A PARTNERSHIP OF LOVE

Cuba has been enduring a difficult economic crisis that has been aggravated by COVID-19. Inflation has caused the prices of products, services, and utilities to rise. Families have struggled to afford daily necessities. Food and medicine shortages have made their situation worse.

CAMA Services partnered with other organizations to send relief. When the Western Cuba Baptist Convention learned of this crisis, it mobilized to provide aid to Cuba in the second half of 2021. With permits from the Cuban government to enter the country and bring supplies, they collected funds to send food, medicine, and personal hygiene items. The project aimed to send Cubans three and a half tons of aid in a shipping container.

Thanks to the generosity of Alliance people, CAMA was able to provide $4,000 toward the project’s logistics and transportation. Many other organizations, churches, and individuals joined the relief effort, including Logos Mission, Envision Miami, the Florida Baptist Convention, Cape Cod Alliance Bible Church, The Alliance Southeast, and Christ Community Church of Omaha. An additional 10 churches and individual donors within the U.S. Alliance family also donated funds to the cause.

This outpouring of support enabled the project to surpass its original goals. Two containers were sent to Cuba filled with over five tons of food, medicine, toiletries, shoes, and more. The Cuban Alliance helped organize and distribute the donations on the island. The Cuba support team of the mission coordinated logistics with The Alliance, rented a truck, and organized the distribution of donations throughout the country. The supplies were distributed to the families of pastors, church planters, Alliance leaders, and volunteers. An Alliance seminary and a home for the elderly also received assistance because of the distribution.

One of the project organizers says, “It’s the first time in 26 years that the Cuban Alliance has received aid in a container of such volume. Many families have [seen] the donation as an answer from God to their prayers for provision. For many, the most impactful thing was the quantity and variety of items where they could see the love and care of the [U.S.] churches for the Cuban Church.”

Praise God for His compassion demonstrated through the U.S. Alliance family and others who gave to this effort. Continue to keep Cuba in your prayers.

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40 PEOPLE BAPTIZED IN WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY

Last month we received word from our partner, Gabriel, who serves with the College of Prayer, that several local pastors got together and baptized 40 new believers. Forty-nine were signed up, but nine couldn’t get there and will be baptized later. Most of these believers came from two villages that practice the country’s majority religion and where there was no previous witness. Another village had some nominal Catholics but no evangelical believers.

One of those being baptized shared that she had been paralyzed and bedridden. She also had a swollen stomach and couldn’t eat. The woman had heard of a pastor visiting from another village where volunteers from a third-culture school had helped build a church (our kids were part of that outreach). She asked the pastor to come and pray for her. He agreed. After spending time praying for her, he shared the gospel, and the woman prayed to receive Christ. When she did, she began to vomit repeatedly. The pastor led her through deliverance; as a result, she has been completely healed of the paralysis and her stomach issues!

Continue to pray for our local partners with the College of Prayer around the world. God is working, as we have now expanded to 145 countries.

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Each of these families is seeking the Lord’s direction for their future. Some are considering reentering their countries of service when it becomes safe and possible. Others hope to move to a neighboring region to be near enough to help those who are displaced and in need at this time. A few will transition to new ministries in the United States. While this season of withdrawal has been difficult, each worker attests to God’s faithfulness and goodness. As one IW family wrote recently, “He is sovereign over world events and their impact on each of His people, and we trust Him.”

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