

Bienvenido!

Welcome to the March newsletter for Cuba para Cristo. This newsletter hopes to keep our supporters in touch with the work of CpC. For any feedback on the newsletter or articles that you would like included next month please contact the CpC exec at cubaparacristo@gmail.com

Pastor Watch: Pedro Sanchez

Pedro is the Pastor of La Iglesia Bautista Si3n which has a total congregation of 64 and is located in Zaragoza, a town of 1300 inhabitants found 80km outside Havana. Pedro studied theology at the Baptist seminary in Havana before moving with his wife to Zaragoza 2 years ago to be the Pastor at the church which until then had had no formal leadership for 15 years. The move involved leaving behind many of the comforts of the capital for an area with a low level of social and economic development. Although this has posed many challenges Pedro chooses to focus on the positives as he writes, 'it has been an insurmountable experience of faith' and continues, ' Many are the problems that we are facing but we believe much greater are the blessings that we're anticipating in this place.' He also writes, 'We have many ideas but we need resources that we don't have at this time, if you know of some ministry or church that has the desire to help small churches in Cuba, please get in touch'. Indeed just before this newsletter went to print Pedro wrote with the following appeal:

'We are in a very bad economic situation. A ministry in Spain that took charge of sending us 30 Euros a month has had to stop their giving as of last month due to problems in its leadership. We have not been able to find anyone able to assume this responsibility. For the time being we are living for the mercy of God with \$12 a month (this will have to cover Pedro's salary as well as the other needs of the church)'. If you know anyone able to help with Pedro's ministry in Cuba please contact us urgently on the email address above.



La Iglesia Bautista Si3n: Pedro and his wife are in the front row with the dark shirt and red dress

Moore Course continues

In light of the difficulties obtaining VISA's to and from Cuba faced recently we gave thanks at the beginning of the month when Rodrigo was granted his VISA (in fact 2 of them!) to return to Cuba to teach 3 more modules of the Moore course. Rodrigo flew out on 23rd March and has been enjoying his time so far back in Cuba. Please pray for all aspects of this trip as Rodrigo teaches the course material to equip Church leaders in a number of different churches and locations before returning on 10th April. Please also pray for Rodrigo's wife back in Brighton who is separated by a large distance from her husband.

Prayer/Praise Points

- Lino Miguel was recently denied his VISA to travel to Israel for a conference. This comes at a time of increased visa rejections for pastors traveling to and from the country. Lino writes, 'It was sad to not receive the VISA to Israel but God is in control and we are always serving the Lord with joy'. Please pray for Lino and others who have suffered similar disappointments.
- The Cuba prayer day went really well in Reading on March 1st - many thanks to all those who made the event a success.
- Helen Groat and Phil Guthrie were able to deliver 20kg of books to churches in Havana when they went on holiday to Cuba at the beginning of March. The churches in Havana were very grateful for the books, as indeed they are for the many much needed resources that travellers from the UK have been able to take out to Cuba in recent years. Give thanks that God is working through all of these actions. During Helen and Phil's stay in Cuba Pastor Juan Miguel badly injured his foot- please remember him in your prayers.
- If you know anyone travelling to Cuba who might be able to take some materials out with them please contact travel@cubaparacristo.com