



Missionaries Jorge and Rebeca Santiago live in Puerto Rico with their children, Sebastian and Sophia.

## When Hurricane Maria Hit Puerto Rico

A few years ago, a huge hurricane hit the small island of Puerto Rico. Winds, rain, and flooding destroyed much of the island. Many people died, and thousands were left without power or even their homes. Some families lost everything they owned.

“As Maria was passing through Puerto Rico, we started hearing all the noises,” says missionary Jorge Santiago. “Because it was dark, we couldn’t see anything, but we could hear everything.”

For 12 hours, winds roared across Puerto Rico.

“People were really afraid and desperate,” recalls Santiago. “They knew there was not a way to get resources—water or food—because no one was suspecting that Maria was going to hit that hard.”

Jorge and Rebeca and many people on the island began to help each other right away. Jorge knew that this would be an important time to show people the love and hope that comes from Jesus.

Ten days after the hurricane hit, Christian helpers arrived on the island. They spread the message of Jesus while they helped people recover from the hurricane.











Send Relief is a disaster relief ministry. They serve people all over the world when disasters hit. They not only help people with their physical needs, like food and medical care, but they help people with their spiritual needs.



Many Christians gave offerings to help people who lost everything when Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico. Volunteers paid their own way to go and share the love of Jesus on the island.



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**He who started a good work in  
you will carry it on to completion  
until the day of Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 1:6 (CSB)

**He which hath begun a good work  
in you will perform it until the  
day of Jesus Christ.**

Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

**He who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the  
day of Jesus Christ.**

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

**He who began a good work in  
you will carry it on to completion  
until the day of Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)