



The 2024 CGC Work & Witness Trip to Cuba is history but the joy and blessings the team received will be forever remembered in our hearts. It is evident the Church is alive and vibrant in Cuba. Under oppression, YES, but alive and working. Many thanks to all who prayed for us during the trip. God answered our prayers; it was amazing with no hiccups.

The work portion of our trip was prepping and painting several rooms and windows at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Havana, light plumbing, and heavy concrete work for some of our guys! The building we worked on will hopefully house future Work & Witness teams when it is completed. We also completed a painting job and worked on the roof at the Juanelo parsonage. This was a great team that was willing to do whatever needed to be done since the permit for the original project did not come through in time. Thank you all for your great team spirit. Many thanks for the leadership of Rev. Freddy Williams and Rev. Bob Prescott for making this a memorable ministry trip.

Team members included: Rev. Freddy Williams, Rev. Robert (Bob) Prescott, Mrs. June Jarrell, Ronnie Jarrell, Brooke Bayne, Vanessa Barnett, Dan & Sonja Coleman, Rev. Bill Holley, Lou Woolbright, Stacy Sivley, Derek Cyrus, and Diane Thompson.



The building where the work was done. The team sanded and painted windows and put a primer coat on the inside walls.

They also poured concrete on some of the floors.



The highlight of the trip was visiting 13 churches and pastors on the West District and listening to Bro. Bob's history lessons as we travelled the *not-so-well-kept* roads. Bro. Freddy Williams and Bro. Bill Holley preached at two of the churches which we visited. These were both enjoyable experiences as we worshipped with our Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ. Two of the churches prepared a feast for us. One of those included fish, lobster, chicken, sweet potato chips, salad, rice and beans. As we visited, pastors shared their ministry and their vision. We were excited to learn from the pastor at Alquizar that beginning March 1, the government will allow their church to visit the orphanage every week. Also, they will be allowed to visit the hospitals for the elderly and take food. This same church is ministering to a large group of people who have just moved into the area who are living in cardboard boxes.



(Above) Bro. Freddy Williams preaches during the Wednesday evening service.

(Left) The team enjoys a beautifully prepared meal.



Bro. Freddy asked the team to bring medical supplies, candy, and other items which were bagged to give away as we visited the churches. He also asked team members to bring extra cash which we pooled into a fund of \$1,170 to bless the pastors at the churches we visited. Of this, we gave \$870 to pastors, and \$300 to the district to replace a rusty roof on a small church. As we gave envelopes of money to the pastors, many of the team members gave *again* from their pockets as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. It is unknown how much was really given to these deserving and humble pastors. Imagine the joy of the pastors, who only receive from \$2 to \$23 a month, to have an envelope of money handed to you from the people of God!



(Above) Bro. Bob Prescott talks with the pastor and wife inside one of the smaller country churches.



(Right) Bro. Bill Holley leads in prayer for this precious couple.



We had given more project money than was needed so the D.S. asked if we could use the extra \$1,100 and match it with \$1,100 from Holten Heights Church to purchase a motorcycle for pastoral use at the Santa Catalina Church. Glory to God!

Several of the churches represented on this team were also a part of working with D.S. Lionel to construct a Pastor's Salary Incentive to help fill possible upcoming vacant pastoral positions.



(Above) Concrete work at the seminary.



(Left) Tedious work on these windows.



(Above) Work on the roof of the Juanelo church parsonage.



Our trip was blessed, and the Cuban pastors were blessed beyond measure. Can you imagine getting several months salary handed to you? Through the generosity of this WW team, that is what we were able to do. We may never know what prayers were answered through our presence, gifts, and prayers for Cuba. Please keep praying for Cuba.



(Left) The team pictured here with a pastor and husband who were thrilled to receive our gifts. She had prayed for coffee! God answered her prayer; we took coffee to her!



(Above) The team enjoyed Mrs. June Jarrell and part of her family being on the trip.



(Above) A young man now attending the Regla Church, shared his testimony of how God pulled him out of Santeria and devil worship. He is now studying for the ministry. Glory to God!



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Memorable sights:

The Havana
Cathedral



One of many antique cars.