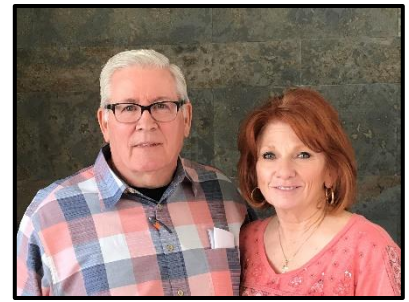




# GATEWAY MISSIONS



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## Connecting People, Nations and Continents for the Great Commission

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...(2 Cor. 10:4)*

### PULLING DOWN THE STRONGHOLD OF COMMUNISM IN CUBA



We've all heard the debate: does communism inhibit church growth? For Cuba—after nearly 60 years under a communist government—the answer is a resounding NO. Believers in Cuba remained resilient through the difficult early years of the Revolution under the atheistic-leaning philosophy of Fidel Castro. Over the last two decades they have enjoyed more religious freedom and church growth has accelerated!

Just 90 miles south of Key West, Florida, Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean. It is part paradise and part prohibiting. The churches of Cuba continue to face some limitations, yet their numbers keep multiplying in house churches and small groups. This growth necessitates biblical training that leads to healthy discipleship. This is the reason why Gateway Missions feels compelled to GO train, encourage and equip the pastors and church leaders who are risking everything for the sake of the Gospel.

*"All of them (Christian churches in Cuba) are growing, not just in the number of members but in their capacity to lead and act in society," quote from Trinity Broadcasting Network*

We need your prayers and missions giving as we lead a Pursue/Gateway Missions team of ten to join Pastor Leo and his Jump Ministry team in Cuba this July. We will be serving pastors and church leaders in and around Havana. This will be the fourth time for Gary to be in Cuba and the first time for the rest of our team. We are now in the process of acquiring our visas. It is a test in patience to say the least! Pray for us as we walk through this process. We also need your financial support. We literally depend upon the generosity of our friends and partners to join us in our vision of Connecting People, Nations and Continents for the Great Commission.

#### *Pastors and Church Leaders Conference*



## CUBA & JAIL MINISTRY MISSION TEAMS IN ACTION

Each year in preparation for our Pursue / Gateway Missions trip we choose a Saturday to volunteer at the Lubbock Dream Center, a campus of Church on the Rock. We use this time to build unity and relationships with our team members. This year we went to Heritage Oaks retirement home where we ministered to the residents and staff. It was a fulfilling time getting to sing traditional hymns, visiting and praying with some of the residents. Their eyes would light up with joy as they sang the old classics that they remembered from their younger years. We all came away from there humbled by the friendliness and welcoming hearts of everyone at Heritage Oaks.



## CHURCH ON THE ROCK MEN'S BREAKFAST



Gary had the privilege of sharing at the men's monthly breakfast. He is passionate about men taking their place in the Kingdom of God. In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 we see that the apostle Paul was dealing with a "thorn" that God allowed him to be given. In that time Paul learned to be **HUMBLE**. God gave him great revelation but would not allow him to share it. Secondly we see that Paul was being very **TRANSPARENT** with the church in Corinth. It is imperative to

our spiritual health to be honest with ourselves, with God and with others. Finally Paul learned to be **DEPENDENT** on the sufficiency of God's grace. We discover greater strength when we allow God to work through our weakness. The true measure of a mature Christian is being **Humble, Transparent and Dependent** on God.

Running the race to win,

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

Thank you for your financial support and consistent prayers. We are grateful for your partnership as we depend God for provision to GO. To be perfectly transparent, Gateway Missions needs more people like you who will connect with our vision to train and equip pastors and church leaders. You make it possible for us to reach the hidden heroes in developing nations. We are humbled and thankful that you stand with us.

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