

Cuba Mission Trip May 2014

Share with Gods people who are in need. Practice hospitality
Romans 12:13



On May 16th, the Cuba Mission Team flew from Nashville to Miami, then on to Havana, and then traveled by van to the Dora E Valentin (DEV) Church in Varadero, Cuba.

The team was multi-generational as Amos Wilson's grandson, Andrew Winstead, joined the group along with Randy Pelaez, the son of Wayne Pelaez. The team also included Emily and Mark Eberle, Sandra Randleman, and Pam and Mike Shampain.

The first focus of the trip was to continue growing

the relationship between FPC Presbyterian Women and the DEV Presbyterian Women. For the past year FPC PW Circle One, has been exchanging prayers, pictures and sharing respective activities with their Cuban counterparts via email. Pam Shampain presented the Cuban women with pictures of FPC PW circle members, personal notes and pocket prayer shawls made by the women of our church.

The second focus of the trip was to share FPC children's love of Christ with the DEV church. We delivered hand-made cards as well as prayer cloths to the children of the church and others attending a special education school. A prayer cloth was also given to a senior citizen daycare center and to the DEV congregation at the end of the Sunday service. Those prayer cloths have been used this past school year by our own children each Sunday as they began their class sharing prayer praises and concerns each week with their teachers and classmates. Now the children of Cuba can add their prayer praises and concerns to the ones shared right here in Nashville.



While we were in Cuba, the Seminary in Matanzas hosted a symposium on Prison Ministry. This program is in its infancy so Pastor Amos Wilson was asked to participate and share his decades of experience as a prison chaplain

Over the last decade, more than 70 FPC members have made at least one trip to Cuba with several making more than one over this timeframe. Our Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ are very appreciative of the relationship with FPC. A special thanks to the FPC congregation for their support over the last decade.

Thanks be to God,
Pam and Mike Shampain