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"While we stay apart, we stand together"

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I Was Truly Tested!

When I arrived at San Juan International Airport in April, it was a different experience this time. The National Guard was checking all passengers to make sure they did what was required at this time to enter Puerto Rico. Some soldiers were helping travelers complete the necessary forms, while more troops guarded the exits. However, for me it was an easy experience to exit the airport as I had a negative COVID test within 72 hours of landing, and had prepared and submitted the online form. A copy of my Moderna vaccination card was also included on my form. Before landing, I received a QR code on my cell phone, which was scanned by a soldier as I exited the airport.

Puerto Rico continues to exercise a curfew now set from midnight to 5 am. Each day, for 14 day, I received a text in which I replied that I was feeling healthy. Each restaurant, and many stores, required a temperature check, and some places asked for my name and phone number.

This was a small inconvenience compared to the thrill of being back to our island! A board member came in to help assess construction needs of churches and a Christian school. Most of the pastors we met with had also received the vaccine, so we were able to embrace. Over 70% of the population of Vieques has been vaccinated, and the COVID numbers on mainland Puerto Rico and Vieques are headed in the right direction. NOW SIGNING UP GOLFERS! Second Annual Charity Golf Classic August 17, 2021 8 am shotgun start Arrowhead Golf Club www.vision-puertorico.org Or contact Golf Chair: Bart Poole, 303.715.8304 (tbcpastor@comcast.net) or Howard Waller, 303.587.4028 (Hwalleagle@aol.com)

Although we have been able to stay connected by sending many shipments of needed supplies to PR, and having zoom calls, we sadly left the island in March of 2020. Now we are back to the islands, and continue to minister to our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico in person! It is a busy time, as several mission teams are coming this year, as the need for ministry and building is more evident than ever.

We will complete a ministry center in La Perla, build a tennis court for youth in Vieques (they do not have even one), repair three churches, hold a week-long camp for physically challenged school children, repair homes and most importantly, reach people for Christ.

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How you can help?

> \$2,650 to complete La Perla ministry center. \$1326 for playground equipment or children at Belen Christian School.

> Construction workers to help on a team in August. (You do not have to be skilled)

> Organize a team to come work with us

> Golf or support a golfer in our annual fundraiser in August (A great day of golf at the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Club.)

> Monthly support for Vision Puerto Rico

> Continued prayers for the ministry and for our health.



Vision Puerto Rico is blessed to have a strong board of nine individuals from across the country. Next month we will start to spotlight one each month so you know the strength of leadership that stands with us each day. For now, we offer our blessings and look forward to hearing from you.



Meeting with the new mayor of Vieques, Junito Corcino, and a staff member.

Ivan, pastor of the church in La Perla, PR. An accomplished artist, he is reaching his community through visual arts and music.



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