOOK FAIR HANDING OUT TRACTS AND INVITES.



ONE YEAR IN PUERTO RICO!

Personal update & Prayer Requests



We celebrated our one-year anniversary in Puerto Rico at Baskin Robins on October 2. We are grateful for the time we've had here and God-willing look forward to more years here. We celebrated Anthony's 34th birthday this month both at home (grilling) and out to a restaurant.

We were blessed to have a visit from Grandma DiLiberto (Anthony's mom) for ten days in October. She helped with the kids while Anthony was in Orlando for the FORO and then helped us hang pictures in our new house and gave me more flexibility to finally get some things done like getting my Puerto Rican driver's license. The good news is that after a total of 5.5 hours at CESCO (the DMV) over two different days, I finally got my license! The bad news is that they made a mistake and it says I'm a male. I'm dreading going back to resolve the problem, but it's inevitable. Prayers please. We also enjoyed a day at the beach and eating out with Grandma.

Eliana continues to enjoy school and has gone on 3 field trips already.

Gabriella LOVES playing dress up, especially to dress up as Queen Elsa or Catboy from PJ Masks. Lucas is walking all over the place now and continues to be oh so cuddly and sweet.

I'm not really sure why, but we had an increase of power outages in October. We had 7 in October as opposed to 1 in September, including one time when it was out for 16 hours (normally it's only 1-4 hours). Here's hoping November will be better.

Halloween is somewhat celebrated in Puerto Rico, but is not as widely observed as in the United States. This year we found a trick-or-treat event on October 30 that was early in the evening (good for kids' bedtimes) and was at a business downtown. So we dressed up and went and had a really good time. Eliana was a fairy, Gabriella was Princess Belle, and Lucas was a little lion.

DONATION INFORMATION

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A check can be made to the LCMS with "DiLiberto" in the memo line and sent to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166

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1. Thank God for our time with Anthony's mom.

2. Pray for the signing of the contract for the building in Ponce.

3. Pray for a short-term team that will be coming in two weeks.

4. Praise God for the outreach events we were able to do last month.

5. Praise God for the hope we have to be reunited with all the Saints!

PUERTO RICO FAST FACTS

Columbus Day(s)

Many of you probably observed Columbus Day on October 14 this year. It is also a federal and commonwealth holiday in Puerto Rico know as Dia del Descubrimiento de America (American Discovery Day). In addition to commemorating the landing of Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492, Puerto Ricans also observe el Dia del descubrimiento de Puerto Rico (Day of the Discovery of Puerto Rico) every year on November 19. This was the date that Columbus landed on the west coast of Puerto Rico, just north of where we live, in 1493.



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Hymn: For All the Saints.

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But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!