

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

# The Ashley Family

November / December 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

**Luke 1:46-47 says, "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."**

Merry Christmas! During this time, there is much to give God thanks and praise and not the least is that He is our Savior. We join Mary in her praise of what God has done in the incarnation of His Son and celebrate with all God's people this incredible time of year. We will be away from friends and family in the States, but we will enjoy it with our friends and spiritual family here in Puerto Rico.

In November, the Lord provided the money for us to repair and relocated the air conditioners for the church building through a family and another church! Praise the Lord! The church building is much cooler now and hopefully with these wise repairs, we will save money on electricity and repairs for this equipment in the future! We praise the Lord for those that generously gave to help us with this. As a church, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast and a service of thankful hearts. Freddy sang with his sister Veronica, and we all enjoyed the fellowship together.

In December, Kathy's father (and my pastor) came to visit us. He preached for me on Wednesday evening and hearts were touched. A man came to me later and said that message was exactly what he needed to hear. Praise the Lord for His moving on hearts!

We thank you so much for all the prayers for Jose and his family. His ex-wife has come back to church to visit and we had been told that she would never return! God is working! Also, our newest family (Monica with her sons: Michael, Alejandro, Jaden, and Christian) had moved farther away from the church, but they have continued to come. We pray for their salvation and that we may be able to reach the boys' father, Angel. Please pray for Joel and Melisa with their children as they not been as faithful. Continue to pray, also, for Juan Carlos and Marla that they will look to the Lord in the decisions that they make.



We plan on returning to the States in May 2017 for a few months to report to any churches that would like us to come by as well as to raise some support. We have lost some support due to different situations as well as the inflation in Puerto Rico, the taxes, and the doubling of the health care costs. Also, my oldest son, Andrew, will be graduating from high school. If you would like us to come during our small furlough, please feel free to contact me at (256) 497-5659.



*Alaba al Señor, (Praise the Lord)*

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