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LAS BUENAS NUEVAS

THE GOOD NEWS



BIENVENIDO! Welcome to the December newsletter from Cuba Para Cristo. From everyone in CpC we wish you a very blessed Christmas and happy New Year! In this edition we hear from Pastor Martiz about his recent visit to London; an article which not only reminds us of the blessing of relationships but the enormity of what our Lord can do in just ten days! For any feedback on the newsletter or articles that you would like included next month please contact the CpC exec at cubaparacristo@gmail.com

MISIONERO WATCH: Pastor Martiz on his visit to London last month

To visit London is a great privilege for a Cuban, but to be able to do so four times in three years is simply a gift from God. Moreover, to be met by a 'Cuban' in Gatwick airport and then to share time with a Cuban couple (Alexis and Lourdes) currently living in London is just phenomenal. My ten days included two stages of almost 11 hours travelling by various modes of transport and so the time could easily have passed by so quickly; but when it is our God who has planned and guided everything, ten days can be unforgettable in a person's life. And this has been my experience, while knowing once more the love and care of Christians here in the UK for God's work in Cuba and for the difficulties that our people face. By showing photos and a video I was able to show people how important their financial support is and at times how crucial it is in order to meet urgent needs. I watched as ideas and plans developed for continuing to support us in Cuba in even greater ways...and during my short trip this impacted me the most.

I was able to spend time with Alexis and Lourdes, visit both Oakhill and Cornhill seminaries, meet an Anglican bishop and witness his sincerity as he shared within a service, visit our brothers and sisters in the church of Christ in Brighton and see both their faithfulness and continued enthusiasm. I also visited the LatinLink office and was touched by how the staff welcomed me, listened and attended me in such a sincere and spontaneous way. I returned to Cuba with the love of our sisters from Brighton, bringing with me all kinds of toys which will more than delight the children of our church in Santiago de Las Vegas, during these Christmas holidays. Throughout all my travels, whether by train, bus or tube, I always felt safe and cared for by God! Before returning home I shared a meal with brothers and sisters who are dear friends and mean a lot to me personally. I arrived back in Brighton around midnight and only then began to pack! Needless to say there was no time to sleep with an early start of 4.50am! But God was SO good to me when it came to the queues in the airport, I didn't have to wait and had no problems with my luggage; everything flowed seamlessly...praise God!!! An anecdote to finish: I called Keith and left a message in my English asking him for "cream for diaper rasch", when he collected me we realised he had thought I had said rice(!) and so my hand luggage was full of rice upon my return and now everyone is so happy having the chance to try rice from ASDA!!

PRAISE/ PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that this Christmas time people will enjoy and rest secured in the promise and realisation of God's provision.
- Continue to pray for Lino Miguel, Guillermo and others as they pray through how to help and support those areas still left devastated from the hurricanes.
- Praise God for Pastor Martiz's trip to London; for His constant presence, provision and blessing.
- Pray that our brothers and sisters in Cuba will know the fulfilment of the following verses: Jer31:25, Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 12:2-3, 46:13 and Isaiah 9:1-7.

"And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."