

January 30, 2017

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Cuba! We are about a third of the way through our trip here! We have very limited internet access and very limited time, so we have not been able to send any updates before now.

We arrived in Miami on January 12th and met up with Frank and Jeanette Meitz who lead the trip and partner with us in ministry here in Cuba! Together we flew into Cienfuegos and began final preparations with the leadership here. After arriving in came our dear friends and trainers from many of the different provinces, the cooks and maintenance staff, the musicians from Bayamo, Granma Province...And the conferences began!

Both of the Discipler Training conferences were incredible! The first week we taught pastors and leaders from the province of Cienfuegos and the second week we taught pastors and leaders from Villa Clara Province. We had 208 attendees in the two conferences!

Our trainers have grown so much over the last year. They have begun taking on a greater part of the conference. They led meetings, they taught break-out sessions and each had an assistant that they were training alongside them to be a facilitator for the next conference. They did dramas to illustrate the concepts of "spiritual parenting", "the character of God" and "what individual discipleship looks like". It has been amazing to watch them grow in leadership and in their knowledge of the DTI material and the skill with which they teach and facilitate.



The next four weeks Pablo and I will be traveling and teaching a two-day seminar on marriage counseling. The first part of the seminar we will teach pastors and leaders how to do Pre-Marital Counseling with individual couples using a curriculum that we have used with numerous couples since 1998. (Before coming to Cuba this year we updated and revised the book and we are super excited to teach the concepts that will help couples prepare for marriage with tools and biblical principles to guide them).

The second part of the seminar we will teach them how to facilitate a small group for marriages in trouble, using the video, video-segments and curriculum from the movie "Fireproof". The majority of the month we will be traveling. In between travels, we will be meeting with 4 couples whom we will be taking through a shortened version of the pre-marital counseling curriculum touching on areas such as acceptance, expectations, communication, conflict resolution...

The following is our travel agenda. Thank you so much for your prayers!

January 31	First meeting with 4 couples
January 31 – Feb 2	Seminar in Palmira, Cienfuegos Province at Pastor Luis' church
February 3 – 4	Seminar in Camarones, Cienfuegos Province at Pastor Ramon's church
February 5	Martha to preach at church in Camarones a.m. Second meeting with 4 couples p.m.
February 6	Travel to Santa Clara, Villa Clara Province
February 7-8	Seminar in Santa Clara, Villa Clara Province at Pastor Joel's church
February 9	Rest – Palmira, Cienfuegos Third meeting with 4 couples
February 10	Travel to Havana
February 11-12	Seminar in Havana at Ramon Mungi's church Pablo to preach in a.m. on 12th
February 14-15	Seminar in Jamaica City (45 minutes outside of Havana) at Pastor Eliezer's church
February 16-17	Seminar in Havana at Pastor Julio's church
February 18	Pablo preaching at special celebration – Havana at Ramon Mungi's church
February 19	Pablo preaching at service in Alamar, Havana
February 20	Travel to Matanzas – Rest at the beach on the way!
February 21-22	Seminar in Matanzas Province at Pastor Francisco's church
February 23	Travel back to Palmira
February 24	Fourth meeting with 4 couples
February 25	Pack and enjoy last moments with friends
February 26	Fly from Cienfuegos to Miami, Miami to San Diego!
February 27-28	Wind down, catch our breath, see grandbabies – return to Mexico on 28 th pm

Blessings to all. Much love,
Pablo and Martha