



# Puerto Rico Report

“The Lord is king, let the earth have joy; let all the islands be glad.” Psalm 97:1

## “That They May Teach Others Also”

As exciting as it has been to arrive here and study the gospel with so many people right away, it has been equally exciting over the past couple of months to see brethren and others we have studied with leading us to new people interested in the word of God. It shows God’s providence in bringing interested hearts to His word, and it also shows the zeal of those here for the gospel.

First, let me tell you about the growth of Luis Gonzalez, the new brother who was baptized a few months ago here. He has continued to study with Tol and I each week, and his efforts to mature in Christ are evident. Before either Tol or I asked him to consider leading in various acts of worship, he volunteered to help serve communion. He did not want to lead prayers immediately, but of his own volition he wanted to grow accustomed to helping in the worship services. It was not long after this that he led in prayer for the first time, and he did an excellent job. More than this, however, for Luis, Christianity is far more than attending or leading in worship services. He is continually making efforts to lead others to Christ. He regularly has family members and friends attend with him, and we have had opportunity to study with one of his friends, a man named Tito. Luis has also told us that a friend of his named Yarisita would probably also study with us soon, and he will be working on trying to arrange that within the next few days or weeks. His

growth and zeal are very encouraging to us, and we are sure they are to you as well.

Another new opportunity we have is to study with Prince’s girlfriend, Elvira. (You may remember that Prince is the one currently under house arrest that we study with each week. There is good reason to believe he is innocent of the charges, but it has given us a chance to study with him.) Elvira has noticed us studying with him in English, but since she only speaks Spanish, she could not take part. Finally, she asked if we could begin studying with her in Spanish, and we have had one study. We will continue as her schedule permits, but we pray the opportunity with her will not only lead her to the Lord, but help motivate Prince to make some hard decisions he will have to make to be obedient as well.



Me Teaching 1 Corinthians at Caparra

Finally, a sister, Vanessa, at a nearby congregation recently brought a friend of hers named Sylvia to church when I was preaching there. Sylvia admitted she did not know a lot about the Bible, but wanted to know more. She attended at Caparra with Vanessa this past Wednesday, and came to our house afterwards where we visited and set up studies with her. The first study went well. We pray future ones will too.

Studies continue off and on with the Morrows, Guillermo, Leticia, Wilkins, and Teresita. Keep praying, and God bless!



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This month I will introduce you to Mark and Nelly Carbon. Mark has been a member at the English-speaking group for many years, and is a sub-contractor in the sheet rock business. His first languages were Patuà (a French dialect common on some of the islands) and English, and he learned Spanish after moving here. His wife, Nelly, has only been a Christian for two or three years, and she speaks only Spanish, and so she attends the Spanish-speaking group here. Since Mark is more comfortable with English, he attends both groups' services so as to participate in English and attend with Nelly in Spanish.

Mark is a hard worker, and that is true beyond just his business - he is truly dedicated to the Lord. He is responsible for Nelly's conversion (among others), the studies we are having with Prince each week, and there have been a few times where he has been able to get a dozen or two of his employees to

attend services with him all at once, exposing them all to the gospel. He is a good song leader too, and always energizes the group when he leads singing. He has had somewhat serious health issues this past year, which we hope are resolved now, but those have limited his ability to attend and participate for much of the time we have been here. We pray his health will remain well from now on.

Nelly has not been a Christian long, but has shown interest in growing. She is very hospitable, and often has questions about the Bible. Her attendance could be better, which would help with growth, but hopefully that will come as she matures. She has two daughters that she had before she met Mark that

regularly attend with us, due in large part to her influence. They are not Christians, but we are hopeful they will obey at some point. We are blessed to have both Mark and Nelly with us at Caparra.



**Mark and Nelly Carbon**  
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