

Praying for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Moving Forward

Last week, the Cuban pastors elected their leadership team for the next four-year term. Liusbel (on the right) is the Alliance president. Thank you for praying for God's guidance in the election of these leaders. We are so thankful for the opportunity we have had over the years to walk with each of these individuals. We have seen how God has been forming them into good leaders. In June, when we attended a leadership training event, we were encouraged to see many new faces. During a time of difficult circumstances and spiritual battles, God continues to grow His Church in Cuba. Please pray for these leaders. Pray for God's anointing of wisdom upon them. Pray for unity for their team and among all the pastors - so that the world around them will be drawn to Jesus (Jn.17:21).

Examples of Faith and Trust

As we listened to our Cuban friends, we were amazed at their resilience and trust in the midst of the challenges of daily life. Oved and Yuliet (photo next page) are tremendous examples for us. They choose to praise instead of complain. Praise music fills the atmosphere of their home. On their street, they are surrounded by neighbours who practice the beliefs of Santería. They have told us how the blood from the animal sacrifices at times flows down their street. One day, during the pandemic, Yuliet returned home and encountered the neighbours participating in one of their dark celebrations. She declared to her family: "We're going to have a party! As Christians, we have Someone much greater to celebrate!" This is a family whose lives shine like a lighthouse in a spiritually dark area of their city.

Pray...

Samuel House (Paraguay) - Pray for the candidates who are preparing for their transition to Samuel House in August. Pray for provision of all that they need so that they can begin a time of equipping in this unique context.

Latin America - C&MA national churches have a vision to reach those who have no access to Jesus. Pray for discernment for the Directors of Missions as they identify potential candidates and guide them along the path of preparation for living and working in other nations.

Personal Preparation - We would appreciate your prayers for ourselves as we prepare for an autumn filled with travel. Pray for restoration of physical strength. Pray also for spiritual renewal in the coming weeks so that we will be instruments of blessing to the people with whom we will meet.

Blessed to be Part of a Family



We returned earlier this week from attending the Alliance General Assembly in Edmonton. We had a wonderful time of connecting with friends from Canadian churches and from many locations in the world. We are one big family! The sessions were inspirational and motivational. We are excited for how God is moving in Canada and around the world.

Thank you for praying. Thank you for your financial support of the Global Advance Fund.

Dios les bendiga...God bless you.

Blake and Kathy