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News from the Maita family serving the Lord in Puerto Rico

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Pastor Gustavo and Ruth Maita in front of the church.



Pastor Maita gives the blessing to baby Isaiah during communion on a Sunday.

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## Sharing His Word through Online Classes

## How are we sharing about Jesus?

We are sharing about Jesus through *online* English classes. Over 175 Puerto Ricans signed up to learn about our classes. Fifty joined the first day, February 17th. By the end of the 4 weeks, twenty-five students remained faithful. We had ten volunteer "teachers", members of LCMS churches from all over the United States (and one from our sister church the Lutheran Church - Canada!) These classes include basic English conversation practice and a bible story reading and questions.



Ruth greets new online students and explains about the program.

One time the story was about Jesus calling the disciples to follow Him. So we ask, "Why do we follow Jesus?" And we practice says, "We follow Jesus because He is my Savior, my friend, the Son of God, the Good Shepherd, etc". One of our pastors prays before class, and we invite all to church.



On March 19th, we gathered with mission supporting visitors. Church members gave a walking tour of our church property to explain the weekly activities at each location and how we are learning more about our Heavenly Father, through His Word at these events. You are invited to come for the next one!





## Prayer Requests, Praises and Thanks



Thanksgiving for the children of William and Cindy (Guillermo and Alejandro) who serve as acolytes.

Thanksgiving for the return to an in-person meeting (Foro) will visiting mission supporters.

Prayers for church visitors: Maria, Emy, Jose, Sonia, Sylvia, Lucy and Toya, (and for Sonia's surgery.)

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor Gustavo, Ruth, Mikhaela and Isaiah Maita A picture is worth a thousand words...







Evangelist William Torres presents at our bi-annual meeting with the churches and districts which support the Puerto Rico LCMS mission. You can be a part of this! It is called the Foro.

Thank you Our Savior, Chatham for giving us the new paraments.



Lucy, Sylvia and Isaiah enjoy the singing of Lenten hymns by the campfire.

Friday evenings include: a bible study around the campfire, supper, singing and s'mores.

At Right: Sonia, Ashley and Guillermo bury the Alleluia butterflies on Ash Wednesday, explaining that we don't say Alleluia until Easter, when we can dig them out, and celebrate Jesus's resurrection.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at *lcms.org/service*. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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