



District Global Partners Report

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Short-Term Missions to Cuba

We serve a great and mighty God who is interested in all people. Our God wants to use the Church to reach more people for Him.

More than likely, you are not a full-time missionary, but I want to challenge you to begin to think like a missionary wherever you find yourself. One way that you can do this is get to know the people around you. Getting to know people involves caring about them and listening to them. Try to build relationships with people near you by focusing on your listening skills. Improving your listening and conversation skills is a practical way to help you share the good news of Jesus Christ with people you meet.

Another way you can challenge yourself to begin to think more like a missionary is by joining the Florida District of the Wesleyan Church on a short-term mission trip to Cuba. Last quarter we highlighted that Pastor Joe Jackson was going to be going to Cuba for a short-term mission trip. Pastor Joe has a heart for the people of Cuba and shared with me that going on this mission trip has changed him and the way he sees people and makes choices in his life. The thing that had the biggest impact on me was that his young son, Josiah, has developed a heart for Cuba as well and often asks if they can pray for

Cuba. What a beautiful example of how our faith impacts those around us.

If you are interested in going on a short-term trip to Cuba, a small group of 5-8 people will have the opportunity to serve God and the people of Cuba on a mission trip on May 23-30, 2017. This trip will be led by Pastor Rick West and Pastor Ryan Hansard. The people who go on this trip will see firsthand how God is at work in Cuba. We will visit many of the Wesleyan churches in Cuba and share meals with pastors and other brothers and sisters in Christ. There will also be ministry opportunities such as helping with construction, teaching, ministry with children and sharing the gospel.

Here are some of the details. We will leave Ft. Lauderdale on Tuesday, May 23rd and return on Tuesday, May 30th. The trip will cost around \$800 and the breakdown of the expenses will be: \$125 for religious visa, \$30 for required travel insurance, about \$150 for airline tickets, \$400 for in country expenses (transportation, lodging, food) and \$125 for ministry related supplies and materials. If you are interested in going on this trip, it is important that you email Pastor Ryan Hansard (pastorryan@bwcflorida.com) as soon as possible because spots will fill up fast. We need to have the religious visa

application and \$125 application fee ready to go by February 13, 2017.

I hope and pray that you will be used by God to minister to the people of Cuba, and I also pray that you would be different as a result of going and develop a heart for cross cultural missions that impacts your family and the people you meet.

God bless you,
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