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Dear friends and family,

*Isaiah 61:1-2, 7 (NLT)
Good News for the Oppressed*

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon
me, for the Lord has anointed me to
bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to comfort the
brokenhearted and to proclaim that
captives will be released and prisoners
will be freed.*

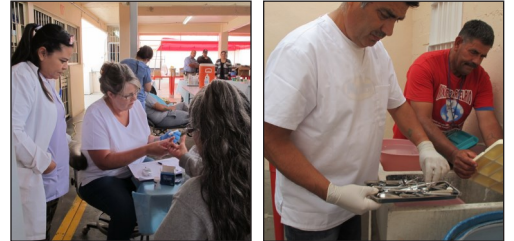
*He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the
Lord's favor has come*

*...Instead of shame and dishonor, you
will enjoy a double share of honor. You
will possess a double portion of
prosperity in your land, and everlasting
joy will be yours.*

Last night at church, a gentleman
that is the head of the prison
ministry shared from this passage.
This is the scripture that Jesus read
(told in Luke 4:16-22), in the
synagogue of Nazareth, His
hometown. He opened the scroll
to Isaiah 61 - perhaps an assigned
reading, perhaps chosen by Him -
and read...

I was once again impacted so
deeply by the calling to the people
that we serve... those whose lives
have been shattered by sin and
shame so that it becomes a vicious
circle that ONLY God's grace can
pull them out of.

Hearing the testimonies last night
reminded me of the two times last
year (in June & December) that the
dental ministry accompanied their
team and went into the prison to
"physically mend" what has been
damaged. We have heard several of
the stories of those that are in the
prison and my heart breaks... my
stomach turns... but as they receive
physical touch that brings healing,
God also works in their hearts.



...a woman who killed her own
daughter, scorned by the whole
community – outside prison and
inside as well.

...a man who killed his mother and
niece under the influence of drugs
who doesn't remember anything
about that night and will spend the
rest of his life in prison...in shackles,
the majority of the time, because of
his violent outbursts.

It is beyond my brain's limits to
hear details...but God sees the
brokenness. God sees the shame.
And beyond my comprehension, he
forgives... them, me, broken
humanity.

Noé is a young man who grew up
in our church. Many of you know
and love him. He has struggled with
drugs for the last several years and
has gone from a joyful, helpful, kind
person to a withdrawn, and damaged
one.



His family lives right next to the
room that I use for my ESL classes
and Pablo uses for men's and youth
meetings. We see him often. Thin
and ashamed... hiding from us
whenever we are around.

A few of weeks ago, he had been
taken to a rehab center and to escape,
he slit himself with a razor blade
from the wrist all the way up his arm.
When they were getting in the car to
take him to the hospital, he ran... He
ran all the way home. His mother
came and got us, and we took him to
the Red Cross where they stitched
him up. He looked like a skeleton

and our hearts broke. He begged us to not send him back to the rehab center. He promised Pablo he would stick close – would go to the men’s meetings and church services and would NOT take drugs. He wanted to be free and knew Jesus was the only way.

Pray for Noé. He has remained faithful to his promise and has been clean for the last few weeks. He is like glue to Pablo and Pastor Ruben. His living situation is not ideal. He shares an upstairs apartment with his brother who is actively doing and selling drugs. Pray for his dependence on Jesus because that is the ONLY way that the chains can be broken.

Isaiah 61:7 “...Instead of shame and dishonor, you will enjoy a double share of honor. You will possess a double portion of prosperity in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.”

Pray with us for:

- Those who are physically captive in prison that can only find freedom in Jesus.
- Noé who is fighting for freedom from drugs. ONLY in Jesus’ strength can he be free.

Joy Notes:

- Married couples in our small group are growing and finding joy in the restoration that God is doing in their relationships.



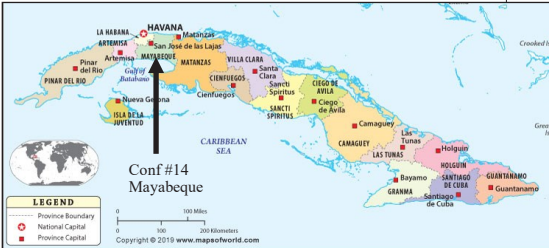
- On March 6th, Martha’s 4th level ESL students will graduate, having completed the full course of study. They are fully bi-lingual and will be taking a test for certification on February 19th. This will be the first graduating class that has completed all four levels!

- We head off to Cuba in the end of March with our partnering ministry “Discipler Training International”. We will co-coordinate the 14th Discipleship Conference in the province of Mayabeque, just outside of Havana, preceded by a pre-conference with our Cuban team of facilitators. This team-building time prepares us for the conference, as well as equips them for their own ministries. Pablo and I will spend the two weeks after the DTI conference traveling to three different churches to present three-day workshops. One day will be to bring refreshment and guidance

to all the married couples in the church. The other two days will be to train church leadership on how to give pre-marital counseling, as well as counseling for couples in crisis.



“...You will possess a double portion of prosperity in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.” This is our prayer. Thank you for standing behind us in ministry. We love you.



If you would like to support the ministry to Cuba, we need to raise \$2,500.00 for the ministry to couples and our travel expenses.

To sponsor a Cuban pastor for the Discipler Training conference, the cost per pastor is \$30 which covers the 5-day conference, housing, food and the discipleship manual.

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