

MISSIONS Engagement



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Welcome to the Missions section of this newsletter! There are so many diverse topics to include but I must stay focused! So for this issue, I will limit myself to speak about only 2 items.

Rebuilding Puerto Rico

First, our CT District Mission Project for 2019. This year we have chosen our mission focus to be on the Rebuilding of Puerto Rico. As you recall, Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico in 2017. There is an estimated 60,000 homes that need new roofs or work done. UMCOR has generously funded the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico to help with the rebuilding efforts. I worked on a team in 2018. [Click here to watch a video of my experience last June.](#) The devastation I saw was overwhelming. It motivated me to want to do more. So far in 2019, we gathered together a team of 11 from our District to go to Puerto Rico on 1/30/19 for one week. We are starting to plan for another team to travel in late June with our very own District Superintendent, Rev. Alpher Sylvester! You can participate by sending a volunteer, supporting a volunteer, being a volunteer, or even creating your own recovery team from your own church! I would be pleased to talk to you anytime, to help you in any of these efforts.

Missionary John Nday's Visit to CT from South Mozambique

Second, and changing gears is to mention a Missionary. His name is John Nday. He is currently serving in South Mozambique and the agricultural coordinator at Cambine Mission. [Click here to read more about him.](#) He and his wife, also a missionary, will be itinerating (visiting local churches) in April (25-28). So far we plan to have them visit New Milford UMC and Faith UMC in North Haven. His time with us is only 4 days. We'd like to fill the other 2 days so I encourage you to invite him for a meal, a church function, or a small group. It is an infrequent opportunity to host this special couple!

I hope you will contact me with any questions, ideas or follow up for these items; do so anytime!

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