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News from the Tyas family

Serving in WA and beyond among the Hispanic community



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From the notes of Ed and Gerry...

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Dear friends and family,

Summer is upon us. A couple of VBS's are planned and a week at camp but the rest of the summer schedule will look a lot like the fall and winter with time spent in resource centers and visiting in homes.

Gerry recently returned from a mission trip to Cuba. This was her 3rd time in Cuba, all with the same group. This time they were a team of 6 people. Three from Mexico and three from the US.

They had a great trip. It was hard in some ways:

- *daily 4 hours power outages.
- * very warm weather both day and night
- * 2 cell phones lost due to pick pocketing. Her phone was one of them, the first day so no pictures taken.
- * flight disruptions on the way back.

But what far overshadowed everything else was the joy shown by the Cuban Church they had gone to serve and how the group saw God at work.

As each member of the team left on the plane to arrive in Cuba they were allowed 2 checked bags which were filled with supplies which are scarce to non existent in Cuba...They were filled with hundreds of pounds of vitamins, medicine, medical supplies, rice, beans, spices, eyes glasses, etc.

Their main purpose was to assist the local church with their ministry to the Seniors in their church and community. The Seniors were sometimes referred to as "Abuelos" or

“Grandmas and Grandpas”. This was said affectionately. Meetings were held with music and a Bible message. There were about 50 in attendance the first meeting and that number went up. Meals were prepared and either eaten at the church or delivered to their homes in the community. The day I helped we prepared 55 meals for the Seniors and 22 meals for the children who would come in from school for after school classes. The local church does this 5 days a week normally I believe.

Other ways we saw God work:

- *a prayer walk lead by the church through the community
- * an annual baptism at the beach by the local church in which around 25 people were baptized and declared their faith.
- * a connection was made as some of the group stayed at a “casa particular” (airbnb) near the church. A connection was made at their inquiry for the young daughter of the home to attend the after school classes. She went and loved it. Now the local church has a connection with the family.

There are so many other stories of God’s work in people’s lives. Thank you for praying!



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