



PUERTO RICO MISSION



- *Strengthening existing churches and planting new ones*
- *Using podcasts and classes as opportunities for witness and mercy*
- *Sharing Christ's love through two disaster response centers*

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

Five church-planting pastors work with an energetic missionary team to grow current congregations in Mayagüez, Ponce and San Juan. In Mayagüez and Ponce, each congregation operates a mercy house where members and missionaries do extensive community outreach. The mercy houses are powered by solar panels to ensure a steady supply of electricity during regular power outages. They offer a gathering place to charge devices, find respite from the heat, and also build relationships with our missionaries who share the Good

News. In addition, worship services and regular outreach classes, such as English and music classes, continue on a regular basis. Late in 2025, the pastors launched a podcast featuring pastors, seminary professors and other Lutheran theologians. Each episode is an in-depth discussion of a biblical topic through a Lutheran lens, in Spanish, of course.

The rapidly growing mission in San Juan dedicated a permanent building for their congregation in late 2024. Already, one young man from the congregation has begun seminary studies. We pray for this young team of missionaries as they work to spread the Gospel across the country. We pray that the congregations will continue to grow and develop, becoming self-sustaining.

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