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Girls’ Club

Stephen, Kathy, José

Dear Praying Friends, January / February 2022

**Exodus 8:28 says, “And Pharoah said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.”**

Pharoah would allow Moses and the people of God to go into the wilderness to worship but they were to “only” not go far away. Pharoah, like many tyrants, would not allow them to worship God until God forced him by the plagues. Tyrants like Pharoah have attempted to tell the church how to worship but we need to be like Moses and reject any condition on our worship given by the government or anyone else. The people of Boston likewise faced a tyrant. The Boston Tea Party was enacted over the principle of a one percent tax; it was not the size of the tax but the infringement upon the rights of free people. We must understand that the right to worship God is given by God; government should not allow nor control our worship of Him. We are to fear God, not the tyrants.

We have really enjoyed our Sunday afternoon visitation program. It has been a great opportunity to catch people at home and pass out tracts. We have made several contacts; we pray that the Lord will provide fruit to our account.

We recount our blessings, for we have seen God working in our lives personally and in the lives of our church. Since the panic over Covid happened, so many have stopped going to church, even here in Puerto Rico. But, in 2020, the Lord has added two faithful people to our church, Abraham and Rosemary. In 2021, we have had two more that have come multiple times, Juancho and Ileana. Praise the Lord! We are praying for Ileana’s husband, Christian, that he will come to church with her. Another blessing is the Girls’ Club. Though the girls can’t meet as often as before, we have had a steady growth with a high attendance of eight girls! God is good and He is faithful!

If you want to see more about our ministry, you can check out our website for any updates, pictures, or prayer letters! **theashleysinpuertorico.com**

*Alaba al Señor*,

(Praise the Lord)

Gary Ashley