



Family Easter Photo with the Krey's

CHRIST HAS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA

Happy Easter! This Easter I was blessed to spend it with my "Quarantine Family," the Kreys. Throughout this time of shelter-in-place we have become "one family." Pastor Ted Krey is our Regional Director and also happens to be the brother of my missionary roommate Tirzah! It's been a joy having a family during this time.



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God's Plans are Better Than Mine



Thursday English Conversation Group

Since the lockdown is affecting many things around the world; including travel and volunteer mission teams, our short-term coordinators and volunteer coordinators created an online English conversation partner project. We are pairing native English-speaking volunteers (from the United States) with students in Puerto Rico desiring to practice their English. The program is a 5-week commitment. I work alongside Ruth Maita, a fellow missionary serving in PR, to lead these English conversations via Zoom. It has gone exceedingly well! I may not be working with short term teams like a I thought I would be but, I still get to help connect those who are interested in serving with the mission field.

Weekly, we have forty-two students enrolled between the cities of Ponce and Mayagüez with

another 15 people on the waiting list, eager for future rounds. There are two groups of students and volunteers, one session on Tuesday and one on Thursday. Each week Ruth and I write conversation starters that we send to both the students and the volunteers. These "conversation starters" are usually questions about the bible story we read during the session. While I may be in the DR, I am excited to have begun my work "in" Puerto Rico with the Puerto Rican Mission. Moving to Puerto Rico will come in God's timing! I am thankful for technology that allows me to serve there virtually.

In addition to working with our online English classes, I am now in front of writing our Puerto Rico FORO Newsletter. (Stay tuned for more updates!)

Encouragement in April



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For the team and church members in Puerto Rico. There was another big Earthquake, a 5.5, on Saturday May 2.
- Patience while I wait to move to Puerto Rico in God's time.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Good health and safety
- For technology that allows for connection remotely with family, friends, and church members.
- My Quarantine Family and my roommate Tirzah.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- For you, my individual and congregational prayer supporters and encouragers. Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support during this time.

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The month of April has also found me trying new hobbies. I participated in a 30-day bible lettering challenge with many other of the other missionary women who serve in the LAC region. Lettering is the art of drawing letters. It is a wonderful way to encourage each other and spend time each day mediating on scripture passages.



On the last day of April's lettering challenge, the missionary women and children created a collage of Psalm 27:4.



Disney Day. The 7 dwarfs with Missionaries Tirzah, Jamielynn, Stephanie, Myself, Kate, Courtney, and Erin.

Señor, toda mi vida he esperado en ti, y he confiado en tus promesas (Salmos 130:5)

Blessings in Christ- Missionary Ashley Lehr

In April, the Latin America & Caribbean region also had our very own Spirit Week! Each day of the week, the missionaries from all over the region submitted photos of them dressed up in fun costumes for each days theme. The pictures were shared throughout the day on our regional WhatsApp group. All outfits were put together with resources we had in our homes. It was a wonderful week of encouragement and fellowship.



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