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Dear Praying Friends,

I have tried to start this letter several times, but as I sat and realized that our July letter had not been sent to most of you, I have a greater sense of urgency. As you can imagine, we have been quite busy since we arrived in Puerto Rico again to serve the Lord.

We are currently taking over North Point Baptist Church in Dorado, while the missionary/pastor, Bill Hoving and his family are on a furlough. We are also staying in the Hoving's house. Within just a few days of moving in, we had a flood in our bedroom (on the second floor!) Thankfully, our son Benjamin, who is living with us, helped us mop up that night. It was quite a late night.

When we arrived, one of the faithful men of the church (Orlando) was sick with cancer. We knew he didn't have long to live. We had known him and his wife for many years, as Jerry preached in this church before when one of the missionaries was out of town. He passed away a short time later. We tried to console the family and to be there for them and their needs. The highlight of the funeral was being able to lead Orlando's son to the Lord! About fourteen other souls made professions of faith throughout the week.

We decided to have men's and ladies' Bible studies, so we took a couple of weeks to write up our curriculum for the year and have them bound for each class. We have seen much enthusiasm for the classes, as many people have said they are craving more Bible study. What a wonderful problem to have!

Jerry found a barber shop here in town, as he was overdue for a haircut. The place is normally packed with seven barber chairs, yet he found himself the only one there. After a short time of chatting, he got down to business and was able to lead the barber, Melvin, to the Lord. He has not yet come to church, but we hope to see him soon. We have had a lot of visitors come during our time here, from as far away as Haiti and Jamaica, in addition to many from the States.

One Sunday, we met a young couple from Mexico in a restaurant. They were celebrating their wedding anniversary. They had a six-month old baby daughter that couldn't take her eyes off of us (we can certainly understand that!) We got to talk with them for awhile and offered to be the child's Puerto Rican grandparents, since hers lived so far away. After several trips off-island, we are expecting them Sunday during our Thanksgiving banquet.

We are also having a teacher-training seminar this Saturday. We are expecting a good turnout of all the current teachers, as well as future ones. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, many activities are planned.

In addition to all this, we are hoping to start a Spanish-speaking church using the facilities of North Point Baptist Church. We already have several contacts. Please pray for this potential new work.

Thank you for your prayers and love and support. We covet your partnership with us!

For Souls in Puerto Rico,

Jerry and Liz Harmon – YOUR missionaries in Puerto Rico