

**NINETY MILES OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA, CUBA IS A COUNTRY THAT HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE INFLUENCE FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS. ALTHOUGH THE LIMITATIONS ARE GREAT, THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVANGELISM THROUGH CREATIVE MEANS ARE STRONG**

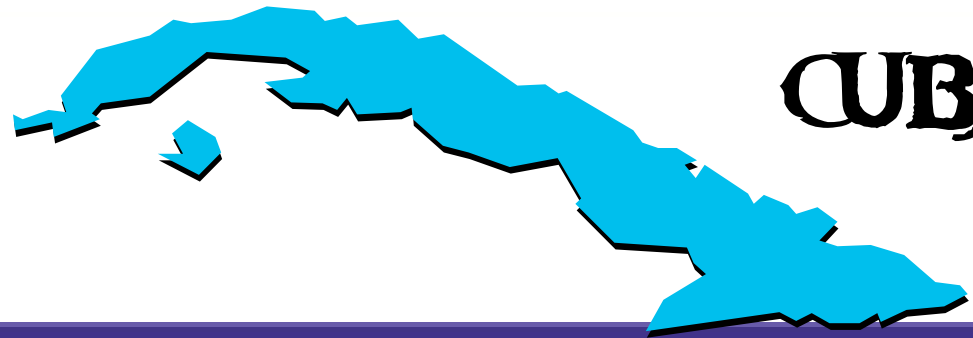
**MINISTRY: WE WILL SERVE OUR PARTNER CHURCH OUTSIDE HAVANA BRINGING HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE LIVING IN A DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT. WE WILL BE TEACHING, SHARING TESTIMONIES, AND LEADING A VBS PROGRAM.**

**DATES:  
SEPTEMBER 4-12, 2009**

**COST PER PERSON IS \$1600 WHICH INCLUDES AIRFARE, HOUSING, IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION, VISAS AND ALL MEALS IN COUNTRYSIDE.**

**MISSION LIMITED TO 12 INDIVIDUALS**

**TRANSPORTATION VIA AIR AND VAN**



**CUBA**

**HOUSING:  
RENTAL HOMES**

**DOCUMENTS NEEDED:  
PASSPORT  
REGISTRATION FORM  
MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

**MONEY NEEDED FOR  
MEALS IN TRANSIT AND  
AT THE HOTEL AND ANY  
SOUVENIRS**

**Bethany Methodist Church**  
**Cuba Mission Trip 2009**  
**September 4-12<sup>th</sup>**

**Tentative Itinerary:**

Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Morning flight to Cancun, Mexico. Afternoon flight into Havana. Bus will transport to suburb of Havana and to rent houses. Settle in. Dinner and evening worship.

Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Ministry to church congregation, teaching and VBS. One afternoon for sightseeing in Havana and Hemingway's home.

Friday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Morning worship. Afternoon flight to Cancun. Overnight in Cancun and de-briefing.

Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Noon flight to Houston. Arrive mid-afternoon.

**Housing:** The team will stay in rent houses in a suburb of Havana.

**Meals:** Provided by church members and local restaurants.

**Cost: \$1600 per person**

Cost includes airfare, hotel in Cancun, van transportation, all meals in Cuba, visas and all taxes. Additional monies will be needed for meals in route (including airport and 2 meals in Cancun) and for souvenirs. The exchange rate in Cuba is very high.

Payments: \$200 deposit. (non-refundable)

\$600 by June 1st

\$800 balance by Aug. 1st

**Registration:** Cuba Registration form and \$200 deposit. Space is limited to 12 persons and is first come, first serve.

**To Raise Support:** Consider sending a support letter to friends and family to raise funds for your trip (especially families) and supplies. This helps you to make the trip and others to get to be a part of your ministry. See attached letter.

### Required Documents Checklist:

- Cuba Registration Form
- Passport (check expiration date – must have 6 months left from date of return).
- Medical Release
- Visa (provided)

### Immunization:

Tetanus - suggested

### Luggage Requirements:

Please pack light. One medium size bag per person. Weight limits will be discussed at later date according to airline regulations.

### Packing List:

Bible, pen and notebook  
Long pants for outreach  
T-Shirts/long shirts  
Closed toed shoes  
Jacket/Coat  
Underwear/socks  
Toiletries  
Towel  
Pajamas  
Rain gear  
Shower shoes  
Sunglasses /sunscreen/hat  
Water bottle  
Camera  
Tissues  
Medicine in prescription bottle or box (anti-diarrhea)  
Chewable Pepto- Bismal  
Snack food – individually packaged (if desired)  
Bug repellent  
Antibacterial wipes – wipes are more effective than the gel  
Flashlight  
1 Roll of toilet paper

## Support Letter Example

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Hello, (Greeting, according to who you're writing and how well you know them.)  
I am writing to tell you a little about what has been happening in my life and the opportunity I have this fall.

On \_\_\_\_\_, I will be traveling with a Mission Team from my church, Bethany Methodist Church in Houston, Texas to Cuba on a short term mission trip. My church has a partnership with a church outside of Havana. We will be serving the needs of the congregation there, training pastors, teaching and leading vacation Bible school. Life is very challenging in Cuba, but God is moving and through our partnership many Cubans are coming to know Christ, throughout the island.

The cost of the trip is \$1600 per person. I am raising money to cover my costs and to help purchase supplies for outreaches through people who are interested in helping but who are unable to go themselves. Would you consider becoming a partner with me and being a part of this outreach? The deadline on my support is \_\_\_\_\_.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you may make your check payable to: Bethany Methodist Church – Cuba Mission trip. All donations are tax deductible. You may send the check to me directly at \_\_\_\_\_ your address \_\_\_\_\_.

I would also like to ask for your prayers for the people we will meet and serve and for my team, as we prepare to go. Please pray that God will use me in a great way and that many people will come to know God's love for them. Please pray that our hearts would be open to however God wants to use us.

Thank you in advance for your support through donation or prayer. I know God will do great things for the people of Cuba, who we will be serving, and in our team this fall!

God Bless you and your family,

(Name)

# Cuba Mission Trip

September 4-12, 2009

## MISSION REGISTRATION

*Complete One Release per Person*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit: Check Cash

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport:  Yes  Date of Expiration  
 Will obtain for trip

T-shirt Size (optional)

S  M  L

XL  XXL

T-shirts \$10

### Adult Release

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend the Mission Trip to Cuba, on September 4-12, 2009. I will not hold Bethany United Methodist Church, its representatives or volunteers responsible for any injury that I could incur while on this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Minor Permission and Release (if under 18 years of age)

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to attend the Mission Trip to Cuba on September 4-12, 2009. I will not hold Bethany United Methodist Church, its representatives or volunteers responsible in the event he/she becomes injured.

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date