



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR ANGIE!!

Angie and Vicar Paul Mroczenski get ready for the first edition of the after school program at Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life) mission down in Ponce. Angie is leading the team in creating this new educational outreach ministry. “After School Club” is designed for kids from 6 to 12. There will be homework help, English conversation and games, activities in the garden, devotions, and stuff for the parents to do, too.

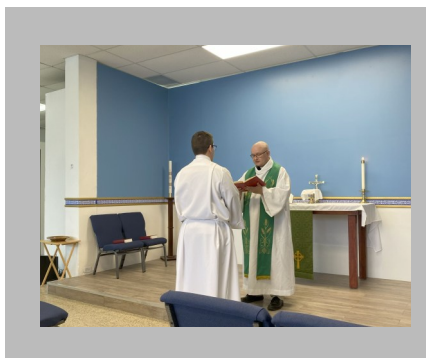
Like people all over, Puerto Ricans want to give their kids the best education they can, and serving this critical need is a great way for us to reach young families. Angie’s plan is to get this started in Ponce and then expand it to our other missions around the island.

Pray for the After School Club in Ponce! Pray for Angie and the team, and pray for the families that will be served by it. Especially pray that it will give us an opportunity to share the Gospel with kids and adults who might not know about the love of their Savior Jesus.



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A busy summer... now back to school



Left: José, a member of the mission in Bayamón, has begun seminary so we installed him as a field worker at the mission. Right: Elias was sworn in as a new Airman in the Iowa Air National Guard.



As advertised, a crazy summer

In our last newsletter, I mentioned that the summer was going to be crazy and I was not wrong. We had to travel a bit—all around the island of Puerto Rico, preaching in the various missions, as well as back to the US mainland. We went to a wedding of a close friend of Angie’s, took a week of vacation to visit some National Parks in the Missouri/Arkansas/Kansas area, and attended our missionary conference in St. Louis.

The boat finally made it

The stuff we shipped from Uruguay finally made it. All of our stuff arrived safely except for one broken plate. Not too bad! Now the problem is figuring out where to put everything in our apartment. Especially all the fall and winter clothes we needed in Uruguay which... we don’t really need now.

A milestone!

Even though the population is about the same, San Juan seems a lot bigger than Montevideo. Part of it is the highways and traffic, I guess. In Uruguay, I was always running into people I knew. I felt like this was a good metric for doing my job as a missionary—it starts with getting to know people.

Well, I hit an important (to me) milestone for our time here—I saw a person I knew—the daughter of a couple who have been attending the mission in Bayamón—“in the wild!” Well, actually, in the parking lot of Costco.. She didn’t recognize me at first (it’s always confusing for people to see a pastor not dressed like a pastor), but when she did she was happy to see me and we had a good chat!

We feel settled in now, knowing our way around and getting into a routine as much as we can. It is good to be able to work and contribute to the team as we work to plant more churches on the island to reach more people with the Gospel.

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Family updates



I had the honor of preaching in chapel at Concordia Seminary in August.

THINGS TO PRAY ABOUT IN OCTOBER:

- Pray for the After School Club outreach program in Ponce! And for safe travels for Angie as she has a “commute” from San Juan.
- Pray for the contacts we have with a home school group that meets near the Bayamón mission. We hope we can find a way to be a blessing to them and open doors to invite them to church.
- Pray for José, who has begun the online seminary program through the seminary in the Dominican Republic.
- Thank God that so far Puerto Rico has been spared the worst of hurricane season and ask that we would continue to have good weather.
- Pray for a great school year for the Sharp kids.



Above: Ambrose is captain of the soccer team! Below: Callie with Maggie and some of Maggie's volleyball teammates.

It was great to have the whole family together in Puerto Rico all summer. This was their first real “summer” vacation that most of them can remember—our vacations were always backwards when we were in Uruguay.

What the kids are up to

Elias is taking a year off of college to join the Iowa Air National Guard. Right now he is waiting for his security clearance so he can get a date for basic training and technical school. He is going to be a targeting analyst in an intelligence unit. We are very proud of him!

Ambrose is a senior at St. Paul Lutheran High School and is thinking about college.

He is interested in engineering, too, and has narrowed down his list of schools he wants to look at for next year. He is involved in student government and was named captain of the soccer team! We are very proud of him, too!

Callie is a junior and this fall is a cheerleader for football as well as one of the managers of the boys' soccer team. She's doing really well in school and is thinking about studying nursing.

Maggie is a freshman at SPLHS now! She is enjoying the challenge of transitioning to American schools after going PreK-8th grade in Uruguay. She is playing volleyball and really likes it!

One of the nice things about being so much closer is that flying “home” to Puerto Rico is much cheaper and easier! So the kids will be here for their long Thanksgiving break and also Christmas! We look forward to being together.

If you know anyone who is looking for a Lutheran high school but doesn't have one nearby, St. Paul Lutheran High School is a great option! We can't say enough about how well our kids have done and how well they have been taken care of physically, academically, and spiritually.



We know we would not be doing this important work without your help.

For your prayers, support, and encouragement, THANK YOU!

Yours in the True Light,

**James, Angie,
Elias, Ambrose, Callie, and Maggie
John 1:9**



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