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

*“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you.”* *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

### **Cuba Report Continued...**

#### **NEVER A DULL MOMENT**



There is never a dull moment serving in missions, especially when traveling internationally. I have always said that every mission trip is a petri dish for learning. The photo (left) of Jane Ann is a prime example of the importance to know the laws and customs where you go to minister. While clearing passport control in Havana was a non-event, Cuban Customs proved to be quite a learning experience. Wherever we go we try to take small gifts to bless the pastors. We were aware that we were only allowed to bring in a few bibles in each bag. Still, it never crossed our minds that ball caps would be an issue. Pastor Royce Riggan had 92 baseball caps donated to give out at the Pastors Conference and it seemed to be a good idea at the time. The rest of our team had already cleared customs without incident and exited the airport. However as Jane Ann started to exit customs, she was suddenly pulled aside for inspection and her passport confiscated. It was just a little disconcerting since we don't speak Spanish nor did the custom agents speak English. Jane Ann was a real trooper though. After two hours of going from one station to another, our interpreter, Bibiana, was able to gain access into our area to translate for us. It seems that we are not allowed to bring in large quantities of items even if they are for gifts. The customs agents that had interrogated Jane Ann for three hours finally allowed her to keep 30 caps. The Cuban customs officials were very serious about their job and don't want anyone selling items on the black market in Cuba. The picture shows Jane Ann being photographed with the evidence. (Note the EVIDENCIA sign behind the caps.) Once all the paperwork was completed and Jane Ann had her passport returned, Bibiana informed us that the custom officials wanted to expedite the process since we were “Americans and elderly”. So what was the lesson we learned from this? ANSWER: Listen to the Holy Spirit while preparing for any endeavor. Jane Ann had received a clear word from the Lord to be on guard, let the Holy Spirit speak His words through her AND that I was not to leave the airport without her! Thank you for partnering with us and Gateway Missions. We depend upon your prayers and financial support to train, equip and encourage pastors and church leaders around the world. May the Lord bless you richly for your investment to see the Kingdom of God manifested on earth.

## MIRACLE OF UNITY IN CUBA PASTORS CONFERENCE



This is Pastor Ernesto, his wife Barbara and his daughter Jut. He is pastor of a large Church (250 members) which is very rare in Cuba. Prior to the IMPACTA Pastors Conference he was known as being aloof and uncooperative with other pastors in the region and within his own denomination. However, God did something incredible in his heart during the conference. He volunteered to operate the sound equipment for the conference and that was a big surprise to all the other pastors. When the conference was over God ministered

healing, forgiveness and reconciliation among all the pastors. Pastor Ernesto was weeping as he and the other pastors embraced and recognized their need for one another. While we know that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring UNITY to the church, we believe a couple of the hallmarks of Gateway Missions is to create an atmosphere of **SERVICE** and **UNITY**. Our team members always demonstrate a servant-leader anointing. We ask that you would pray for Pastor Ernesto and the other pastors who are laboring fearlessly to preach the Gospel in demanding circumstances.

*We want to thank Pastor Leo and Silvana for allowing us to minister with them in Central and South America. Pray for them as they expand JUMP Ministries globally.*

## MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA SENIOR PASTORS CONFERENCE



Gateway Missions will return to Colombia in July to teach and train 100 senior pastors. We are having a positive impact on the pastors and church leaders across this nation. An alarming number of pastors who attend are discouraged and feel isolated. Our purpose and mission is to teach the Word of God, encourage the pastors and minister healing for body, soul and spirit. We receive testimonies of those who were ready to quit the ministry; but after attending the conference they are strengthened, refreshed and spiritually renewed and empowered to continue. God is amazing and on the move!!

Run the race,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary and Jane Ann Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

*We believe we are exactly where God wants us to be in order to live out His call. We see the Holy Spirit moving in spectacular ways. Lives are being changed and people are being saved for eternity. Jane Ann and I are extremely grateful for your prayers and financial support. Gateway Missions is good soil for your seed. The challenge of getting to these pastors is daunting at times, so your partnership is valuable and much appreciated.*

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