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Changing Times

I have been working in Cuba now for 7 years and to be honest with you very little has changed. What I mean is the landscape, the buildings; the people of Cuba have gone through very little



Group that accompanied
Brother and Mrs. Marshall to Cuba.

change in the last 45 years. Castro has held them in spiritual and moral darkness and refused to allow much change at all. What this has caused is a discontentment and disillusionment with Castro and his government. The word on the street in Cuba is "change is coming". With the recent tightening of the Embargo by President Bush, the mood in Cuba is that it is time for new leadership, new ideas and new ways. One Cuban Christian told me, "We're ready for President Bush to do in Cuba what he did in Iraq, free us from an evil dictator."

I'm not real sure what will happen in Cuba over the next few years, but one thing I do realize is that because of the disillusionment with Castro, people are looking for a change, and many

are turning to the Church for answers. This has given us tremendous opportunities in the last few years to reach many people with the Gospel.

In November of 2004, my wife, and I, along with 9 other pastors, and layman were in Cienfuegos, Cuba for our NOW Ministries' annual Pastor's Conference. What we found were people who were truly hungry for the Gospel. I personally had more respond in the invitations where I preached than ever before. On two different occasions more than 15 people came for salvation. Mario, Pastor in Bejucal, told me, "More people are coming than ever before, they sense the change and they are seeking answers."

In our Pastor's Conference, more than 175 attended every day; at night we preached in 24 evangelistic services in different churches. We saw more than 107 people come for Salvation and many others make decisions for Christ. While we were there, the ground work was laid for two more Bible Institutes to be started. I will be returning in January to check on the Institutes and take in more support.

Pray for the People of Cuba and the changes they are going through. Pray that God will use our Pastors and Missionaries to reach many more people with the Gospel. What a thrill it would be to see Cuba become a Christian Nation. Through the prayers of God's people it could happen.



TOP: Part of the crowd gathered for the Pastors Conference. SECOND: A group of 15 who were saved on Wednesday Night. THIRD: Mrs. Marshall conducting the Ladies Conference. FOURTH: Pastor Hernandez baptizing one of the converts who was saved Sunday morning. FIFTH: A group of 8 who were saved Sunday Morning. BOTTOM: Brother Marshall preaching to the Pastors.