

THE CUBAN CONNECTION

April, May, June 2024

In April we celebrated 10 years of partnership with River of God in Santiago. Pastor Alexander and his wife Selene have faithfully led the church from 40 people to 400+. During that time, Freedom Baptist Church in Campbellsville helped move them from a tabernacle (picnic shelter) to a church building. The building is on the same site and functions as the Pastor's house. They have also established one mission in the area.

In June they baptized 30 people. To be eligible for baptism a person must complete 12 discipleship classes. Helping to teach these classes is planned for future trips. God is working in miraculous ways; it is hard for pastors and church leaders to keep up!

A team of 4 hosted a Thank You Day for church leadership. It was a relaxing day on the water with a nice meal. As you know, many people are leaving Cuba. These leaves avoid in the leadership. Some people are doing 2 or 3 jobs, so we wanted to encourage them and let them know that their work is appreciated. A Men's Event also took place. This was an outreach for the men in the church to invite friends. They had 60 in attendance with 20 coming forward at the invitation.

This trip had a total of 14 Friend Days with 141 professions of faith.



The June team is currently in Cuba, June 9-20. They are traveling to Maisi and Guantanamo. Our great niece attends Clinch River Baptist Church in Rocky Top Tennessee. She is teaching a high school girls' group that is called Rooted in Christ. They are supporting 2 pastors and will meet them on this trip. She is also delivering speakers for the church's sound system. Since electricity is unreliable the speakers have a rechargeable battery. Churches continue to have services even during blackouts. A new addition to this trip is feeding school-aged children. School is in session. The children were getting free lunches, but now they are sent home to eat because of the food shortages. Unfortunately, there is no food at home either. The churches that host Friend Days will provide a lunch to children. A brief Bible lesson is taught, and they are encouraged to bring their parents to the evening serve. This has been well received so far.

This quarter the fee for our website came due. It was decided that it was not good stewardship to pay \$500+ when most of our contacts are more personal. Freedom Baptist will have a link for our ministry on their site.

Upcoming trips-September and November.

If interested in going, contact us soon. It takes about 3 months for visa applications to be processed.

Pray for:

The political situation between our countries.

Wisdom and Finances to continue to minister.

The people of Cuba and the churches as they struggle to meet physical and spiritual needs.

Pray for new partners in this ministry.

Please contact us if you wish to go on a mission trip or if you need a mission speaker at your church.

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