

World Team Cuba

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“ World Team exists to glorify God by working together to establish reproducing churches focusing on the unreached peoples of the World. ”

FIELD DIRECTOR

GARY CLOW



Cuba is an enigmatic destination nestled in the Caribbean Sea just 150 kilometres south of Key West, Florida. The largest island in the Caribbean, Cuba spans 1200 kilometres in length. It is a communist nation, but the

government allows a great deal of religious freedom. Christians can preach the Bible, evangelize and disciple. The Cuban church is doing such a fantastic job that a church multiplication movement has sprung up as people come to Christ and churches are planted.

The World Team related denomination in Cuba is La Convención Evangélica de Cuba, "Los Pinos Nuevos" or LPN (the Evangelical Convention of Cuba, "The New Pines,"). There are hundreds of LPN churches and house churches, a Bible school and seminary teaching up to a masters degree level and six satellite seminary centers offering extension education. The seminary and associated centers are training pastors and church planters in several different education tracks. All is led by Cubans. What we see today in Cuba is a story of God's goodness and grace.



WORLD TEAM CUBA PROJECTS

We have two principle focusses in Cuba:

- We assist in leadership training either at the Bible School level or in seminars and retreats. We provide outside input to supplement what is taught by Cuban teachers. Teaching is done in church settings, Bible Schools or weekend retreats.
- The second focus is financial help to the Los Pinos Nuevos denomination to help pay the expenses of operating the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary, printing books and curriculum materials, and occasionally with relief when natural disasters strike. The structure of the economy in communist Cuba makes it impossible for the denomination to support large ministries by themselves.

ABOUT CUBA

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| Population | 11.5 million |
| Main Language | Spanish |
| Largest religion | Roman Catholicism |
| Evangelicals | 11 % |

MEET THE TEAM



Richard - Part-time worker / Mobilizer
Paul - Church planter



Doug - Church Planter
Gary - Field Director

Paul, Doug, Richard and Gary are the principal World Team missionaries serving in Cuba. Each make trips into Cuba on a regular basis to work with Los Pinos Nuevos in leadership development, Bible School teaching or other projects. Since the team is never all together in one place, a team picture is hard to take.

MOBILISATION OPPORTUNITIES

Bible School / Seminary Professors

Our Cuban churches don't need any full time missionaries but they do need qualified Bible School and Seminary professors who can give an intensive course in two to three weeks. Individuals will teach students who will become pastors and church planters.

Leadership Development

Experienced leaders are needed to provide seminars which help pastors grow and learn as they minister. Iron sharpens iron, a seasoned leader can teach others from the things they have learned in ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the key leaders of Los Pinos Nuevos. Norberto, president of the denomination; Hector, vice president; Alfredo, seminary rector; Manuel, seminary academic dean
- Pray for the World Team missionaries who serve in Cuba ministry: Paul, Doug, Richard and Gary. Pray for the issuance of visas for Gary's April trip to Cuba.
- Pray for Los Pinos Nuevos as they seek to take the Gospel to every spot in the country. Ask the Lord to raise up passionate pastors and church planters to see this vision completed.
- Pray for the donation of funds to enable the continued operation of the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary and other leadership training initiatives.