

NEWSLETTER

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Cuba

We had a great trip to Cuba September 7-14th! Our 8 travelers attended church services (sometimes without electricity), visited with fellow believers, and enjoyed the beautiful island! Please pray for them as they suffer power outages, long lines to buy food when available, and limited fuel for transportation.

And then two weeks later...

HURRICAN IAN! What a difference two weeks can make! We are heartbroken at the disaster that has happened in the Pinar del Rio area! The picture below was in a church service we attended without electricity and two weeks later without a roof!



There is extensive roof damage at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary. Below is Rector Boris Sarlabous's house and the Willey house where many of our travelers have spent their nights while ministering there.



CUBA... AFTER HURRICANE IAN

The seminary, several of our churches and countless homes have received extensive damage or destroyed. The question now is "What can we do?" We can send money, but there are extremely limited building materials and supplies to be bought.

For the past 2 years Bridge Builders for the Cross has been sending containers of rice and black beans to Cuba. Food continues to be the common denominator for helping our Cuban brothers and sisters. Regardless of where or how they live, they must eat! We have the 9th container (black beans) ready to purchase and ship at this printing. We would certainly appreciate any help.

Thank you!

MEXICO

Another great trip in September to Del Rio, TX/Acuna, MX with a full trailer load for our partners, much of it donated by businesses. We had 2 pallets of face masks (Wal-Mart), 2 partial pallets of disinfectant cleaner and bag soap (Chickasaw Nation), 10 boxes of t-shirts (OK Blood Inst), plastic forks, spoons, cups, spoons (Dart/Solo), medical supplies (Mercy Hospital), wheelchairs, diapers and new clothing. We fed meals at Centauro, Impacting Generations Christian School, and Vision del Amor.



BIBLES

For years Bible distribution has been an integral part of our ministry. It continues to grow! In the last three months (July-September) we have bought and sent to prisons, ministries, and individuals 3,588 Bibles, New Testaments, and The Gospel of John in English, Spanish and Haitian!

This year we have distributed Bibles and New Testaments in the following languages: Odia, Bengali, Hindi, Russian, Portuguese, Chinese, Burmese, Pashto, Dari, Arabic and Swahili!

We are amazed at the requests we receive, and the ability God gives us to be able meet these needs and help spread His Word!

Christmas Backpacks for Kids

It is that time of year again! Since 2012 BBFTC has provided backpacks for children in Mexico. Last year we took over 2,000 backpacks full of a "excitement and anticipation"! They included toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items. We have been told many times, "If you didn't come, many of these kids wouldn't receive anything for Christmas!" Our goal this year is 2,500 backpacks!

With the help of churches, businesses, and individuals we believe we can do it. We can provide a nice backpack filled with the items mentioned above for about \$20. Would you consider partnering with us as we take these backpacks to Mexico December 7th-11th?



**Thank you to those who help us
make this possible!**