

MISSIONARIES TO THE WORLD, SERVING IN **PUERTO RICO**

# The Ashley Family

Dear Praying Friends,

May / June 2016

**Philippians 3:14 says, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."**

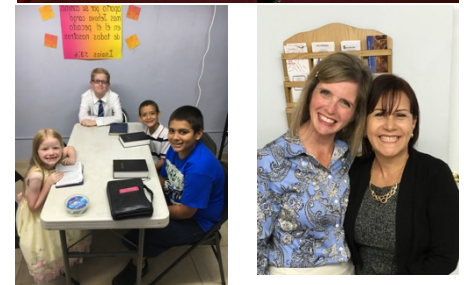
Paul was not contending that they needed to forget the pre-salvation experiences but post-salvation good works. He was calling the church to think rather about the present and the future; they should pursue the calling that God had on their life. We praise the Lord for the past successes but want to continue to advance the gospel in Puerto Rico. We want a strong, independent Baptist church here in Manati. The Lord has blessing in the past few months.

At the beginning of May, Rosemary Kilgore from New York came to visit her father here in Manati who is failing in health. She took our church tract and was able to witness to her father. He made a profession of faith. We are praising the Lord! Kathy had a Mother/Daughter dinner and she had two neighbors come. Enid then came to church as a result of that dinner and has been asking many questions about the Bible. The house next to the church is often rented, so we visited and met Monica with her four boys Michael, Alejandro, Jayden, and Christian. She has been coming to church; Michael and Alejandro have been faithful to every service. Kathy has witnessed to Monica. We are praying that the Lord will deal with her heart. I have been able to talk to the neighbor directly in front of our house, Javier. I pray that he and his family will open their hearts to the Gospel. I have mentioned Jose for prayer in past letters. Kathy invited her to come to the Mother Daughter dinner, but she had to work. Instead, she has come to church a few services in a row. We are so excited! This family has been through many problems. We pray that they will seek God in their lives.

I have also been in contact with two teens from our ministry in Venezuela. Klixon has been faithful in a strong Baptist church but the problems of the country are surmounting. He is praying about leaving Venezuela with his young wife and new baby. Raul, another from my youth group, had fled from God and through many bad circumstances has returned to the Lord. We pray for each of these that they will follow the Lord. We praise the Lord for the fruit that He has given.

*Alaba al Señor, (Praise the Lord)*

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