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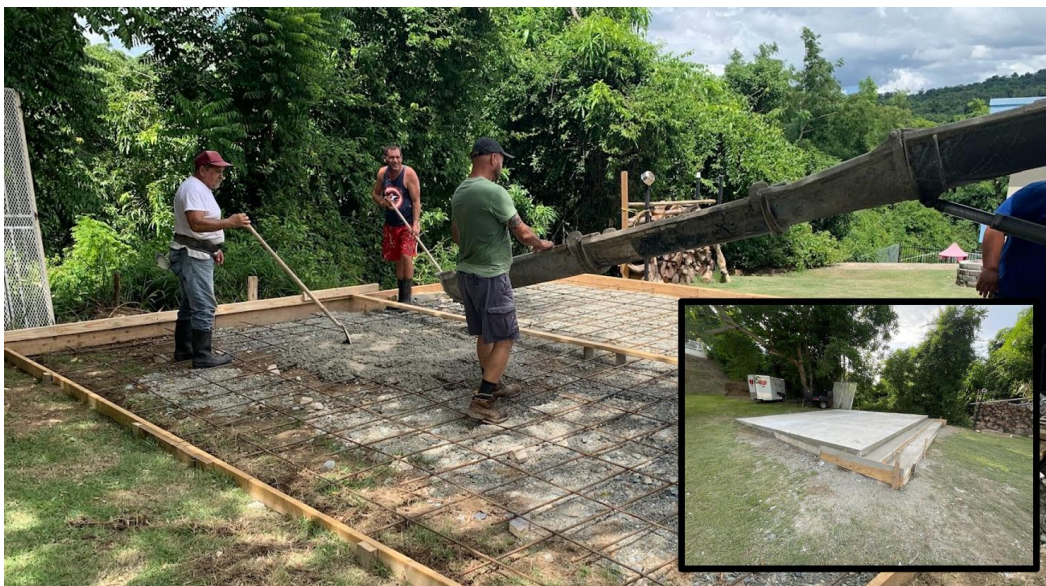
PUERTO RICO FALL FORO

From October 6-8th, 2023, we hosted our fall FORO in Puerto Rico. A good portion of my between the scenes roles include coordinating and planning our FOROS. The FORO attendees were treated to a couple of cultural activities, a walking tour of Ponce on Friday evening and a tour of a rum factory on Saturday. There were several presentations about the various mission sites we have here in Puerto Rico, with lots of time for questions and answers. Saturday evening, Puerto Rican Lutherans joined the visitors for an outdoor hymn sing featuring English and Spanish hymns. As always, there were plenty of opportunities for worship together. We look forward to our next FORO in March of 2024



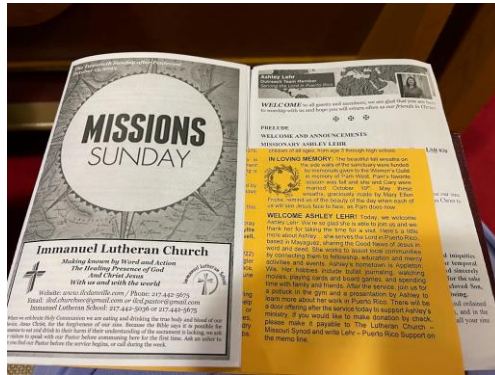
MEN'S GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

A group of men in Mayaguez from Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz have started meeting Saturday afternoons for Bible Study led by Pastor Gustavo Maita, and service projects around the church. In October they completed a cement patio that a short-term team from North Carolina will use to build an outdoor kitchen on in November.



ABBREVIATED HOME-SERVICE

From the middle to the end of October, I had the privilege of going back to the States for an abbreviated home-service. It was such a joy to be able to visit with many of you during my time in the states. Thank you to everyone that welcomed me into their churches and homes and for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement as we serve together in Puerto Rico. I look forward to connecting with many more of you on my full reconnect next fall of 2024.



Thank you, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville Illinois



Thank you, to Zone 10 of the South WI District LWML

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Missionaries Karina and Benjamin in Belize who are dealing with health complication after the birth of their son, Matheo.
- The Short-Term team from Wake Forest, NC coming to serve with us in Puerto Rico in November.
- Me, as I prayerfully discern applying for the distance deaconess program through CTSFW.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A visit from my missionary friend Tirzah Krey (DR).
- The many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage and support me serving in Puerto Rico.
- The congregations, the LWML groups, and the individuals I was able to connect with on my abbreviated home-service this month
- The birth and rebirth through baptism of Mateo Ortega- Luna, the newest Puerto Rican Lutheran



Thank you, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Green Bay Wisconsin



I was also able to visit Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne to learn about the Deaconess Program. While in that area I had the pleasure to meet one of our newest LCMS LAC Missionaries, Elena Grace daughter of Jamielynn and Rafael Flores (DR).

Thank you once again for your continued support. My deep appreciation for you remains unwavering. I am truly grateful for your commitment to our ministry in Puerto Rico. With love, Missionary Ashley.

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