



Jerrod, Bernadette & Jack  
**Montgomery**

Missionaries to  
**PUERTO RICO**



July '23

Dear Pastor and Praying Church Friends,

I do not like sending negative prayer letters. God has been so good to us; we marvel at His blessings. That being said, we have had a couple of months of struggles. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:8a For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble. Although I do not attempt to equate my struggles with Paul.

In June, I began to have severe abdominal pain. I went to the emergency room but was sent home. The ER doctor believed it to be nothing more than a stomachache. I saw my doctor the next week with the same pain and was sent immediately back to the hospital.

Long story short, I had gallstones. Several of the stones had gotten stuck in different parts of my digestive track. I had a surgery to cut out the stuck stones, and another surgery to remove my gallbladder.

Bernadette's mom was able to fly down to help be with Jack so Bernadette could be with me in the hospital.

When I was being released, Bernadette became increasingly ill. As she was caring so much for me, she was not able to take care of several of her own needs. Through a series of events, she went into DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis). It is basically the most serious possible threat to a type 1 diabetic.

After I was in the hospital for over a week, Bernadette had to be hospitalized for over a week. We praise the Lord that she was at the hospital already when she went into DKA. They were able to take care of her right away. If she had gone even a few hours longer it could have been fatal.

We are both home from the hospital and in recovery. Bernadette has been recovering more slowly than I have and has continued to fight with several infections. Please pray for our recovery. Thank God, in May, her insurance company agreed to continue covering her for this year!

Our church is celebrating its anniversary in August, and we are excited to announce how much has been raised to buy a bus and begin our bus ministry. We started raising money through little banks shaped like busses in the church. On Sunday, we brought in all the banks. We had 46 bus banks turned in. We are excited to see this next Sunday if we have met our goal to buy a bus!

Thank you for your prayer and support for this wonderful work.

In Christ,

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SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

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Bus Route

**PRAYERS ANSWERED:**

Insurance

Home from  
Hospital

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