

CUBA CHURCH PLANTING

The reality of daily life in communist Cuba is a stark one, a country of pure contradiction. White-sand beaches are a far cry from the country's crumbling infrastructure. Healthcare and education are free, but Internet access is extremely limited. The people are encouraged to pursue national pride, but are kept from exercising any social or religious freedom.

It's as if time stopped half a century ago . . . and any form of development stopped with it.

Years of religious suppression and socialist restrictions have instilled a spiritual void in the Cuban people.

They crave freedom, opportunity, and hope . . . they crave the Word of God. However, Christianity is openly opposed by the Cuban government. Bible distribution is limited and controlled by the government as well. And 80 percent of its people are not actively involved in a church.

Now more than ever, church planting is penetrating the heart of Cuba with the power of the Gospel. Our support of church planters there is crucial. Without their faithful commitment, the Gospel would not reach these communities. But this growth is not easy. It comes with a cost.

House churches are not legally recognized, but are tolerated so long as they meet in small groups. Baptisms must be performed in secret, and even this is risky. But no matter the obstacles, nothing stops them from worshipping God.



The house church has never been more strategic . . . or effective. In fact, it is exceeding expectations and continues to expand despite government restraint. There is no denying that the Cuban people are searching for the truth and lasting hope . . . the hope found in God's Word.

Cuba is ready for transformation . . . the time for change is now.

World Help believes this is a pivotal period for Cuba's spiritual growth—and we have invested extensively in this belief.

Over the past two years, we have equipped hundreds of men and women with the financial support to plant more than 1,000 churches across the country—resulting in more than 25,000 people devoting their lives to Christ! Even amid heightened persecution, Cuban church planters continue to work fervently and risk everything for the purpose of spreading the Gospel throughout their country.

We have seen firsthand the incredible work these church planters are accomplishing—congregations are growing, more churches are being planted, and ultimately, thousands are coming to know Christ.

But the need is still vast. We desperately need more support to help with the continued success of this church-planting movement.

For only \$33,000, we will be able to plant 55 new churches in Cuba in 2013. Just think about the eternal impact this could make—55 churches planted, resulting in 5,000 people hearing the message of Jesus Christ . . . some for the very first time!

For \$600, you can plant one church in Cuba—making an eternal, spiritual investment!

In a country grossly stunted by political and spiritual oppression, we have the unique opportunity to make an eternal difference through this church-planting movement, although we may never fully comprehend the impact. By partnering with the willing hearts of these church planters, we are fanning the flames of a spiritual revival that will not be stopped.

