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

*"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;" 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 ESV*

### Cuba is on Fire



The Holy Spirit has been moving mightily in Cuba over the past twenty years. Churches are experiencing tremendous growth, miracles, and multitudes of salvations in the midst of persecution and harassment by the Communist Regime that has been in power since 1959. The church in Cuba has

flourished under tremendously difficult oppression. In spite of extreme poverty, hunger and threats of prison the Cuban church has seen continued revival! God continues to give His people in Cuba faith and resilience to persevere.

Cuba is a place caught in the past. There has been no real economic growth or new development of housing. Old buildings, old streets and old cars are evidence of a society without hope. The people are friendly enough, but lack opportunity and desire to change. Communication has improved some with the arrival of modern technology. The digital age is creeping in with a profound presence. Many people, especially the young, now have cell phones and are able to connect with friends and family beyond their cities and villages. There are few modern conveniences, such as air-conditioning and necessities like toilet paper and tooth paste can sometimes be very difficult to find. Our Cuban friends told us, "If you are lucky enough to find needed items and blessed enough to afford them, you should get them immediately, for they will not be available the next day."

The church is a place of connection and community where people thrive and find purpose in worshipping God. Christ is their anchor in the midst of their storms. For Cubans, comfort is not a prerequisite for a healthy Christian life. The reality of the presence of God is their strength and sustenance.

### Pastor Michael Martinez



Pastor Michael and his family live in Sanguily, one of the poorest villages in the district. They are home church pastors, peanut farmers and oversee two missions which are 7.5 miles away. Their mode of transportation is to walk or go by bicycle. They have passion and drive to see God transform their region. The three year drought in Cuba decimated much of their crop. Their church needed a new roof, so Joshua Nations and Gateway Missions (thanks to your support) provided funds to replace the six foot roof.

## Pastors Conference in Ciego de Avila



150 Pastors and Church Leaders gathered in Ciego de Avila at the Iglesias Evangelistic Church for three days of training, refreshing and empowering of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Alfredo, the district superintendent, said it was the most powerful presence of the Holy Spirit that he had ever experienced. Your partnership with Gateway Missions makes it possible for these courageous men and women of Cuba to be renewed in the midst of very trying conditions. Thank you!

## The Hope of the Church in Cuba



I was so captivated with the young people's faith and commitment. Almost every time we had a service, the young people of the church stayed until very late into the evening. Most of the time it was 11:00 pm or after before they would leave for their homes. They loved being involved with the worship services and would linger visiting with friends and enjoying the presence of the Lord.

## The Power of God



Running the race to win,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary and Jane Ann Casey".

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

The young lady pictured here is pregnant with her second child. When she was three months old she was pronounced dead. Her mother and father began immediately to pray for life to return to her body. While the doctor was filling out her death certificate, she sat up suddenly and screamed. The doctor was shocked, amazed and said, "This is impossible!" But as you can see, she is well and praising God today. Our God is truly the God of the impossible!

On October 13, I leave for Palmira, Colombia where Pastor Royce Riggan and I will speak in a Youth Camp for young adults with Pastor Leo Grisales. This is a Holy Spirit, power-packed three days of preaching, ministering and imparting to the young leaders of the church in Colombia!

**Jane Ann and I thank you for your continued support of Gateway Missions. Your prayers and gifts enable us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in difficult and demanding areas around the world. As we partner with you, we are fulfilling the Great Commission together!**

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