

POST MARIA EXPERIENCE

THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE AND AFTER HURRICANE MARIA, CHANGE MY LIFE IN VERY UNUSUAL WAYS. SINCE MY EXPERIENCES CONCERNING HURRICANES HAVE BEEN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MY PARENTS, I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT SUCH AN EXPERIENCE COULD BE SO STRONG IN MY LIFE. THIS TRANSITION EVENT CHANGES THE DIRECTION THE ISLAND QUICKLY, THIS MADE ME THINK OF THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH I COULD PROTECT MY FAMILY, AND HOW THIS EVENT WOULD BE INEVITABLE TOWARDS THE IMPACT ON THE ISLAND. AFTER PREPARATIONS, THE TRANSITION EXPERIENCE OF THIS EVENT WAS MUCH MORE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I WAS EXPECTING.

FROM THE SAFETY OF MY HOME, I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE EFFECTS THAT THIS HURRICANE COULD AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT. HOWEVER, I KNEW THAT MY ACTIONS COULD BE OF BENEFIT TO THOSE THAT NEEDED HELP PEOPLE AFTER THE STORM PASSED. MY EXPERIENCE THEN BEGINS TO STRENGTHEN THE NEXT DAY WHEN, THAT WITHOUT A DOUBT, I TOOK ACTION. ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT PEOPLE THE WAY I DID CONCERNING MY MILITARY EXPERIENCE, I DECIDED TO WEAR MY MILITARY UNIFORM AND TOOK ACTION TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO NEEDED HELP. FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF, I ENCOURAGED THOSE IN NEED, USING MY MILITARY EXPERIENCE, AND SUPPORTING THE SURROUNDING MILITARY BRANCHES; I WAS ABLE TO HELP MULTIPLE FAMILIES.

MY EXPERIENCE THEN VARIES FROM WALKING WITH MY RUCK-SACK FULL OF SUPPLEMENTS TO INACCESSIBLE PLACES, BRINGING WATER, AND ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS TO REFUGEES, TO RUNNING SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS. THE TRANSPORT, AND SUPPORT OF THOSE AGENCIES THAT HELPED US, SUCH AS FEMA, AND SOME PRIVATE MEDICAL AGENCIES, WERE PART OF MY EXPERIENCE ALSO. AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, I ALSO SUPPORT LOCAL SECURITY FORCES THAT, FOR SOME TIME, DIDN'T PROVIDE FOR THE NEED.

WHILE SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY, THE ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL OPENED ITS DOORS. WHILE THIS HAPPENED, I WAS IN MILITARY ORDERS FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND THEN MANAGED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. AS THE NEED FOR ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER FACTORS INFLUENCED MY LIFE, THE NECESSITY OPENED THE DOOR TO MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE. IN A WAY, IT HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND MY CAREER BETTER. IN THE FUTURE, I PLAN TO KEEP TRAINING MY SELF, WHEN ANOTHER EVENT HAPPENS, I WILL BE READY TO HELP WITH MY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

