

Sharing His Word through Disaster Response



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How do we share about Jesus in response to disaster?

Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico in September 2017. It took roofs off homes and left many without water and electricity for months.

LCMS Disaster Response, led by Pastor Ross Johnson, came to help. Pastor Gustavo coordinated relief efforts. New roof materials were supplied to 150 families. Food supplies and devotional materials in “relief bags” were distributed to over 2500 people.

At the right are pictures of relief bag distribution, from top to bottom: house to house, in a community center, and in a community intersection. Before a distribution, a devotion and prayer were shared to care for the spiritually well-being of all present. This is one of the ways we shared Jesus through the disaster response.

This chapter of disaster response is coming to an end this month. It has been a long consistent effort. Pray for good weather this coming hurricane season since the electric system is still not stable.



Pastor Gustavo and Flor, one of the roof recipients.



Above are two homes needing new roofs. Pastor Gustavo helps the home owner carry new supplies into her living room.

Relief bag distribution in a community.

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Thanksgiving for all the donors through LCMS Disaster Response who helped the physical and spiritual needs of many Puerto Ricans.

Thanksgiving for the many opportunities to share about Jesus through the disaster response.

Thanksgiving for the mercy center and outreach possibilities in the community. It also houses any short-term team which comes to help, and future classes including our kids educational club.

Prayers for safe travels as many of our missionary team will be travelling this summer.

A picture is worth a thousand words. These are pictures looking back on the past, following the hurricane ...



Ruth, Flor and Sonia helped pack relief bags. At right is what they looked like all ready to go.

Next to our church the Mercy Center was set up to respond to the disaster. We packed food relief bags there, and began English and Music classes.

Sylvia, in the green on the right, needed a new roof in the community near church. She brought many children for an activity at church.



Ruth led English classes, which began in 2018.



William, Ruth and Pastor Gustavo led music classes beginning in 2018 from the Mercy center.



Thank you for your prayers and support.

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There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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