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Missionaries to Puerto Rico

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I hope everyone is enjoying their Fall weather and pumpkin spice everything in the States. For us it is "birthday season." Homeschool has begun again so it seems like we are surrounded by papers and cake. Guess which one we like more?

Kristen has successfully finished her 14-week ladies Bible study and it was a great encouragement to many of the ladies as well as to her. Each person continues to grow deeper in their faith through their studies. They plan to continue to meet in other forms throughout the year. We are looking to do a men's meeting after the first of the year.

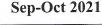
We have made several new contacts while out canvassing using a "pray and go" strategy. It has been different than just inviting to church and has opened many opportunities to share burdens that others have as well as share the need for Christ. It was great to have Francisco go with us.

As we continue to spend more time out, **God is sending more people to our church.** Another new family started attending recently and a man called and said he will be moving from New Jersey and will be coming to the church. We know that however God chooses to send them to us, He is blessing our efforts to share the Gospel.

The months have not been without their challenges. Homeschool is in full swing, now including six of the seven kids. We had a cycle of nightly power outages that reminded us of the time after Hurricane Maria. Food and electricity prices have also been on the rise over the past months. But we were also able to purchase a van (and we received \$5000 towards this need!). We have also been able to locate a therapy center locally for Zachary.

Our next major event at church will be our sixth anniversary and Thanksgiving meal (yes, I chose to start the church on a holiday week, no, I would not do that again in the future!) I cannot believe that it has been that long! Thank you all for your prayers and support as we continue to serve.

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