

A Call to Service with Hunger Corp
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God has blessed me with a wonderful family. My beautiful wife is Bethany, and my wonderful daughter is Kristin. Bethany is the Executive Director of Membership and Engagement at Coastal Church, as well as being an Instructional Mentor for Liberty University. Kristin is a student at Tidewater Community College preparing to go to Liberty University. She is also an intern at Coastal where our entire family regularly serves. We have two pets, Black Beauty (BB) our cat and Cali our dog.

I have had the privilege of being in the customer service industry for many years in both secular and Christian environments. All the while, I have served in various roles in different local churches where I have been a member. It was a privilege to follow God's call to ministry and join Coastal's staff in 2018 as the Mission Coordinator. In this role I would oversee their local and international outreaches. During my time with Coastal, I would lead and take many short-term mission trips to such places as Bolivia, Honduras, Jordan, Thailand, and Puerto Rico. It was on a trip to Puerto Rico where I was introduced to Hunger Corp, one of Coastal's partners.

I learned more about Hunger Corp and their heart for their very own Puerto Rican people. Hunger Corp is a Puerto Rican based organization that exists to help insure the dignity of communities through holistic empowerment. There are many communities in Puerto Rico still populated with and driven by squatters. Hunger Corp adopts these squatter communities for at least five years seeking to walk alongside them to reach their full social, economic, and educational development, and help them be part of the flourishing story of the city. They seek to give people a "hand-up", not just a "hand-out." This means that they seek to equip them to be self-sustaining communities. Hunger Corp seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus meeting physical needs and gaining the respect needed to then address spiritual needs.



After two and a half years with Coastal, God has led me to join the Hunger Corp team. I share their heart for helping people to regain their dignity while gaining an understanding of their need for a Savior. With Hunger Corp, I will be the Volunteer Logistics Coordinator. As the stateside contact for Hunger Corp I will provide resources and assistance for volunteer teams that will be traveling to Puerto Rico. I will interact with church leaders to set up schedules, raise



funds, prepare their teams, and other trip related activities. Following the trip, I will help them answer the question, “Now what?” My focus is to build meaningful and long-term relationships with church leaders and volunteers to reach the people of Puerto Rico through Hunger Corp using the gifts God has given me.

Will you join me in this new adventure? There are three ways that you can be part of what God is doing in Puerto Rico.

1. Pray

- Pray for the divine appointments that God has planned between Christians from the United States and Puerto Rico with the people there who need to hear the Gospel
- Click here or email cw1973l@gmail.com to receive my newsletter with prayer requests and updates on Hunger Corp and the things God is doing in Puerto Rico

2. Give

- I am raising the support needed to take on this new role and continue the work in Puerto Rico. Financial gifts will provide for this, and all gifts are tax-deductible.
- If you would like to assist financially, you can click here to give. Here you can even set up recurring giving. Or you can mail a check to Coastal Church ATTN: Jordan Barnette/Hunger Corp, 101 Village Avenue, Yorktown, VA 23693.

3. Go

- I will be taking trips to Puerto Rico throughout the year, and I would love to have you and/or your church join me.
- Click here for trip information to be sent to you.