



The Leonard Family

Serving the WEST INDIES in PUERTO RICO

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Dear Praying Friends,

Our family was able to officially move to Puerto Rico on August 16! We have had a wonderful time getting to know the church better these last few weeks and excited about our future here at Maranatha Baptist Church.

We would like to take some time to share a little history on Maranatha Baptist Church in Ceiba, Puerto Rico. The church was started in 1976 by a BIMi missionary. It began as a military church to serve the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station. When the base closed in 2004, the church continued to serve the English-speaking population in the surrounding area.

Brother Jerry and Mrs. Liz Harmon have been missionaries in Puerto Rico for over 30 years. In 2014, they moved to Ceiba to assist in the ministry of Maranatha Baptist Church. Brother Harmon became pastor in 2015.

Puerto Rico and the church have suffered much in the last few years. In 2017, two hurricanes hit the area within two weeks of each other, causing much devastation in Puerto Rico. In 2019, the southern area of Puerto Rico suffered massive earthquakes, causing more destruction. On the heels of this destruction, the Covid Pandemic hit. These struggles have caused many people to leave Puerto Rico and the church attendance has suffered.



The Harmons have been faithful throughout these hardships, in spite of personally losing a home due to the hurricanes and dealing with many major health issues. Brother Harmon has dealt with heart issues for many years and earlier this year he needed to take an emergency medical leave. Praise the Lord he is back in Puerto Rico and ready to continue the work! But there is much of the physical work of the church that he is not able to accomplish. We are excited to come along side them and help in these areas!

In these few weeks, I have been able to assist Pastor Harmon in passing out Romans door to door, lead singing, and teach Sunday school. I have also worked on repairs around the church property.

Pray for our family as we continue to work and assist the Harmons here at Maranatha Baptist Church.

In Prayer for Puerto Rico,
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a building damaged by the hurricane in 2017



AC repairs



Arriving in Puerto Rico



First Sunday

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