

PUERTO RICO WAS MARKED BY THE STEP OF HURRICANE MARIA; KNOWING THAT A HURRICANE OF CATEGORY 5 WOULD PASS THROUGH OUR ISLAND ALARMED US A LOT, THE STRONG WINDS CHANGED OUR EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS. HURRICANE MARIA CHANGED THE LIFE OF MANY WHEN PASSED BY PUERTO RICO IN SEPTEMBER 2017. ALL THE TREES TROUSED FROM ITS ROOTS, SOME CRACKS IN WALLS AND ROOFS, A LOT OF WATER AND REALLY STRONG WINDS. IT IS DEVASTATING TO SEE HOW A HURRICANE CAN LEAVE MANY PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES AND OTHERS LIKE ME WITHOUT JOBS. DAYS AFTER THE HURRICANE, WE WERE INCOMMUNICATED, WITHOUT A CELL PHONE LINE FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY, WITHOUT POWER TO SEE IN THE NIGHTS AND COOK DURING THE DAYS, WITH MONEY AND WITHOUT IT AT THE SAME TIME BECAUSE THE ATMS COULDN'T WORK. AGOBIATED TO KNOW THE LUCK OF OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. WE RETURNED TO THE PAST, IT WAS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE. IT WAS LIKE TO BECOME PART OF THE NATURE, TO FEEL THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE STARS IN THE NIGHT AGAIN, THE PEOPLE RETURNED TO MEET CERTAIN HOURS IN SOME PLACES WITHOUT A TELEPHONIC CALL TO NOTICE. WE SPEND VERY DIFFICULT DAYS; HOURS STOCKED IN LINES TO GET GASOLINE, OR STOCK ON THE ROADS FULL OF PEOPLE THAT SEEMED TO HAVE NO END, PEOPLE WITHOUT TOLERANCE OR PATIENCE IN WHICH MANY TIMES GENERATED DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT SENSE. I LOVED TO HELP SERVE GASOLINE IN MY CITY AND ESTABLISH AN ORDER AS EVERYONE WAS UNCONTROLLED. I ALSO HAD TO HELP PEOPLE PUT BACK ON THE CEILINGS OF THEIR HOMES. WE WERE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT, SOME AFFECTED MORE THAN OTHERS, BUT ALL AS BROTHERS COLLABORATED WITH EACH OTHER AND THAT WAS NICE. THE NEIGHBORS SHARE FOOD, LIGHT THOSE WHO HAD ELECTRICAL GENERATORS AND WATER THOSE WHO HAD WATER TANKS. WE ACQUIRED A NEW MODE OF LIFE. THE CHILDREN RETURNED OUT TO PLAY THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE THEY USED TO BE BUSY WITH THE CELL PHONES AND PLAYING VIDEO GAMES. MY BROTHERS LEFT FROM PUERTO RICO. THEY HAVE CHILDREN AND LOST THEIR JOBS, AS THE HURRICANE DROWNED THEIR JOB SITES. THEN I HAD TO THE SAME THING BECAUSE I COULDN'T AFFORD GOING TO COLLEGE WITH ALL THOSE EXTERNAL PROBLEMS. THERE IS NO DOUBT, SINCE THE HURRICANE DAY, OUR PUERTO RICO WAS CHANGED. AND STILL RISING WITH HOPE EVERY DAY, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING STILL. WE ARE HUNGRY FOR JUSTICE AND A GOOD LIFE.

IN THE NEXT OCCASION IT IS VITAL TO BE PREPARED. TAKE THE MEASURES NEEDED TO GUARANTEE THE GOOD CONDITION OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTIES. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO EVACUATE HOUSES THAT DON'T BE SAFE FOR ANY REASON, WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS SAFEGUARDING LIVES. DO NOT EXPOSE TO UNNECESSARY RISKS, COOPERATE WITH RELEVANT AUTHORITIES & PRESS ATTENTION TO WEATHER BULLETINS.

