

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Cuba is in an interesting spot right now. With the recent changes in the relationship between Cuba and the US, many tourists have started visiting the island, which has brought some changes and the hope of even more changes.

Even with the changing landscape of Cuba, Equipo Impacto has had a very productive season. We started the year early as, in January, Robert Kinney and a team from the Charles Simeon Trust arrived in Cuba to help run a couple of workshops, lead an instructor training, and teach at Havana Plan. In January, we hosted two workshops. The first was on Apocalyptic Literature in Varadero, with David Helm and Darrell Young from CST teaching alongside some of the Equipo Impacto instructors. We had 32 pastors from different cities in attendance who were very excited to study this challenging genre. Many of them found it very helpful and are even now considering preaching from this part of the Bible, something that is still very odd to see in Cuba. Usually, pastors will preach only from the first three chapters of Revelation and so it was very helpful for them to see how all of this literature fits into the big picture of the Bible.



We had a second workshop in Havana the following week. Darrell and Robert stayed for that week and helped out. It was on 2 Timothy and we had 35 pastors. We are very excited to see how expositional preaching is spreading in the biggest and most influential city in Cuba. Two Pentecostal pastors attended. This was the first time we had pastors from these churches coming to our workshops and we hope this could open a door for those brothers. They were very excited about what they learned and we are following up with them.



In the last week of February, we ran our third workshop. It was in Las Martinas (in the very east of Cuba). This was our third year in a row we had this preaching workshop and we are happy to see how the participants there are growing in handling faithfully the Word of God. We were also happy to see how many of them are preaching in a consecutive expositional way. We are glad to hear from them how their congregations are being exposed to the faithful exposition of the Word of God.

In Havana Plan, our one-day per week training course, we remain encouraged to see how the young guys are committed to the ministry of the gospel. Many of them are leading small groups, teaching at Sunday school and making disciples. They are also serving our church planting movement, as some of them will move forward the new congregation our church is planting in Old Havana. Others are also working on future planting in the university area. We are pleased that Havana Plan is becoming our pipeline for leaders in a church planting movement.

We are now getting ready for our Annual Board meeting, to be held in Indianapolis on Monday afternoon, April 3. We hope to be discussing, among other things, how to increase the quality of our preaching workshops. We praise God for everything he is doing through Equipo Impacto and we thank every one of you for your prayers and support.

To God and only to God be all the glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexis Pérez Alfonso'.

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