# Fic ory Christian Ministries

# February - March 2009

### The Cuba Mission Trip Dec. 28 - Jan 11th



Victor with Raúl Suarez

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Raúl Castro

Once we arrived in Puerto Esperanza we had the opportunity to meet Raúl Suarez, who is part of the Cuban Congress and a member o f t h e International Department of Relations. He also is the founder and director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center Havana. In this meeting he shared his heart with us: what a humble man of God and it was a real honor to have spent time with him.

He talked with us about the three hurricanes that tore through the island of Cuba within a 20-day period; bringing much devastation but only seven people lost their lives. He mentioned how society is recovering quickly, little by little. (We were able to see some of the damage done to the landscape and homes that were being repaired in the area where we stayed.)

Suarez shared his optimism about the vision of Cuba. It was two years ago that Fidel stepped down from all his responsibilities. He wanted us to understand that the people chose Raúl, and that Fidel did not appoint him. He also stated that the current government was chose by the people as well.

The international public opinion established by the press about Raúl Castro was initially very negative, a bit cruel. They said that he had a strong hand. Within a short period of time the image has changed. Now he is portrayed to be more open, father good and grandfather, that he is a jolly man and has a good sense of humor.

One of the first things he did while in office was to establish open communication with the public. He has proposed to bring change, and restrictions are lifting.

They are hopeful for improved relations with the new president and administration of the US and Cuba, he asked us to pray for Cuba.

He also expressed how grateful they are for Victor

and for him continuing to come to their country.

We ended our meeting with a time of prayer.

Over the next two weeks we were able to minister the word of God at several church services conduct a two-day seminar on "Overcoming the Flesh Through the Spirit." We baptized 14 people in the river behind the La Sierra church. We were also blessed to baptize a man and his wife in their home. as he was bedridden. We believe that God brought healing to him that day and await the testimony of the healing power of our God.

There were 16 people who were filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues in a combination of church services, the seminar, and home visitations.

We believe that we will hear of another powerful testimony from one lady who joined us after the seminar on the first day. She came to get out of the rain. We were able to pray for her that the Lord would restore her mental faculties, as she told us that she had lost her mind after giving birth to her second child many years before. God really touched her that day and we know that it was a divine appointment for her. God cares about all His creation and always make a way of escape for us.

We even had the opportunity to share and pray for some people who were not church attendees. planting new seed.

We arrived home on Monday morning January 12<sup>th</sup>. The trip was blessed as always.

baptized.



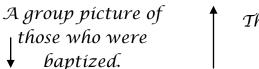
Victor is interpreting for Hal as he shares the message using a bicycle as his prop.



Victor interpreting for Tish who is sharing a message on "The Work of the Holy Spirit in our Lives"

Seven people were filled with the HS that night Praise the Lord!







The Church at La Sierra



Pastor Armando sharing before the baptisms



Hal & Victor Baptizing the couple in their home. We believe that this man will rise from his bed!



This lady joined us after the seminar to get out of the rain.

We prayed for the healing of her mind.



Singing while we were waiting for the rain to stop after the seminar

Below we broke up into groups and worked on answering questions about the Holy Spirit.



Below we are praying for these to receive the baptism of the HS.

They did receive!!!!







A scene from the Nativity program



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Pastor Jack Bernard

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At Boys & Gilrs Club

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