

PRAYING

FROM PAMPLIN

Mission Focus: *Puerto Rico*

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So they did, in 2021. Other Puerto Rican Baptist pastors pitched in and our North American Mission Board provided training and support. These days the church sends out witnessing teams to introduce locals to Jesus and the new church. Church teams have also been busy helping rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Maria.

The area around Villalba suffered heavy damage from the high winds and mudslides. Roy has found that many locals are senior citizens; many of them lived in the United States but returned here to retire. Let's pray their church will grow and impact their entire city.

Church of the Week

Falling River Baptist Church
Brookneal, VA

Shut-in of the Month

Virginia Welch (Bentley Commons)
681 Good Hope Rd.
Pamplin, VA 23958

Prayer Concerns from Congregation

Government Leaders

- For the president and his administration as they advocate for an increase in the nation's debt ceiling as well as the House and Senate to have wisdom on this matter.
- For the secretary of state as he makes efforts to counter Russian and Chinese influences in Africa.
- For those deciding about running for local offices in the coming election cycle.

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