



PUERTO RICO MISSION



- *Strengthening two existing churches and a new church plant*
- *Using classes and workshops as opportunities for mercy and witness*
- *Sharing Christ's love through two disaster response centers*

LCMS efforts in Puerto Rico began with the work of the Ohio District in the 1990s. Since the hurricanes in 2017, LCMS Disaster Response has continued to provide critical support for the missions and outreach efforts with each successive disaster.

Three church-planting pastors work with an energetic young missionary team to grow current congregations in Mayagüez and Ponce, while beginning a new mission in San Juan. We pray the Lord will provide a missionary pastor to shepherd that new rapidly-growing church plant.

The congregations in Ponce and Mayagüez each operate a mercy house where members and missionaries do extensive community outreach. The mercy houses installed

solar panels in 2022 to meet the need for consistent electricity in the face of regular power outages. The systems were a blessing following the most recent hurricane. The two locations offered a gathering place to charge devices and find respite from the heat. Thus a community of regulars heard the Good News with each visit and built relationships with the church community. In addition, worship services and regular outreach classes such as English and music continued unabated.

As this young team of missionaries works to spread the Gospel while bringing help to a disaster-ravaged community, we pray that the congregations will continue to grow and develop into an independent church body.

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