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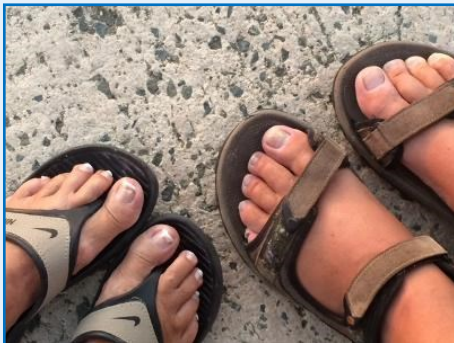
Building partnerships with the churches and people of Puerto Rico

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It is hard to believe that over eight years ago we planted our feet on the ground in Vieques, Puerto Rico. The last Sunday in October 2014 I preached my last three sermons at Bear Valley Church. The last service saw many of my family in the congregation, and with my last altar call almost 50 people came forward to make a profession of faith or rededicate their lives to Christ. Three days later we were on a plane headed to our new home in Vieques and hoping our belongings would arrive shortly after we did. So now our feet had been planted in a new ministry!



Just before that move, we had the blessing of bringing a group of my fellow staff from Bear Valley Church to PR. What a blessing that was to show them where Connie and I would spend years on the ground in Vieques and mainland Puerto Rico. The first team to arrive after our move was a group from Alabama in 2015. They were the first of almost a 100 teams that VPR would bring to the islands!

In 2017 Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico as a category 5 hurricane. The islands laid in waste after the storm. VPR worked with FEMA and Send Relief, delivering generators, food and portable cooking stations to churches throughout the island. We stayed on a FEMA ship while we delivered them.

Volunteers through VPR have replaced roofs and repaired churches, and just this spring we will finish the last church on our radar that was damaged during the hurricane. VPR's ministry goes beyond building as we have hosted numerous VBS activities, summer camps, block parties, pastor trainings and women's events. The greatest joy has come from seeing the number of people who came to Christ through the ministry.

In 2023 VPR will see more ministry and building than any year before. We need your help. All the programs require funding. To all of you who already support the ministry, we cannot thank you enough. If you would like more information on projects for 2023 just contact us and we will send you project pages.

On a personal note, Connie and I have not taken a salary from the ministry, but that needs to change this year so we can continue our full time work in the ministry. We are looking for partners to pledge an amount each month for a year. Would you please become part of our leadership team and assist us in raising these funds? Contact us about your interest. God bless you and thanks for the love you have shown us over the years.



Serving Vieques

A team including Bear Valley Church members traveled to Vieques, Puerto Rico this month. The team of seven served the people on this island for eight days. They were invited to go into two different schools who allowed us to share Jesus with the students, and the students enthusiastically responded to the classes we taught. Their trip included a visit to the seniors, and helped COREFI, a local non-profit. The Ladies Conference that Saturday was exciting for those who attended, and we were encouraged that they all asked when the next Ladies Conference would be! A big thank you to a wonderful team who worked hard and tirelessly!



Today would you please take a moment to make a difference in the life of a family or church, or individual? Consider bringing a team to Puerto Rico, joining a team, and discovering how your talents can be used. And please consider a financial gift to the ministry today. You will be a part of this wonderful ministry to so many and to reach the islands for Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SENT PRAYER REQUESTS TO US TO PRAY FOR YOU. KEEP THEM COMING

1. For the people of Vieques who responded to the ministry of this month's team.
2. Please continue to lift up our dear friend, Rosa, in PR who continues to fight cancer.
3. For PR pastors to remain strong, hopeful and be encouraged by our visits and help.
4. For teams that are forming now to come to PR in 2023.

(Intentionally left blank for you to write your prayer requests. Please email them to us. We promise to pray for you and for your need.)

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