

NOW Ministries Messenger

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The Ballad of Domingo

Five years ago as the
National



Evangelist Marshall and
Domingo Aguero

Missionaries attempted to start churches in the Escambray Mountains of Cuba they encountered great oppositions from a man by the name of Domingo. He was well known as a real trouble maker. The police had arrested him many times for fighting, stabbing, gambling, drunkenness and illegal activity. As the Missionaries would try to witness to people, Domingo would taunt and harass them. When they tried to hold service in homes, Domingo would stand outside and laugh and make threats against the missionaries lives. All this time however, he was hearing the Gospel and one day Domingo came in the mission house and received Christ as his personal Savior. His life completely changed. He poured out all his alcohol, destroyed all his gambling paraphernalia, and actually became a very nice person. At first he attended the mission, and

then began to help the missionaries go from town to town in the mountains preaching the Gospel. After 1 year the police came to the missionaries and told them they had orders to close the missions, they would not be allowed to preach in the mountains anymore. However the police refused to obey the orders of the government. They told the missionaries, "if you can do this for Domingo then keep up the good work." Even though the Cuban Government officially says the missions have been closed in the Escambray Mountains, there are 5 missions now in full operation. Domingo is continuing to travel to each mission, each week and helping spread the Gospel throughout an area of Cuba where the Gospel had never gone before. He is well know in the villages and towns. When the people see the difference in him they are persuaded of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for Domingo and the National Missionaries that work with him. The Government does not like what they are doing and are threatening to stop their work for the Lord. Praise the Lord they will not quit.



TOP: One of the new converts on the way up the Mountain receives a Bible. SECOND: Brother Marshall the "Circuit Riding Preacher." THIRD: This man was saved in the Mission Service. FORTH: On the way back down. BOTTOM: The village where we ate

The First Time!

In December 2002, I had the privilege of going by horse back to the Escambry Mountains where Domingo is working in the Missions.



Domingo and the horse he uses to travel to the

The only way to travel to the missions is on foot or on horseback. The trip took 3 hours one way, but was worth every minute. The country side was certainly beautiful, but the fact that there were souls for whom Christ Died waiting to hear the Gospel for the first time made the trip one of the most memorable I have ever encountered. After arriving in the first town we rested for a few minutes and then walked to the home where the service would be held. By the time we started the service over 55 people were gathered in a 9' X 12' room. People were looking in the door and windows. No one in the mission owned a Bible, so we brought Bibles to give to them. For the first time they held in their hands their own Bible. When I preached, I had them turn to John 3:16, and for the first time they read in unison from their own Bible. The smiles on their faces were larger than life. After the service, we walked to the creek, and I helped Pastor Hernandez baptize 7 new converts. They told me after the day was done that I was the first American to visit their town, the first American to preach in their church and the first

American to baptize in the creek. I was honored to be the first, but the greatest first was a young man who heard the Gospel for the first time and accepted Christ as his Savior. I was also honored to be the first American to eat in the home of one of the members of the mission. I am very thankful for men like Domingo who are willing to give their life to reach people in the Escambry Mountains. Please pray for him and all of the missionaries who work in the Mountains.

RESULTS OF THE MINISTRY IN CUBA SINCE 1997

- ♦ May 1997 Brother Marshall made his first trip to Cuba, over 1000 saved.
- ♦ September 1998, support for 2 pastors and 3 missionaries was started.
- ♦ April 1999, Brother Marshall and Pastor Farrington conducted the first Cuban Pastors Conference. Support was left for 24 Pastors and Missionaries.
- ♦ March 2000, Brother Marshall led 17 people to conduct the second Cuban Pastors Conference. Support was left for 57 Pastors and Missionaries.
- ♦ April 2001, third Cuban Pastors Conference was held. Over 350 were saved in evening services.
- ♦ April 2002, Cuban Pastors Conference was the largest Pastors Conference ever conducted in Cuba. Over 200 attended everyday and 435 were saved in the evening services.
- ♦ Presently 105 Pastors and Missionaries are being supported monthly.
- ♦ 70 New Churches and 2 Bible Institutes have been started.
- ♦ Early this year 12,000 Bibles were delivered to the churches in Cuba.



TOP: Pastor Hernandez, Pancho and the Missionaries on the way up the Mountain. SECOND: Inside the home they use as one of the Missions. THIRD: One of the villages where we preached. FORTH: Pastor Hernandez and his family. FIFTH: Pastor Hernandez enjoying his lunch after arriving in the Mountains. BOTTOM: Brother Marshall and Pastor Hernandez Baptizing in a Mountain Stream.