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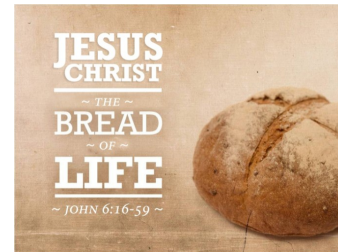
Note from the Executive Director

you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord". This is the good news that moves us to help those who are reaching the lost in Cuba. Let me tell what's happening. Two major issues are heavy on my heart today.

1. A couple of years ago, Cuba rewrote her Constitution. In the process they attempted to redefine marriage. Most of the churches in Cuba took a stand against the redefinition of marriage. As a consequence, the authorities have unofficially become more rigid with the churches. Just last week, we learned that Pastor Josue who currently leads the Eastern Baptist Convention in Cuba was denied permission to travel abroad. He is being watched closely by government officials. Please pray for him. Pray also for all our pastors and church planters. We see threatening clouds on the horizon. But our Lord can easily deal with those clouds. We often take our freedom for granted. Our Cuban friends teach us not to.

2. As we saw the news of Venezuela's political situation and her trials, few of us realized the impact this would have on Cuba, together with the U.S.A.'s increasing restrictions on Cuba. Venezuela was a major trading partner with Cuba, and also a

major supplier of oil. Food and fuel shortages are now on the rise, and lineups at stores are getting longer. We always did sense a degree of resignation in many Cubans. Please pray that our churches there are in a position to help, encourage and most importantly of all, point to Jesus as the Bread of Life in whom we need to trust.



3. Please continue to pray for our partnership with other organizations that work in Cuba. We are connecting with some of them in order to maximize our impact on the island and to avoid duplication. One such organization is Assist. If you would like to know more about that, please give me a call or send me an email.

4. Once again, we are eager to introduce you to our field of ministry in Cuba. If you would

As I write this article, my news-feed on Facebook is populated with a lot of articles, photos and stories that are meant to remind us of the sacrifices that were made in wartimes that provided us the freedoms that we enjoy in this country. Rightfully so. However, I am reminded of another battle that was fought in order to purchase our freedom. I am thinking of course of Jesus Christ who won the victory over sin, death and hell to secure our freedom from condemnation and our bondage to sin. What a sacrifice that was!

To think that it started with the mystery of God incarnate in a bundled-up baby boy whose birth we celebrate in a few weeks. (I hope you celebrate year round!)



These words should not just resonate at Christmas time. "I bring



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like to join us on a vision trip, we will joyfully take you there.

Thank you so much for your support in both the material realm and the spiritual realm. You will never know the impact of your generosity and your prayers until we arrive in glory. In the meantime, please believe that your gifts and your prayers are not in vain.

In His grace,

Pastor Werner Peters
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Give online at:
CalvaryRoad.ca

A Note from the Treasurer



Christmas greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

I recently reviewed our Cuban payroll list and this ministry is supporting nearly 40 Cuban pastors and missionaries. Thanks to all our generous donors and by the grace of God these pastors and missionaries can focus full time on spreading the gospel and making disciples in eastern Cuba. We are supporting a missionary who walks 10km to his mission area to proclaim the gospel. He walks through long stretches of fields and along bumpy roads, where even a bicycle wouldn't help. I am humbled by this man's service to advance God's Kingdom. Sponsoring one of these pastors and missionaries is only \$60 CAD a month. If you would like to contribute, please be in contact!

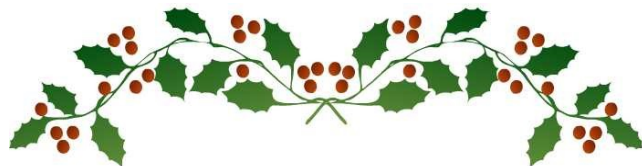
Our special projects fund continues to help in material needs also. Recently, animals were purchased to support the farm of a nursing home for retired pastors. With these animals and the continued development of the farm, the farm will be able to fully sustain the basic needs of the guests and staff. Cows are very expensive; we left only sufficient funds to purchase more sheep and goats.

Lastly, if you would like to send in your contributions for the 2019 tax year, any donations post marked by December 31st will be received for 2019.

Receipts will be mailed in January 2020. Our e-transfer method is a new ongoing option; donations can be sent to calvaryroadgospelassociation@gmail.com

For God's Glory,

Austin D. So
Treasurer





God is so good – all the time! Our October mission trip was a great blessing in every dimension, as work in all areas of our ministry continues to advance well.

Praise the Lord – we have recently – finally! – received authorization from the Cuban government to ship our container # 2. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter the container will be on the ocean heading to Cuba. Thank you to all who have been praying this container on its way; now we need to pray that it will smoothly reach its destination and not be tied up in red tape on its arrival in Cuba. Its contents will be more blessing for Cuba; among many other things, we have irrigation systems for 2 farms, and batteries for electric bicycles that will enable a few of our missionaries who travel 15-30 KMs to their mission posts to get there in reasonable time and comfort.

Sadly, we have another note, but there is an element of God’s care in it as well. Our mission and vision teams always take the opportunity to attend Sunday worship in one of our sponsored pastor’s churches. In October, we experienced beautiful Sunday worship in Pastor Wilbur’s church. After church, we enjoyed wonderful fellowship and a nice meal (we pay for the food; no pastor or family has the funds to feed our teams) with Pastor Wilbur and his wife Dixy, and their 3 sons, all fine young men. Unfortunately, on the Tuesday following our fellowship with Pastor Wilbur, he experienced severe head pains and was taken to hospital, where less than a week later, he died of a brain aneurism. As Pastor Wilbur was only 45, we are all shocked as well as greatly saddened. As it happened, our God knew all this, and the substantial gift that Pastor Wilbur’s sponsor had given our team to take to him turned

A Note from the President

out to be the funds needed by his family at this difficult and unforeseen time. Even in the heartbreaks of this world, God cares for His own. Please join us in praying for Dixy on the loss of her sweetheart and their sons on the sudden loss of their loving dad, as well as the congregation in Santa Rita.



Leonardo, Dixy, Wilbur, Leandro, Lestor
(taken October 20, 2019)

We conclude by rejoicing that over 2,000 years ago, God sent His only begotten Son to our world that we might be redeemed and enjoy Him forever. May you and yours enjoy Him deeply this Christmas season, and give Him great thanks for your family and friends. Our Calvary Road team wishes you the peace of God, and His blessings in 2020, as we continue to faithfully serve Him together. Thank you again so very much for your support and partnership through the years – may our God find all of us faithful.

Warmly, in Christ our Lord,
Dave Ross

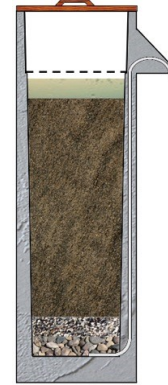


WATER

Introducing our newest program - Household Water Filtration systems

Calvary Road has just approved a new core program for our work in Cuba that we plan to launch in 2020. With a shout out to One 22 Ministries who have a well-established water filter project in the Maisi area of Guantanamo province, Calvary Road plans to expand that water filter project to include Santiago and Granma

provinces in eastern Cuba.



The water filter systems are made of concrete, operate biologically, and should last for 30 years. These water filter systems (see photo) are sturdy and require minimal maintenance and periodic checking, and they produce wonderful, clean, clear drinking water for the entire household. Despite its

tropical climate, Cuba has terrible drinking water, as there is no civic water supply anywhere Calvary Road ministers; most homes have rain-fed cisterns. Consequently, children and the elderly are most susceptible to water-borne illnesses. Our Cuban Leadership Team strongly agrees that this project will make a much-needed and effective difference to Cuban families where Calvary Road ministers.

As with all our main projects, sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is our over-arching objective for our water filter project. The project will be managed by the Pastor of Evangelism in our anchor church. Families will be offered a Calvary Road water filter system free of charge, and as the “water ministry” teams demonstrate how to care for and use the water filter systems, they will have the opportunity to speak to the family about the One who is “Living Water”. Periodic check-ups should enable that dialogue to continue for years.

Although Calvary Road will provide these water filter systems free of charge, they do have a cost to construct, and so for \$50, you can give the gift of clean drinking water to a Cuban family. We praise God for leading us into this new program and thank Him for providing the man who has already underwritten the cost of our first water filter construction facility.

To God be the glory!





A Cuba Reflection



It is our desire and prayer that the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your lives, family and ministry.

I dedicate the text of the Word of our God, found in 1 Corinthians 15: 57-58,

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
So, my beloved brothers, stand firm and constant,
growing in the work of the Lord always,
knowing that your work in the Lord is not in vain.”

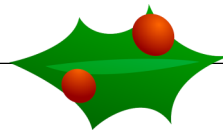
It is my pleasure to be able to share working and ministerial relationships with the Calvary Road organization, and in turn be able to communicate our gratitude to each one of those who have made so many blessings possible for our Church.

By the divine grace of the Lord, the perfect union of our Church and this ministry was possible, which with its help has contributed to the realization of many dreams that were unattainable for us. This has caused a positive impact on the hearts of the people of our community, showing the work that the Lord is doing in each of their lives. We can really affirm that the Lord is using the Calvary Road Ministry to bless the people in Maisí. Today many who did not know the Lord enjoy their salvation and in turn the blessings received in our municipality from the intervention of the Calvary Ministry Road. To God be the Glory!



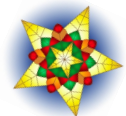
Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Osmanlis González Ramírez
“Renacer” Baptist Church, Santa Marta, Maisí,
Guantanamo, Cuba



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
And the government shall be upon his shoulder,
And His name shall be called*

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!



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