



DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY (AND EAT)



Every Sunday in Mayaguez at Principe de Paz after the Divine Service, we have a bible study, currently on the book of John in the fellowship hall. On Pentecost, we moved the bible study to the river and had a picnic. Since it was Pentecost, we studied the third article of the catechism, "I believe in the Holy Spirit." We discussed how the Holy Spirit begins and sustains our faith, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit". 1 Cor. 12:3. Following the study, church visitor, Carlos cooked a soup on an outdoor grill, and we swam in the river. It was a wonderful way to study the word of God and join together in fellowship as a congregation. The church picnic and bible study at the river was well received that we had bible study at a river again last Sunday.



Left: Church visitor Carlos who helped us with our construction projects grilling for our thanksgiving fiesta in Mayaguez.



Right: In Ponce: Pastor James, Christel, and church members Luis and Edwin gift the workers a new wheelbarrow as a token of appreciation for all of their work.

On June 2nd in Mayaguez at our fellowship night we had a thanksgiving party to celebrate the work that has been accomplished at our church properties. We had been praying for help with our construction projects for a while. We had the money thanks to the disaster response grant but were having a hard time finding workers to complete the projects. One Sunday a couple visited church for the first time after doing research about the Lutheran church and finding us on the internet. After a few Sunday visits, we learned that he is a construction worker and owned his own business. He helped us complete many tasks and has been a regular church visitor since.

On June 25th, after our cleaning day in Ponce at Fuente de Vida. we had a BBQ to thank the construction men who have been working hard to help us renovate our buildings the past couple of months. We give thanks for the people God has provided to help us complete our remodeling. Thank you, God, for allowing us to see you in our work. *For all things come from him and exist through him and for him. To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.* (Romans 11:36)

Using Crafts to Prepare for Hurricane Season

During our fellowship nights, along with a worship service and playing games, we do crafts. For the month of June in Ponce, the crafts have been things that can be used during or after a hurricane and are things that would be useful in an emergency response kit. One week we made candles in old food cans, and another week made insect repellent. We ask that you help us pray for an uneventful hurricane season.

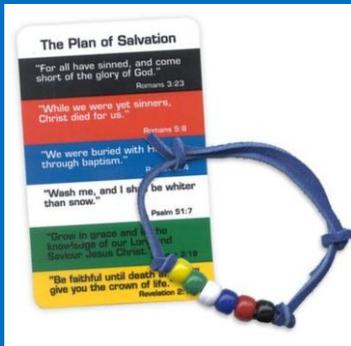


PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Prayers for the planning of our future education clubs in our mercy centers in Mayaguez and Ponce, and for the completion of construction projects.
- LCMS Youth Gathering in July 2022 in Houston. I will be attending as a young adult volunteer.
- The growth of the children in our congregations.
- For a missionary to be the business manager in Asia

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- All the workers that have help us with construction on our properties
- New church visitors and long time church members. Give them strength to continue coming and learning more about Jesus.
- My faithful supporters.



VOLUNTEERING IN OUR COMMUNITY

During the summer, Evangelist William Torres has been giving private lessons to one of his English students. This student and her family have started to attend our fellowship night at church in Mayaguez and most recently the divine service on Sunday. Her family runs a summer camp for kids ages 5 to 15, that is held at the local baseball stadium. After learning about our program for kids, she invited William to come read a bible story. The entire Mayaguez team and some church members went to help with the event. William's son chose the story of Noah's Ark for us to read to the kids. After finishing the story, we played games and asked questions about the story.



Above Left: The older group of children. The boy in the front with William won a "Un Jardin de Historias Biblicas" book after being able to summarize the bible story we read.

Above Middle: Ruth teaching about the significance of the colors on the Gospel bracelet (Picture to the left)

Above Right: The boy from the younger group that won the book.

Right: Evangelist William Torres and Church member Sandra reading a bible story and playing game.



Porque todas las cosas proceden de él, y existen por él y para él. ¡A él sea la gloria por siempre! Amén -Romanos 11:36

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement
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