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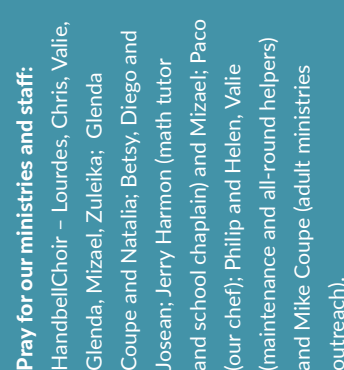
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Pray for our ministries and staff:
HandbellChoir - Lourdes, Chris, Valie, Glenda, Mizael, Zuleika; Glenda Coupe and Natalia; Betsy, Diego and Josean; Jerry Harmon (math tutor and school chaplain) and Mizael; Paco (our chef); Philip and Helen, Valie (maintenance and all-round helpers) and Mike Coupe (adult ministries outreach).



WITH THESE HANDS

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Winter 2019-2020



Happy HOLYdays!

We say HAPPY HOLIDAYS here because we just celebrated **AMERICAN THANKSGIVING**

Turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rice and gandules, pasteles – yummy! The school celebrated Thanksgiving as a group on the Friday before the actual date (November 28). We were treated to a delicious meal by the Palmas Community Church out of Palmas Del Mar in Humacao. This church has blessed us over the years with their friendship and their support in practical ways. Lunches being ONE of those blessings.

Our next BIG celebration is the Christmas Party and Luncheon on Dec 13. We are having an END OF THE SEMESTER - **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on December 19 which is NOT a holiday but after which the students will no longer be coming for their daily dose of academics for a few weeks. **NOCHE BUENA** or Christmas Eve on December 24 is a huge event in Puerto Rico as families gather for celebrations, Christmas caroling (parrandas) and storytelling.

Of course, **CHRISTMAS DAY** comes next. For many in Puerto Rico, Christmas Day is not about a huge celebration. In past years, Christmas was a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, an observation of the Catholic church and church goers. More recently, Christmas has become about Santa Claus and reindeer. Though some families will celebrate Christmas with gift giving, many families hold off with gift giving until later in our season of HOLY days. On December 31 we celebrate NEW YEARS' EVE with our friends often at a church service. In many cases, churches will hold an early service so that members can get home safely before the rowdiness of the celebrations kick in. We will see advertising centered on DON'T SHOOT THE SKY or NO MORE GUN SHOTS. It is a custom to shoot on New Year's Eve and every year some one is killed by a wandering bullet falling from the sky.

NEW YEAR'S DAY is normally quiet. Some will visit family and others will stay home to sleep off what happened the night before. The BIG celebration is EPIPHANY or **KINGS' DAY** on January 6. The night before, Puerto Rican children will find a show box and put some grass or hay into it. The box will be placed by their bedside. The hay is for the camels (or horses) of the MAGI who come in the night to deliver gifts to the children.



Our 2019 fall semester

Since August 2019, we have been tending to 4 fulltime students and one part-time pre-schooler. Our older students are taught in our classrooms by Betsy Hoke and Glenda Coupe. Glenda also covers our pre-school part-time student.

We have two little boys, ages 7 and 9, who are both handfuls. They seem to take turns being moody children – Thank God they take turns! They are fun to teach and fun to watch as they learn and question and develop a sense of God and His love. Pray for them both as they have shown an interest and enthusiasm for all things spiritual. Above all else, we want them to have an understanding of God's love. The other day, the 9-year-old commented, "I do not like the cross."

Yea. The cross was a scary tool of death. We can understand his perspective on this. Yet we sing every day about the cross and God's love. How does a scary tool of death equal God's Love?

We went back to Genesis and talked about God's perfect Creation marred by humankind's disobedience. We went back to yesterday and talked about his disobedience. We talked about how disobedience separates us from people we love – how sitting away from our friends is no fun. How God wants everyone to be WITH HIM and to LOVE HIM. How God made Jesus Christ to be The Way to His love.

Pray for these precious little ones as they grow in knowledge and stature that they will also grow in favor with God and people.

We have a young adult studying with us this year – 28-year-old Zuleika who moved to the area last March. Zuleika is learning some new hobbies – latch hook and string-nail art - and is doing some remedial studies in Mathematics and Reading. Pray for Zuleika as she plans to study for her driver's license and also as she learns independent living skills. Pray also for her understanding of God's love. How we long to see her also know that Name that redeems and frees us from our sins so that she can walk with the Lover of her soul.

Pray also for our 16-year-old Mizael who has been having some migraines. He missed most of the previous school year due to health issues and we are thankful that diet and some life-style changes have been helpful for him in managing his headaches. Continue to pray for this young man as he studies and desires to live life fully. The other day when the teacher said, "Time for Bible Class" Mizael replied with "YES! I LOVE BIBLE CLASS!"

Praise God for this young man who has accepted Christ as his Saviour. Pray along with us that Mizael's next steps will be to desire to follow God's leading for his life without reservation or doubt.

Our 2020 spring semester

The first semester of 2020 sees CSCD welcoming **MIKE COUPE** as our full-time OUTREACH & CHAPEL/ADULT MINISTRIES DIRECTOR. Mike has been working alongside us since August 2018 as he has transitioned from the ministry the Coupes were with in Dominica under Caribbean Partnership Missions to Puerto Rico and Deaf ministry. Mike was away most of 2019 visiting supporting churches but spent weekends in 2018 and since his return in October in 2019 scoping out the various Deaf churches, Deaf fellowships, Deaf gatherings and Deaf social spots to develop friendships with the Deaf of the island and to begin to learn the culture of the Puerto Rican Deaf.

The CSCD vision is to see a group of Deaf lay-persons develop the skillset needed to begin an outreach and discipleship ministry among the Deaf of PR and who could grow into a full-fledged church. After expressing an interest in church planting, Mike has been tasked with seeing if this is a realistic vision or if there is something else God has in store for the ministry.

As part of our Adult Ministries, we see the need for educational opportunities for the Adult Deaf in our area. The addition of a Deaf young lady to the student body and several other Deaf adults who have asked for classes in reading, writing, ASL and arithmetic, have led us to pray more earnestly for teachers who would have a heart to work with the adult Deaf population one on one or in small groups.

Would you pray with us for the continuing work of the Evangelical Church and Center for the Deaf in Hato Rey? Pastor David Rawlings has been encouraged by Mike and Glenda Coupe being there on Sundays to serve along with him in that work.

Would you pray with us for the continuing work with our young Deaf students? Many people comment on the legacy of the Evangelical School for the Deaf, now the Christian School and Chapel for Deaf, on the Deaf of our island. We only seek to continue to share God's Word with these who live in circumstances where His Word is unheard.

Would you pray with us for open doors and open hearts as we endeavor to reach new, unchurched Deaf people with God's Word? There is a population of young Deaf people in their 20s and 30s whom we do not know. We have much contact with Deaf people over 40 but little with the young adults in careers. Pray that God will reveal His Plan to open the door to reach those who are in such need of His Salvation, His Truth, His Light. We see them in the malls and in coffee shops, yet we have not yet been able to establish a conversation past "HELLO. BUEN PROVECHO."



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8