



HURRICANE MARIA

Puerto Rico has been a territory of the U.S. since 1898 and is the home of 3.6 million American citizens. On the morning of September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria tore through Puerto Rico with sustained winds of 155 miles per hour and gusts up to 200 miles per hour, lasting 12 hours and enveloping the entire island. Within this massive hurricane, multiple funnel clouds formed and devastated the island. FEMA has distributed more than 6.2 million gallons of water in Puerto Rico – more than they’ve ever distributed after a disaster before.

Thousands of Puerto Ricans are living without electricity, safe water or reliable sources of food. More than 200,000 Puerto Ricans have fled the island since Maria struck to stay with friends and family on the mainland but are anxious to return.

Forward Edge has more than 25 years of experience in disaster-relief work, including long-term recovery efforts after hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. By God’s grace, we were able to mobilize more than 3,000 volunteers from around the country to serve in the Gulf Coast after Katrina, and more than 1,000 to serve in Haiti. Puerto Rico needs us now and we want to respond by mobilizing YOU!

2022 TRIP FEE

***\$950 per person +
\$2,700 per team
Project Funds***

AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

*\$100 per person
Non-Refundable
Deposit Due*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

*Project Funds and
Trip Fee Balance Due*

TRIP FEE INCLUDES

- Meals, lodging, ground transportation, and some project materials
- Secondary International Medical Insurance
- Translators
- Trained Forward Edge Facilitator
- Team Packs: T-shirt, manual, etc.
- Complete trip coordination provided by Forward Edge

TRIP FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare and luggage fees (Please coordinate with FEI prior to ticket purchase.)
- Transportation to/from alternate airport
- Cultural Day food and souvenirs
- COVID tests if required

MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT

Teams will have the opportunity to work alongside the local church and help families rebuild their homes and lives. Regardless of your skill set, together we can provide the free labor needed to clean up, gut homes, install roofs, and assist the community in rebuilding their homes. Our initial focus will be assisting the most vulnerable: widows, seniors, single moms, and low-income families living in the rural interior of the island. These families need hope and you can provide it.

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MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT (cont.)

As always, our plan will be to remain involved in the hurricane recovery effort long after first responders are gone and the media has moved on. For this to occur, we have the following resources in place:

- Strong church partners to host our teams in the city of Ponce, the base location for our operations.
- Strong collaboration with churches in the southern region of the island.
- In-country partners trained in the National Incident Management System created by FEMA.

ACCOMODATIONS

Teams will stay in a local church in Ponce. Air-mattresses and showers will be available. Team members are asked to bring their own bedding and towels. The team will have meals prepared by local Puerto Ricans.

PAYMENTS

A \$100 per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration and is applied toward your trip fee. Pay at www.forwardedge.org (Pay Trip Fees) via debit/credit card, eCheck, or send a check made out to Forward Edge International. Contact us if we can assist. Please reference your team number on all correspondence.

TEAM MEMBER PREPARATIONS

IMMUNIZATIONS: Forward Edge strongly recommends that each team member has a current tetanus shot. Please consult a personal physician for any other recommendations.

TEAM PACKS: Once registration is complete, Forward Edge will send each Team Member a team pack. Each team pack will include a T-shirt, a Team Member manual, a devotional, and other Forward Edge items.

COVID policy and preparation will be shared in another communication.

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