



Relieve Bags

## FACT ABOUT PUERTO RICO

As part of the disaster response, the missionaries pack bags to give to those in need. In each there is:

- 1 garbage bag
- 1 pack of baby wipes,
- 1 bar of soap,
- 1 Ziploc bag,
- 3 cans of Vienna sausage,
- 3 granola bars,
- 4 small bottles of water,
- 1 tube of toothpaste,
- 1 toothbrush,
- 2 peach fruit cups,
- 2 apple sauces and
- 2 rolls of toilet paper



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## A Time of Learning

The end of December and into January has been an exciting time for me. I received my greenlight for deployment on December 13th. Wonderful news to begin the Christmas celebrations with. I enjoyed the holidays with my family and friends in Wisconsin. I started the new year by finishing presentations and visiting my last scheduled churches before heading to the field. I was also continuing my Spanish classes during that time. I arrived in the Dominican Republic (DR) for on field Orientation on January 17th with a warm welcome from my fellow missionary friends. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the missionaries that are living here in the DR and it has been amazing to finally meet them in person and to see friends again. The first month of orientation will be focused on learning Spanish, learning about the culture and learning about what the LCMS is doing in the Latin



America and Caribbean region.

So far since I arrived, I have been to a couple of the churches here in the DR, Pueblo Nuevo, and Palmer. I have been to the Grocery store and I have ridden in a Concho. Conchos are the main form of public transportation here. They are small sedans that fit up to 7 people, including the driver. Each Concho has one route and it only goes on one road. When you need to get on a different road, you get in a different Concho. Each Concho ride is 25 Dominican pesos (DOP) or about 50 cents.

When you read this, I will have been in the DR for just over a week. At times, I feel like I am learning how to live and speak all over again. In the next few days I will be moving into the Hotelito, an apartment for missionaries staying in the DR for orientation. I know that God is with me while I am learning and growing. I am very thankful for Him.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- For the Puerto Rico Missionary Team as they continue to serve their neighbors during the earthquakes
- Patience and trust as I transition to life in the DR for orientation.
- Patience while learning Spanish

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- For my gracious and generous supporters
- For safe travels from Wisconsin to field orientation in the DR.
- For the Congregations and groups, I have visited this month:
  - Zion Lutheran Church- New Holstein WI
  - Zion Lutheran Church- Oneida WI
  - LWML of Redeemer Lutheran Church- Green Bay WI

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# update from Puerto Rico

Many of you have heard by now that Puerto Rico has been experiencing earthquakes for the past several weeks that are causing significant damage. There is heightened anxiety levels, structural damage and a lot of work ahead. Please continue to pray for our missionaries that live there and missionaries from around the region who are coming to help in the refugee camps. The missionaries have been working to offer both spiritual care as well as physical care to those that are affected by the earthquakes. They are bringing the hope of Christ to them in this difficult time.



Missionaries in Puerto Rico sharing about God at the Refugee camps.

*Confía en el Señor de todo corazón, y no te apoyes en tu propia prudencia. Reconócelo en todos tus caminos, y él enderezará tus sendas. Proverbios 3:5-6 (RVC)*

**Your Sister in Christ**

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