

REGION I ANNUAL REPORT

Martha and I accepted the call to be the Project Coordinators for the new binational office building and moved to Akron, Pennsylvania in March. Volunteers came from various areas of the US and Canada. The binational office building was dedicated on Nov. 13 with approximately 700 people in attendance. Staff moved to the new building the week of US Thanksgiving.

A training meeting was held in Puerto Rico in early March for Congregational Contact Persons (CCP) and Early Response Teams (ERT). Shortly after the training, western Puerto Rico was hit with an earthquake. Thankfully there was not much damage.

In early spring a major weather system moved up the east coast and parts of New England experienced a lot of flooding. Region I asked Melvin Roes from the New York unit to investigate in Rhode Island. Early Response Teams from New York and Pennsylvania helped clean up.

Late summer storms threatened the east coast but thankfully none made landfall. A note of interest is that Region I has not had a binational project set up since fall of 2004. We are grateful to God for that.

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