 **Andrew & Freddy**

Dear Praying Friends, May / June 2019

**Colossians 1:28 “Whom we peach, warning every man…”**

A missionary goes on a mission and this verse and the next one v. 29 give Paul’s mission statement. We preach Jesus and warn every man or person with whom we come into contact. As we preach, we invite people to come to Christ but the wisdom of this verse is that this preaching Jesus and inviting them to come to him also comes with a strong warning that if they will not come to him then they have not just rejected a preacher but the King of Kings who died for them and will one day judge them.

The beginning of May was full for us as we finished up the last room in the church building that needed to be scraped, painted, and lights put in. It is a great relief to have completed that part of the reconstruction. As we look at the “after Maria” photos of the church to what has been renovated, we are astounded at what God has done through His provisions. I believe that the building is in an even better state than what it was before the hurricane. Praise the Lord! Later in May we flew back to Alabama for the graduation of our second son, Caleb. We have been busy helping him get set up at church, and prepared with a job, housing, a car, and college. He will be staying in Alabama with his brother, Andrew, as we return to Puerto Rico the last of August. We will miss him and Andrew greatly.

This June has kept us busy with a few meetings. We just finished a Missions Conference and Vacation Bible School with our home church. Kathy and I both taught classes and we privileged to have some of our students come to know Christ as Savior. Praise the Lord! Also, Klixon Castillo from Bible Baptist Church in Valencia, Venezuela is traveling in the States for the last time before his visa runs out, trying to raise some more support for the work. Our church in Puerto Rico took him on for support and so has my home church in the States. We are praying that some more churches would consider having him in and or helping him. For the lack of a better term, he is my Timothy in the faith. You could call me at 256-497-5659 or Klixon at 901-679-0133 or 58-424-421-5725.

Pray for our church in Puerto Rico. Freddy is doing a good job filling in for me these few months but God has not called him into the ministry and so we are seeking another who could take the church. We still have a few projects to finish like the bathrooms upstairs, the patio, the front door and a new breaker box downstairs and transfer switch for the generator that another church

purchased for us.

*Alaba al Señor*,

(Praise the Lord)

Gary Ashley