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As most of you all know, Puerto Rico was hit by two hurricanes within a few weeks. Right after Hurricane Maria, my son, David, called and wanted to make a trip to PR to help. David, myself and three other workers flew to PR on Tuesday the 26th of September and returned October 1st.

Arriving Tuesday afternoon, we assessed the situation and determined that the school building was a top priority, as we only had a few days to work and the damage at the complex was enormous. The wood buildings were totaled, and the church roof was in need of being replaced, but the school building had only 20 squares of the roof system missing. Our luggage was not on board the plane as they loaded water and supplies for the island.

The next morning we went to the airport to get our luggage and generators and then Home Depot for supplies, but it was closed (no electricity). On the way back to the school, we passed a local hardware store and stopped to see if they had what we needed. They said they had them in the warehouse. We were going to make a temporary repair with glue on roll roofing, but when we went to the warehouse, all they had was torch down, which we were given for the same price. The price for each roll on was \$36 a roll, but the price of torch down is usually \$96, so that was a blessing in disguise as the original roof was torch down.

The teachers had cleaned up the classrooms, but that Tuesday afternoon, we had another tropical downpour, and all their work was ruined again. Needless to say, they were dejected. The next three days we were able to repair the school roof, two of the office roofs, and the churches' communications room at the church. The churches' AC system is on the south side of the building. Maria destroyed part of the ductwork, and the high winds blew into the sanctuary and exploded the roof system.

Saturday there was another tropical downpour, but the school, office, and the sound room was dry. Praise the Lord. The teachers, pastor, and staff were very happy with the help.

School started that Wednesday with a half day and is now back in session. The college is meeting in the school building as the wood buildings were destroyed. Though 50% of PR is still out of power, the school and church has their own generator.

Our next trip is scheduled to be in Yap to help our son, Paul, build the Christian school building whenever he is ready for us.

In His Service,

Georg Zimmer



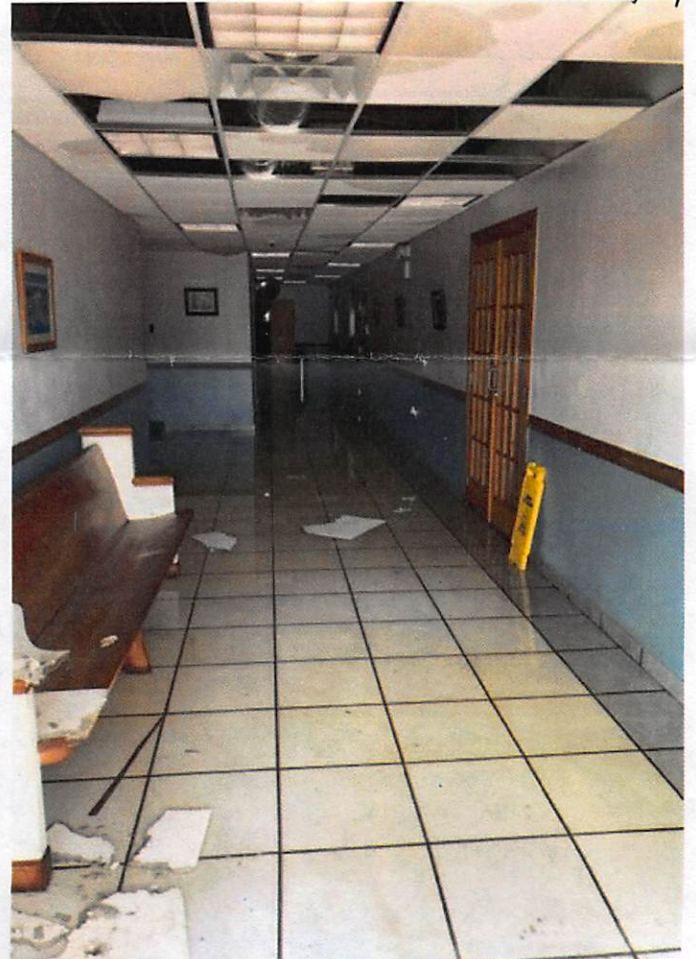
College Classroom



Students and teachers cleaning up.



Elementary Classroom



School Offices



Pick up area for junior High and High school



my former office



Lower elementary



Pick up area for elementary



Men's Dorm



Jungle behind church building



College building and girls dorm



Remains of a gazebo