

The St. Paul Outreach Committee is sponsoring an **August campaign to collect monetary donations to help our Puerto Rican neighbors**. We will be working with Inglesia Bautista Christiana de Quebradillas. Sonia Badillo brought this need to our attention and will be our liaison. The area involved includes Mr. Lugo's hometown. Information below gives details about what we will be supporting. The website www.myneighborpr.org gives more information and pictures. **Checks can be made out to St. Paul UMC with "Puerto Rico" in the memo line.**

My Neighbor, Puerto Rico (www.myneighborpr.org)

OUR MISSION

Approximately 4,000 people reached to date

Our mission is to bring the love of Christ to those in Puerto Rico that are still struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, which landed on the Island on September 20th, 2017. We do this primarily by bringing food, water, toiletries, diapers (for children and elderly), toys, and prayer to those families in areas that still have no electricity and/or running water.

After 10 months, one might be tempted to think that the worse is over and that waiting for power and water is a mere inconvenience, but when you consider that a person with a medical emergency cannot call for help, that homes are unprotected from intruders with no alarms and no way to call the police or 911, then you begin to realize the magnitude of the problem. These are just a few examples of many that make the situation in Puerto Rico so dire.

We can't do everything, but we can do something. Our mission is to come alongside communities where rescue efforts have been slow to arrive. Typically, poor area to begin with.

OUR CHARGE

From the very beginning of My Neighbor PR, we have been dedicated to bringing food and water to our most afflicted neighbors in remote locations. Nine months after Hurricane Maria, we find that people are still living in damaged homes, with blue tarps in place of proper roofs. A new hurricane season is now approaching and our neighbors are in even greater need of adequate shelter. As of June 2018, we at My Neighbor PR are now shifting our focus to building roofs for our neighbors in need.

We believe that love comes with action. In 1 John 3:17 we read "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"