

Puerto Rico Mission Initiative Report

The “Share the Light” Mission Team from the Roanoke District of the United Methodist Church would like to thank you for your assistance in the successful completion of our trip. We started this journey over a year ago when a mission team from Raleigh Court United Methodist Church, in Roanoke, VA sent a team to help with the recovery efforts from Hurricane Maria. During the trip the team became aware of individual efforts to provide improvised solar power to homes to maintain the necessities of daily life. The team came back to Roanoke and began looking for a solution. In collaboration with the Roanoke District of United Methodist Churches and community members they found a solar powered generator that would meet this need.



The next step in the journey was to find funding to support the effort to purchase 50 solar powered generators. The “Share the Light” campaign was announced on Easter 2019 and asked the churches of the Roanoke District to donate through the 50 days of Easter until Pentecost. Through this effort and with other community donations the goal of raising the money to purchase the 47 generators (\$48,000) was raised.



In October the District Mission Team left for Puerto Rico and through the efforts of numerous people in Puerto Rico and back home in Virginia, we were able to assemble and deliver all 50 solar powered generators to the community of Esperanza on the island of Vieques while on our trip. These generators will be a godsend to the residents to be able to keep their basic needs powered in the event of a natural disaster.

Our effort to ‘Share the Light’ with our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico, still recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Maria was only possible through God’s grace. It was through your support and prayer, responding to God’s call, that made it possible for us to ‘Share the Light.’ Your partnership in God’s mission was extremely important to this accomplishment. Please continue to pray and join us being part of God’s mission.

In Christ,

Roanoke District United Methodist Church

‘Share the Light’ Team