



# GATEWAY MISSIONS



August 2018

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

### CUBA



#### A NATION IN “TIME WARP” WHERE THE GOSPEL IS BOLDLY PROCLAIMED AND GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

Cuba assaults your senses in every way. Since the late 50’s and early 60’s, the landscape and technology of Cuba have experienced little change. Classic cars are standard taxis and the sound of Latin music can be heard almost everywhere. The food is simple but very tasty. The heat is almost stifling at times. The smells are old and musty. But the sights and sounds are a bounty of intrigue. The people we connected with were warm and welcoming. All of these things makes Cuba one of the most interesting places Jane Ann and I have been!

### OUR HOST

What makes Cuba so magnificent is that the island is experiencing a powerful move of the Holy Spirit. Even the government has seemed to relax its grip on religious activities. Our team of eight arrived late Saturday night to check into our “Air B&B”! Our host was a very gracious and hospitable gentleman who served in the Revolutionary Resistance with Fidel Castro in the 1960’s. Cuba continues to be ruled by the Communist Party. Most of the modern conveniences (e.g. AC) of the Western World have not yet been enjoyed by most of Cuba. Decades of socialism have taken a toll on the economy and citizens of this remarkable Island.



### OUR TEAM



From Left-Right : Royce Riggin, Jennifer Riggin -- Water Hose Ministries; Gary Casey, Jane Ann Casey -- Gateway Missions; Juvanel, (Our Host); La Vila Henry, Paul Henry; Tom Dutton, Janie Gomez and Maria (Pastor Leo’s Mother). Bottom Row: Leo Grisales -- Jump Ministries, Pastors Ricardo and Adrian (Cuba Corban Ministerio Apostolico Internacional)

Not Shown: Bibiana--the BEST translator ever.

THANK YOU TO PURSUE MISSIONS AND LUBBOCK CHURCH ON THE ROCK FOR MAKING THIS INITIAL CUBAN MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE AND FOR PARTNERING WITH THESE FAITHFUL MINISTRIES AND PASTORS WHO HAVE A GREAT IMPACT IN THEIR NATIONS BUILDING GOD’S KINGDOM.

This particular Cuba trip was my fourth, and the first for the rest of the US Team. We enjoyed such a wonderful time of preaching the Word and ministering to hundreds of people who desired prayer and/or a prophetic word in every service. People received physical, spiritual and emotional healings in every meeting! Their hunger for God and desire to be touched by the Holy Spirit was very inspiring to all of us. The richness of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was so sweet and powerful. During the week, our team ministered 27 different times in 10 churches. We spoke in church services, a Pastor's Conference and a Ladies Conference. Thank you for your prayers and support that made this mission possible. We only wish you could sense the results of your prayers (pastors encouraged, people healed and the flames of revival stirred) as we did.

**Pastors Adrian and Yailyn**



**Pastors Ricardo and Tania**

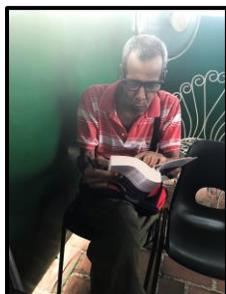
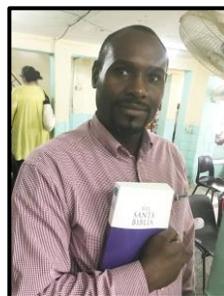


**Pastor Pedro**



The men and women pictured above labored tirelessly to ensure we had a successful time of ministry while we were in Cuba. They did not have much in material things, but what they had they freely shared. Pastor Ricardo's wife, Tania, cooked all but one of our meals! Morning meals were rolls and scrambled eggs. Lunches and dinner meals were chicken or pork, rice and fresh avocados and vegetables for every meal. What we did not realize until the end of our trip, was that the eggs and meat were gathered from all the pastors' food rations and prepared for us. That was a tremendously sacrificial thing for them to do, so that we could eat, and we were extremely humbled by their generosity. In Cuba families are only allotted a certain amount of rations, very little compared to the Western economy. We pray for God to pour out overflowing and abundant provision for them as they lead and care for their congregations.

## **BLESSINGS FOR THE PASTORS**



Praise God our team was able to get Bibles, Books, Reading Glasses and even Underwear through customs without any questions!!! What a blessing it was for the pastors and church leaders to get their hands on bibles and study materials. Special thanks to one of our team members, Tom Dutton, who brought four very nice leather bound study bibles for the main pastors we worked with. On the far left is Pastor Ricardo with his BRAND NEW BICYCLE, given to him by Paul and La Vila Henry and Gateway Missions. Transportation is an essential tool to have an effective ministry in Cuba. The gentleman on the left was given a bible and a pair of reading glasses. He was so excited that he could read his new bible with the new reading glasses. Thank you again for your open-hearted generosity to provide Training, Resources and Encouragement to these courageous pastoral leaders!

## NEW FRIENDS



I have always maintained that **LIFE** is all about **RELATIONSHIPS**. One of the most memorable times of this trip for Jane Ann and me came as our team sat around the front porch and visited with our new friends in Havana. We were amazed as they shared their stories with us, and us with them. It wasn't just about ministry, it was about **CONNECTING** and **RELATING** as brothers and sisters in Christ. One afternoon before evening services, we were able to take Pastors Ricardo and Adrian out to eat at a nice restaurant to enjoy some Cuban Cuisine. Later these

men told our team that we were the only mission team that had ever asked about them personally, about their lives during the Revolution and under communism, their blessings and struggles. Likewise the meal we shared together that afternoon was the first time any team had ever taken them along to eat. That was a real treat and fellowship time as they would never be able to afford such a luxury on their income of \$30 a month.

## PRAYER REVOLUTION

Thursday, July 26 was Revolution Day, the 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Cuban Revolution in which Castro ousted Batista. In the middle of our Pastor's Conference, Pastor Ricardo stopped the meeting and requested prayer for the nations to see the power of God and fire of the Holy Spirit move to bring salvation and freedom!



There is something compelling about preaching the gospel in restricted nations. Cuba, Vietnam, China, Russia, just to name a few, is part of the calling of Gateway Missions. It is knowing we are to go as lights in some of the darkest continents in the world. People are hearing the truth of the Love of God for the first time. For decades people in those nations lived in darkness under the tyranny of Communism and Atheism with no hope. But no longer can the truth be hidden! Now Christ is being revealed and his power is breaking the strongholds off thousands of people. Our team spoke messages on True Identity in Christ, Letting God Stretch You, Leadership in Action, God's Plan, Purpose and Place for You, Entering Into God's Rest, Overcoming Fear, Walking in Your Calling and Receiving the Ruth Anointing (for the ladies).

Only through your prayers and generous support are we able to Train, Equip and Encourage the pastoral leaders who work tirelessly and fearlessly to fulfill the Great Commission. Jane Ann and I are **BOLDLY** asking you to support these deserving leaders as we go to their nations. Thank you and God bless you.

Running the race to win,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary and Jane Ann Casey".

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

**Our aim for Gateway Missions is always to have a high level of impact everywhere we go and to be vessels of honor for Him!**

**Tiraspol TRANSNISTRIA  
September 14-20**

**Pastors Conference/Medellin, COLOMBIA  
November 5-9**

*Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. All funds are used for designated projects and for the total ministry of Gateway Missions.*

P.O. Box 53660 • Lubbock, TX 79453 • 806.928.0986 • [gary@gatewaymissions.org](mailto:gary@gatewaymissions.org) • [jacasey@gatewaymissions.org](mailto:jacasey@gatewaymissions.org) • 806.928.0934