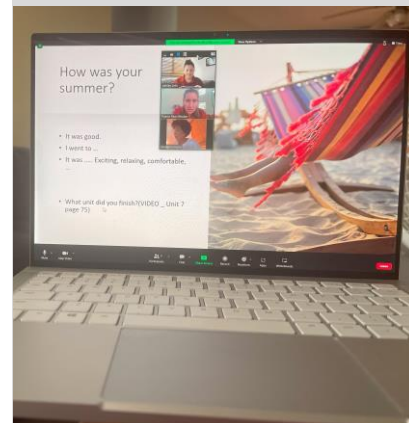




## SHARING THE GOSPEL THROUGH ENGLISH

In September, Missionary Ruth Maita started a new semester of English classes. Each Thursday we have class at our mercy center in Mayaguez, as well as a class on Zoom that I have helped with.

We have about 5 students. We start this semester of classes by reading a Psalm. After talking about our theme “Asking for the time” we closed with prayer requests. An English student requested prayers for his girlfriend. This was big news because he has never been married or mentioned family. After class we shared the news with Pastor Gustavo Maita who offered premarital counselling. Though he met his girlfriend at his church, premarital counselling is non-existent, and he is interested in these conversations with Pastor Gustavo. We pray for this relationship and a Christ-centered marriage.



## A PUERTO RICAN BABY SHOWER

Church members from Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios (San Juan), Jose and Daniela are expecting their second child, a boy, due in October. They graciously invited us to the baby shower their parents were hosting at their house in Aguadilla, PR (about 30 minutes from Mayaguez). It was a wonderful day to get to celebrate our church member and to meet their family. What a blessing it is to be welcomed into the home of new friends.



## CHURCH TREASURER RESPONSIBILITIES

I live in Mayaguez, and with that I have a few more church related responsibilities at Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz (Mayaguez). I am the church treasurer; I help count the offering and create the budget for the congregation. The month of September was spent along with my teammates Pastor Maita and Ruth, gathering different documents needed for permits and taxes. This involved going to many different government offices and the bank several times.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Ladies of our three congregations in Puerto Rico.
- For the Baby Mateo (PR Church member), Baby Matheo (Belize), and Baby Ian (Peru) who will be born in October
- The students in our English outreach classes.
- For the Puerto Rico FORO meeting in October
- For a safe and good visit from Missionary Tirzah Krey (DR) to Puerto Rico in October.

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A wonderful visit by Missionary Danelle Putman (DR)
- A success mini chocolate workshop
- The start of our women's group activities.
- Another year of life.
- The many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage and support me serving in Puerto Rico.



## CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

At Iglesia Luterana Fuente de Vida (Ponce), we hosted a workshop on Chocolate making during our *compañerismo* (fellowship) time! We invited everyone who came to the "Noche de Pinturas" night in June and to our delight, we had quite a few people who repeated their visit. And two of the ladies who had come before brought a friend! Many stayed for dinner and the prayer service to end our time together.

The workshop and supplies were donated by a friend of the congregation who has a lot of talent in crafts and in many other areas. The CARD house is designed to be a place for people to gather and be together as a family. Being part of a family means you have a role and responsibilities. As we grow as a family we grow in responsibilities and roles given our time and talents. This event was a wonderful expression of how that is happening.



## WOMEN'S NIGHT AND MY BIRTHDAY PARTY

The women of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz (Mayaguez) had their first monthly women's night, where we join once a month in a time of fellowship as sisters in Christ and have a bible study. In September, we learned how to make cupcakes from our Church member Cindy. Pastor Gustavo led a bible study on Elizabeth and Mary the mother of Jesus. It happened to be on my birthday, so it was also a birthday party for me as well.



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