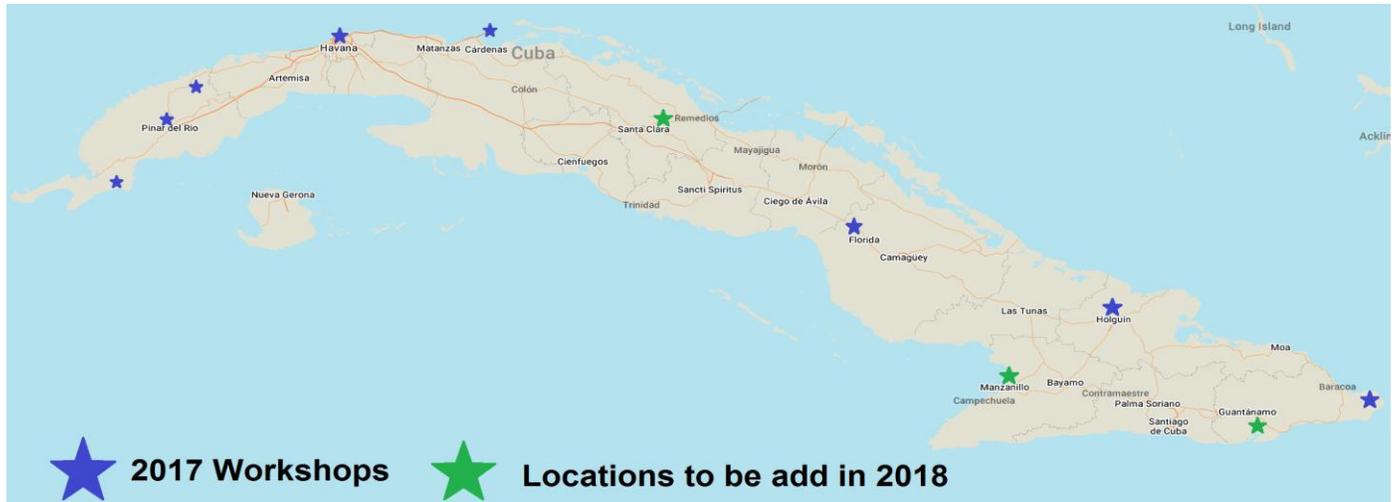


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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

As we look back to 2017, we are greatly thankful to our God and to every one of you. Last year was a fruitful year for the ministry of Equipo Impacto. With this letter we want to review all that God, by His grace, allowed us to do during 2017.

**Preaching Workshops:** We hosted a total of eight workshops in Cuba last year, reaching 200 pastors across the Island. It is encouraging to see how, through the years, pastors are making progress on how to handle the Bible, and to see how



their commitment to preaching the Scriptures with faithfulness has grown. We also are seeing the word spreading out and new pastors are coming to preaching workshops or even asking for workshops in their area. As a result, we are planning to add three new locations next year.

**Havana Plan:** Our local *training course*, based at Nueva Baptist Church in Nuevo Vedado, La Habana, has continued growing since it was founded in 2015. We began with four students, grew to 17 in 2016-2017, and this year we have 27



interns to church leaders. We have three pastors from other local churches, four young guys who are taking the internship program of our local church, 11 women that are improving their skills in handling the



Bible to teach it to children and other women, and also eight men from two local churches that are involved in teaching and preaching ministry. It has been encouraging for us to see how Havana Plan, bit by bit, is influencing children, youth, and churches as these interns are changing the way they teach and preach.

**Seminary Project:** Last year we also started a project with the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago de Cuba. This is a three-year project where Equipo Impacto is providing professors and resources each semester to teach a one-week modular preaching class at the seminary. So far, we had Rev. Dr. Juan Sánchez from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



teaching last September, and Rev. Dr. Robert Kinney from CST will be teaching the second class this February. We are working to bring other professors to add to this program. We see this project as essential because we are able to influence the next generation of pastors from the Eastern Baptist Convention.



**COBIME:** We are just three weeks away from *COBIME 2018*! We are very excited and working hard on having everything ready for the conference, although we had to revise some of the original plans. There is a lot of expectation for the conference this year as we already have 285 people registered and will probably reach at least 300 (the limit in the venue). Our speakers include Bryan Chapell, Miguel Nuñez, Juan Sánchez and several others. Volunteers from Cuba as well as a team from Grace Presbyterian Church in Illinois are ready and very eager to serve the Church in Cuba.

***Prayer Requests:***

1. For God to use the speakers at COBIME to equip pastors in Cuba.
2. For the second class at Santiago de Cuba Baptist Seminary to take place in February.
3. For Havana Plan, as the interns continue working in the Gospel of John this year.
4. For a preaching workshop on the Minor Prophets that will take place just after COBIME.
5. For our first Women's Workshop on Titus, also just after COBIME.

Many thanks for your prayers and support!

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