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The river is still raging, mud is still churning and the river banks are continuing to erode. Buildings are still being undermined and collapsing while streets, homes and businesses are buried in mud. It is difficult to describe the ongoing horrors and heartbreaks of hurricane Nora which struck the Puerto Vallarta area on August 28th. There is tremendous devastation and emotional trauma. Our Vida church members have been serving their communities trying to meet basic needs by giving out food staples, clothing and bedding while offering up of prayers for the victims. I had the privilege of ministering first hand with them, hearing the victim's tragic stories of flight to safety, fleeing the flood waters rushing into their homes. Most fled only with the clothes on their backs; losing all of their worldly goods. The river Cuale swept away Anareli and Jorge's home during this storm. They and their 9 year old daughter live in the Colonia of Buenas Aires. She told me that at 6pm that day water began to rush into their home and by 11:30pm the bank of the river gave way and their home was swept away. They lost their bed, furniture, stove, and tank of gas; possessions which took them many years to acquire.

I spoke with Maria del Rosario and her 10 year old son Efrain whose family also lost everything; now they are sleeping on the damp floor. She was abandoned as a child and raised by her grandfather in the Jehovah witness faith. My heart broke for her. We gave her a supply of food rations but I longed for her to know Jesus Christ as Savior and that He is God! I told her that I did not want to harass or trouble her but I wanted to tell her what I believe to be the truth. She gave me the liberty to contrast our belief systems and she was open to receive the Good News!

We carried food aid up the mountain to the jungle village of Playa Grande on the Pitillal River. This village has no access by road, they crossed the river to go into town by way of a swinging bridge which was swept away by



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the torrents of water. The climb took us about 40 minutes. We had several groups making several trips walking up the mountain, carrying 50lb sacks of supplies. After a time of prayer with the folks we began our descent in the rain as the sun was fading into darkness... The community is still in darkness; their power lines and transformer were all washed away. They invited us back again to lead Bible studies with them. We love building these bridges of love and trust across which we can share the life saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Together We are LSMI/Vida Internacional!

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PS: Prayers please, we need \$7,500 to purchase land in the Dominican Republic to begin a new children's center & church.

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