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2 CORINTHIANS 4:8

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

December 2020 Trip To



Cuba

A small team traveled to Cuba in late December. All three were tested for Covid at the Havana Airport. Six suitcases full of supplies safely made their way through Customs with no issues. The suitcases contained Bibles, medical supplies, school and office supplies and clothes. It seemed that they were so overwhelmed with the Covid situation that they were not concerned with the materials in our bags. The team was then quarantined at the guesthouse for six days. Our contacts came to the guesthouse and we could talk to them from a distance. We could give them supplies by handing them to them. As always, the Cuban people are very grateful for the help. The people who managed the house would lock us in at night. They warmed up to us after we gave them supplies for themselves and their son.

After six days we were released to go to see our contacts. The first day we spent several hours getting caught up on what is happening in Cuba. Their monthly rations are increasing from

\$3.50 to \$25.00 per month.

There is no soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, toothpaste or toilet paper. One contact's mother had to wait in line for 4 days to buy some meat.

We visited a pastor's church in San Jose. This is a house that VBB purchased for him several years ago and they have converted the front part into the sanctuary. They have been working to clear the land and the church is growing. They have a concrete pad where they are currently meeting. They have a room made of cinder block that needs to be finished. We were able to give them \$800 to put in windows and put sheet metal on the roof. The family will move into this room temporarily until the roof on the existing house can be fixed. The pastors' two teenage daughters are very humble, sweet and use their musical gifts to worship the Lord.

The current roof is leaking and the pastor and his wife and their daughters have plastic over their heads to keep the rain off them at night. We hope to raise funds to fix the roof. Taren said she will try to raise some funds for this project. She hopes to bring the funds on her next trip.

Our friends were given a hair clipper to cut the hair of their three boys. Their 14-year-old son learned through the internet how to cut hair. He cut my hair while I was there, and he has been cutting his friend's hair as well and making a small amount of money.

While we were in Cuba we saw a farm that a pastor is able to use. It is 160 acres, and is about 30 miles from Havana. It was a dairy farm with 200 cows but has not been used for several years. They are cutting down scrub trees and plowing up the land. They have started planting fruit trees and vegetables. They have some pigs, rabbits, baby chicks, ducks and a turkey. They hope to bring youth from various churches to the farm to help work on it and help share the harvest.

Fruit Tree = \$2
 Baby Chick or Duckling = \$2
 Baby Pig = \$40
 Cow = \$200



We are seeing that if given the chance the people will work and so we are looking at ways to help the people become self-sufficient and not dependent upon the government. We are working to find ways to help people set up small businesses to support their families.

We have all heard the saying: If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a meal. If you teach him how to fish, you feed him for a lifetime. VBB is actively working to find ways to help churches and Christians around the world to stand on their own feet and trust God to provide for them.

*Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.
 God Bless You! Patrick Klein*



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