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**“Oh how great is thy goodness,
which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee;
which thou hast wrought for them that trust in
thee before the sons of men!”**

Psalm 31:19

We rejoice with the Psalmist in praising God for His goodness toward us this semester. We also praise the Lord for your faithful prayers and support, without which this ministry could not continue. Here are a few of the many blessings and answers to prayers we saw this past semester.

Activities and Events

In addition to classes, chapel, devotions and weekend ministries, our students stayed busy with several events and activities throughout the semester. In February, the students enjoyed a nice dinner night out at a buffet restaurant overlooking the bay of San Juan for their Valentine's Banquet. The following week was our annual Ladies Jubilee/Men's Retreat. What a blessing it was to see over 400 in attendance from 25 churches around the island. The Lord used Dr. Luis Parada, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Long Beach, California, and his wife Rafaela for the women. Many made decisions for Christ and several young people surrendered their lives to the Lord for full-time Christian service. Our students presented special music, taught children's classes and served lunch, among other responsibilities. In March we had our Missions' Emphasis week with missionary Mario Philippi. One of the highlights of the week is the International Banquet where students prepare meals from their home countries, dress in their traditional outfits and sing their national anthems. Later that month was our Soul-winning Day when students and faculty spent the day sharing the Gospel door-to-door in the town of Guayama. Many were receptive and several accepted Christ. Also in March was our first Sacred and Classical Benefit Concert for PRBC. Mariana Cutright, a young pianist and violinist who has played with several professional orchestras and has won many awards, was our featured performer. She volunteered her spring break to serve the Lord, and gave a fantastic performance of both sacred and classical pieces. We also enjoyed great performances of local talent by José Bobren, cellist, and Gabriel Rodríguez, classical guitarist. What a blessing it was to have over 270 from local churches attend and to raise over \$2,000.00. It was an unforgettable evening. April also was very busy. We held the Sermon Contest and the Ladies Devotional Contest. We also hosted an “Open House”



Fourteen prospective students from seven different churches came to PRBC's "Open House" during April. Three of them are planning to join us next semester.

for high school juniors and seniors. It was exciting to have 14 young people (4 of which were children of alumni) from local churches attend classes and spend the night to get a glimpse of what life at PRBC is like. After Easter came the time for Final Exams, and all the Graduation activities. What a busy but exciting semester!

Graduation Activities

This year we were honored to have parents of each of our graduates in attendance for our activities. We had a wonderful Graduation Banquet. Our seniors worked hard all year to



From left to right: Dr. T. J. Klapperich, PRBC's President
Dr. M. A. Casillas, Dr. Daniel Garlick, Rachelle Bredehoft,
David Heckart, and Stephanie Huber.

raise funds for this wonderful evening. We not only enjoyed a delicious meal but also an entertaining video presentation, a challenging message from God's Word and the unveiling of our yearbook. This year's yearbook was dedicated to Tina Pregovisk, who has done a superb job as our cook. We have been blessed by the extraordinary meals and by her loving testimony. The year was completed with our Commencement Exercises. How wonderful to see our young people receive their degrees, hear their sweet testimonies, and see them so excited to be on their way to serve the Lord.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our students as they serve the Lord in various ministries in Puerto Rico, the States and other countries. Because the summers are our most difficult time financially, please pray that the Lord would supply the funds for our operational needs and for various maintenance projects. Another special request would be for the prospective students, especially for those who will need US Student Visas. We also have need of the following items: a portable electronic piano, a wireless translating system, replacement doors for the dormitory rooms, and a new 16-passenger van.

Thank you

Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you through your prayers and giving. We also want to thank those who contributed toward a much-needed air conditioner. It should be installed next week. Join us in praising the Lord for His goodness, His provision and His blessings during this academic year. May the Lord continue to bless you.