

“More Than You Can Imagine...”

We sometimes think that “imagination” means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is **essential** to God’s hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it: **“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine..”** (*Ephesians 3:20-21*). And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed.

You see, when we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision – and work for! – a world

where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved;

where no one ever fears abuse or violence;

where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all;

where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors;

where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it;

where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need, now and for years to come;

where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ’s name.

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Hurricane Maria caused unimaginable damage in Puerto Rico. Who would believe that so much infrastructure, electricity and housing were destroyed? People's lives and families were disrupted.

For Edda, a woman who lives in a house once belonging to her parents, the thought of losing her childhood home to the storm was unimaginable. Hurricane Maria left the roof of her house in such bad shape that water was leaking through her home every time it rained. To make matters worse, Edda's husband had recently undergone knee surgery. She had to put towels and buckets around the inside of the house so he didn't slip or fall on the wet floors.



Edda couldn't fix her roof by herself and because of the surgery, her husband couldn't either. They could not imagine how the repairs on their home would happen. They could not imagine that strangers would come and help them with a good roof that could weather the next storm.

Thanks to the Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico (IEUPR), and help from four amazing volunteers, their roof was fixed in four days. Edda was grateful for the help because it wasn't possible for her to do it alone.

Lydia Rosaly, with IEUPR shared Edda's story, and like Edda, Lydia is thankful for our support, and walking with them towards a holistic long-term recovery.

Your support provides more than we can imagine. Thank you!



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