***January 31, 2020***

**Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,**

**This June I will have the opportunity to accompany youth and adults on a Mission Trip to Culebra Island, Puerto Rico. We will be working with Jerusalem UMC and their pastor, David Andino. This mission trip will provide much needed assistance to the people of the island.**

**Culebra is a small island about 17 miles off the east coast of Puerto Rico. There are approximately 1800 people that live on the island (~60% in poverty). God has given Pastor Andino a wonderful vision to serve this community in the name of Christ. Jerusalem UMC has about 35 worshipers and God is providing a wonderful opportunity to partner with them and help grow this ministry.**

**I believe God has called me and our Church to Culebra to find these people that feel that they have been forgotten and share God’s love with them. We will be working with the elderly, (especially widows) performing minor repair projects to their damaged housing and also sharing the love of Christ. This will be my third mission trip to Culebra, I am excited and looking forward to building new relationships and discovering what God has in store.**

***First and foremost, I am writing to you to ask for your prayers!* *Put this letter in a prominent place and pray for this mission as often as you see it.***

**This is a great opportunity for us to share the Gospel of Christ and spread the love of Jesus. I feel that God has called me to be His hands and feet to minister to and assist the residents of Culebra Island. There are many things that we must do before we go. Our team has been in training for this ministry. We are going to have an opportunity to lead in a worship service. In addition to physical and spiritual preparation, we must raise around $1000 per person for travel, food, and supplies.**

**Please pray that God will bless our team, and me also, as we prepare to do his work. Pray that we will accomplish His tasks and that God would prepare the hearts of the people of Culebra to receive His love extended through us.**

***If you would like to help financially you can make a tax-deductible contribution to our church in my name. Please make checks payable to Liberty Baptist Church, PO Box 1764, Trenton, GA 30752. Please put “Culebra-(person’s name)” in the memo section on the check.***

**In Christ,**

***Pastor Zack Ditmar***