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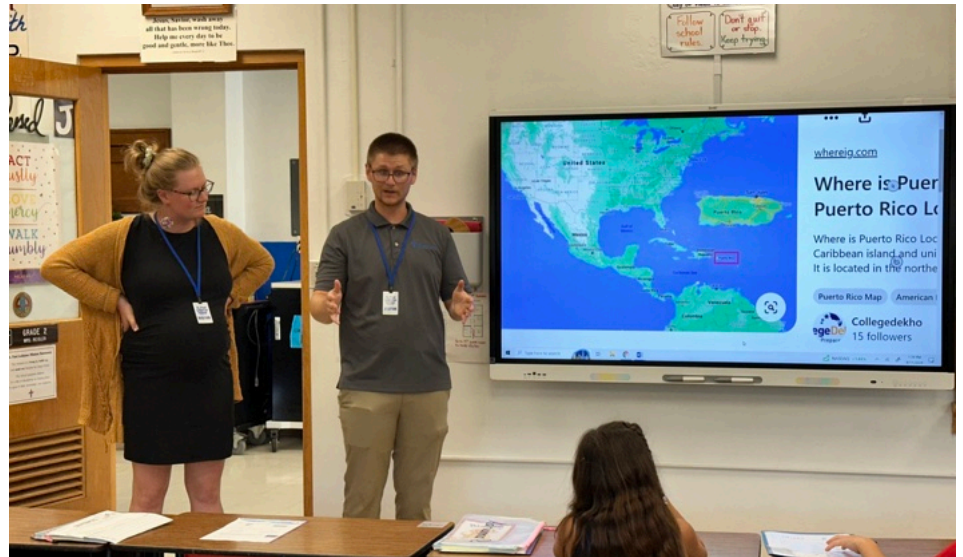
Good news! Even if you don't have a passport you can visit Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is a United States territory. Therefore, U.S. citizens are free to travel there and back without a passport. However, as missionaries, we (and baby) will need passports to travel to the Dominican Republic for some training before heading to Puerto Rico. Please pray that the passport process for baby goes smoothly and is completed in a timely manner.



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## Raising Funds AND Awareness



Paul and Courtney speak to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes at St. Paul Lutheran School (Bonduel, WI) about what a missionary is and does.

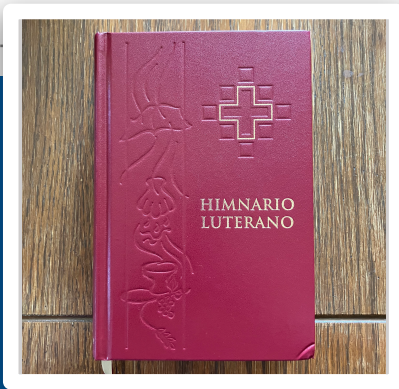
While we are sad to see summer come to an end, we are thankful for the start of the school year. It means more opportunities to connect with students and teachers in our Lutheran schools. Even though these young students might not be our biggest financial supporters, several schools and classes have committed to supporting us with their offerings. We are thankful for their gifts and for every bit of financial support we receive. Even more important to us than raising funds for our service is raising awareness about the Lord's work in Puerto Rico and teaching people of all ages about mission—the mission of God our Savior, *who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4)*—and how that mission is accomplished through Lutheran missionaries like us who spread the gospel, plant Lutheran churches, and show mercy. And who knows? Some of them might even be inspired to serve as missionaries or church workers someday. If you or someone you know is interested in serving contact us or visit [lcms.org/serve](https://www.lcms.org/serve).

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Spanish teacher who is hospitalized with Dengue fever.
- Safe delivery and healthy baby (due October 11)
- A smooth passport process for baby.
- That we would learn Spanish quickly and thoroughly (and have time and energy to study).

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- More opportunities to connect with potential supporters during the week.
- Safe travels to churches and support raising events.

### PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us.
- Spanish Resources like Himnario Luterano and the people and organizations who create and publish them.
- Another year of life for Paul (turned 26 on September 22).

## Life and Family Updates



Paul and Courtney after their night out.

### Last hoorah before baby

We recently went on our last date before baby. We dressed up and enjoyed a nice dinner out. People often joke about children marking the end of freedom for couples (we have too). While children certainly bring about a significant transition and plenty of struggles, they are a gift from God and surely bring much joy and a transition for the better.

How gracious is our God that he should allow us to perpetuate human life, function in his stead as provider and head of our children, and through this sacred responsibility be conformed to the image of his Son? God grant that we and every married couple be granted the gift of children, receive them with gladness, faithfully commit them to his care in baptism, and gladly instruct them in the one true faith unto life everlasting.

### The start of Spanish study

We have each had a few lessons with our Spanish teacher, whom we like very much. It's exciting, but we also agree that each two hour class leaves us feeling exhausted, like we've run a mental marathon. Please pray that we would be diligent and energized in our study, especially after baby arrives.

*The weather has been unseasonably warm here. Puerto Rico will be much warmer, with average temps around 85°F. Thankfully, we will arrive in the "cooler" season and have some time to acclimate. It reminds us to look forward to the time when such things will not be a concern for believers.*

*"...They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." —Rev 7:16-17*



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