

Bienvenido! (Names of people and places used in this newsletter are aliases)

Welcome to the Cuba para Cristo December newsletter. 2007 has been a busy and exciting year for CpC with the Moore course helping to train well over 200 people whilst almost 50 missionaries supported by CpC are continuing to faithfully share the gospel on a daily basis. That the Church is growing in Cuba in the face of many difficulties reminds us that 'nothing is impossible with God'. We pray that God would continue to guide CpC by His Holy Spirit in 2008. For any feedback on the newsletter or articles that you would like included next month please contact the CpC exec at cubaparacristo@gmail.com

Moore Mission Impossible, Possible!

Following the very disappointing refusal of Rodrigo's visa to Cuba he was unable to travel to give the "Old Testament 1" module. However a remarkable feat of God bringing good out of difficulty, answered prayer and hard work, meant that the conference went ahead in Toledo and the following week in Zaragosa as a result of the following taking place:

- Rodrigo recorded the audio of all his talks onto his laptop and two people from his church helped him put them into appropriate file types.
- A friend in London advised on how to compress the 6GB into files which would take less time to upload (the estimate was >24 hours otherwise).
- The son of a Cuban pastor in Miami was able to help by downloading the talks there.
- A nun returning to Cuba from Miami on the Monday acted as a courier.

The CDs were collected one hour before classes began! Rodrigo was able to then contribute to the sessions live through internet 'chat' Q&A sessions and a regularly updated 'Blog' – a webpage that the conference could refer to with information on the module whilst not having to remain permanently connected to the internet. Whilst clearly not ideal the conferences ran well and were enthusiastically received with 13 attending in Toledo and 7 in Zaragosa. These numbers were slightly down on the previous course owing in part to the busyness of the Christmas build up in the respective churches.

Unfortunately the conference in Ayacucho had to be cancelled along with Rodrigo's scheduled meeting in Tulum - so please pray that the initiative would not be lost in these places and the courses would be rescheduled successfully. Tutors are really keen for more courses during the year- there are 4 scheduled for 2008 but an additional 2 are being considered to run in the format of printed materials and CDs as this has been shown to work successfully on this occasion. We pray that the door will open again for Rodrigo to go to Cuba in March to deliver the next module in person.

2008 CpC Opportunities

For those of you who have enjoyed receiving this newsletter and would like to get more involved in CpC there are a few opportunities coming up in 2008 that we would love your help with:

- Support the CpC prayer day on 1st March by coming along (location TBC, watch this space, most likely to be London).
- We need someone to help co-ordinate prayer needs with people in Cuba (needs 1-2 hours / month, by email, some Spanish helpful)
- We would love someone to assist in producing this monthly newsletter.
- If you know anyone travelling to Cuba who might be able to take some well needed materials out with them please contact val.chambers@googlemail.com. Please use the exec email above for all other issues.

Misionero Watch- La Playa

Continuing our series of letters from missionaries from the town of La Playa (central Cuba) **Ana Fernandes** writes to us:

'My missionary work is in the town of La Playa. In the last few months I have been quite unwell but the Lord has raised me from my sickness and Pastor Miguel can testify to the fact that He has been a great help in my life. I work with new as well as established members of the church, mainly in the centre of town. I have around 50 people who I take care of although they do not all attend the church regularly. I'm 35 and I'm married with one son.'



Ana with her husband



Ana with her son