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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

As you saw in our previous newsletter, Cuba has suffered the effects of a powerful hurricane. Still there are several areas in our nation that are recovering, and it will take years for some people to fully recover. We are fine, but still suffering the periodic lack of power as the infrastructure was affected. Yet, despite all of this, it is our prayer that God will still provide a fruitful time of ministry during this autumn. We cannot let the urgent completely crowd out the important.

Because of the hurricanes, we did have to reschedule one of the workshops we had planned for September in Holguin. If rebuilding stays on schedule, we hope it will take place from 2 -4 November this year. At the moment, I am writing this from Santiago de Cuba, where Dr. Juan Sanchez and I are teaching a class to the first-year students of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As for the rest of autumn, we are planning our major, triennial National Conference, COBIME 2018. At it, we will once again gather pastors from all around the island for three days to equip and encourage them to continue doing the central task of 'preaching the word.'

This year, the theme of the conference is The God we Worship. Our featured speaker is Bryan Chapell, Senior Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Illinois. He has written several books, many of them on preaching. This year, he will be leading us in sessions on 'application' in preaching. Our other speakers, tackling the topic of worship more generally, include Miguel Nuñez (Iglesia Bautista Internacional in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic), Juan Sánchez (High Point Baptist Church in Austin, Texas), Al Pino (Palm Vista Community Church in Miami, Florida) and Robert Kinney (Charles Simeon Trust and Christ Church in Vienna, Austria). We are thankful to God for providing us these speakers and partners to equip the church in Cuba.

This is also the first year we are having two venues, with the purpose of making it easier for pastors on both sides of the island to attend the conference and also to cut costs. One is going to be in Santiago de Cuba, the second biggest city in Cuba, located at the eastern part of the island. The other will be in Havana, the capital and biggest city of the country.

We still need to raise \$10,000 USD to be able to cover the cost for pastors to attend the conference and humbly ask that you pray for this work and consider donating to it. We are set up to receive funds as non-profit organisation in the United States and through Crosslinks in the UK. If you are interested in supporting pastors to attend, please contact us.

Prayer Request:

1. For the three-year teaching project at the seminary in Santiago de Cuba that has just started.
2. For Havana Plan, our residential training programme, which starts up in a couple of weeks.
3. For the team that is organising the COBIME 2018 conference.
4. For the funds to allow pastors to attend the COBIME 2018 conference.
5. For compassion and wisdom to help our people as needed.

Many thanks for your prayers and support!



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