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What Does it Mean to Follow Christ in *Cuba?*

By Floyd A. Brobbel, CEO for Voice of the Martyrs Canada

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

~ Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

When my daughter Harmony was a little girl, she asked me, “Why are people who persecute Christians moving closer to Canada?” I was unsure what prompted this question, so I asked her what she was referring to. She showed me the VOMC Prayer Map (which identifies the various nations around the world where Christians are persecuted), pointed to Cuba, and said, “This country is pretty close to us.” I explained that Cuba had been a Communist country for many years and that she did not need to worry about a Cuban invasion.

Taking Harmony into my arms, I expressed to her: “Following Jesus will not always be easy. Sometimes, you will experience hatred from people because you love Him. The question is, will you keep loving and serving Jesus even when people hate or hurt you? Will you still trust Him, knowing He will never leave

you?” In the safety of her father’s embrace, Harmony affirmed that she would follow Jesus as best she could, trusting that He would always be close by to help.

Cuban Christians have learned to trust and obey the Lord while they continue to face relentless pressure from the government, which remains committed to the atheistic ideology of communism. Christian leaders are often questioned and detained by local authorities, while gangs are hired to demolish their churches. For instance, Pastor Alfonso was detained for three days without any charges, and his church building was destroyed by a group of armed men. Although no Christians are known to be presently imprisoned in Cuba, many are closely watched by the authorities and effectively placed under house arrest. Additionally, followers of Jesus are frequently denied jobs and educational opportunities.

Despite these challenges, believers in Cuba continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and unwavering perseverance...contributing to the growth and strength of the Christian community.



Translated Scripture quotations on the church signs read:
 (Top - Psalm 33:12) "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."
 (Bottom - Hebrews 4:12) "For the Word of God is living and active..."

Many believers have never owned a Bible because of government oppression. While there have been some improvements that make Bible distributions possible, access to God's Word remains restricted. In 2017, Cuba began to allow the purchase and sale of Bibles, but only to members of the ecumenical Protestant church organization. Today, most Christian literature remains illegal. Furthermore, there are no Christian bookstores in Cuba; and due to the shortage of God's Word, even when Bibles are available, a single copy can cost one third of a worker's monthly income.

Despite these challenges, believers in Cuba continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and unwavering perseverance. They gather in house churches and engage in active evangelism, contributing to the growth and strength of the Christian community. Their steadfast faith is a source of inspiration and hope for us all.

Let us remember our duty to stand in solidarity with fellow believers in Cuba. Through our collective prayers and actions, we can make a significant difference in their lives and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Grace and peace,



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1. To encourage and empower persecuted Christians to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
2. To give practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs (Matthew 25:36).
3. To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those opposed to the Gospel (Romans 12:14).
4. To help believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression (Nehemiah 1:3; 2:5).
5. To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission (Hebrews 13:3; Galatians 6:2).

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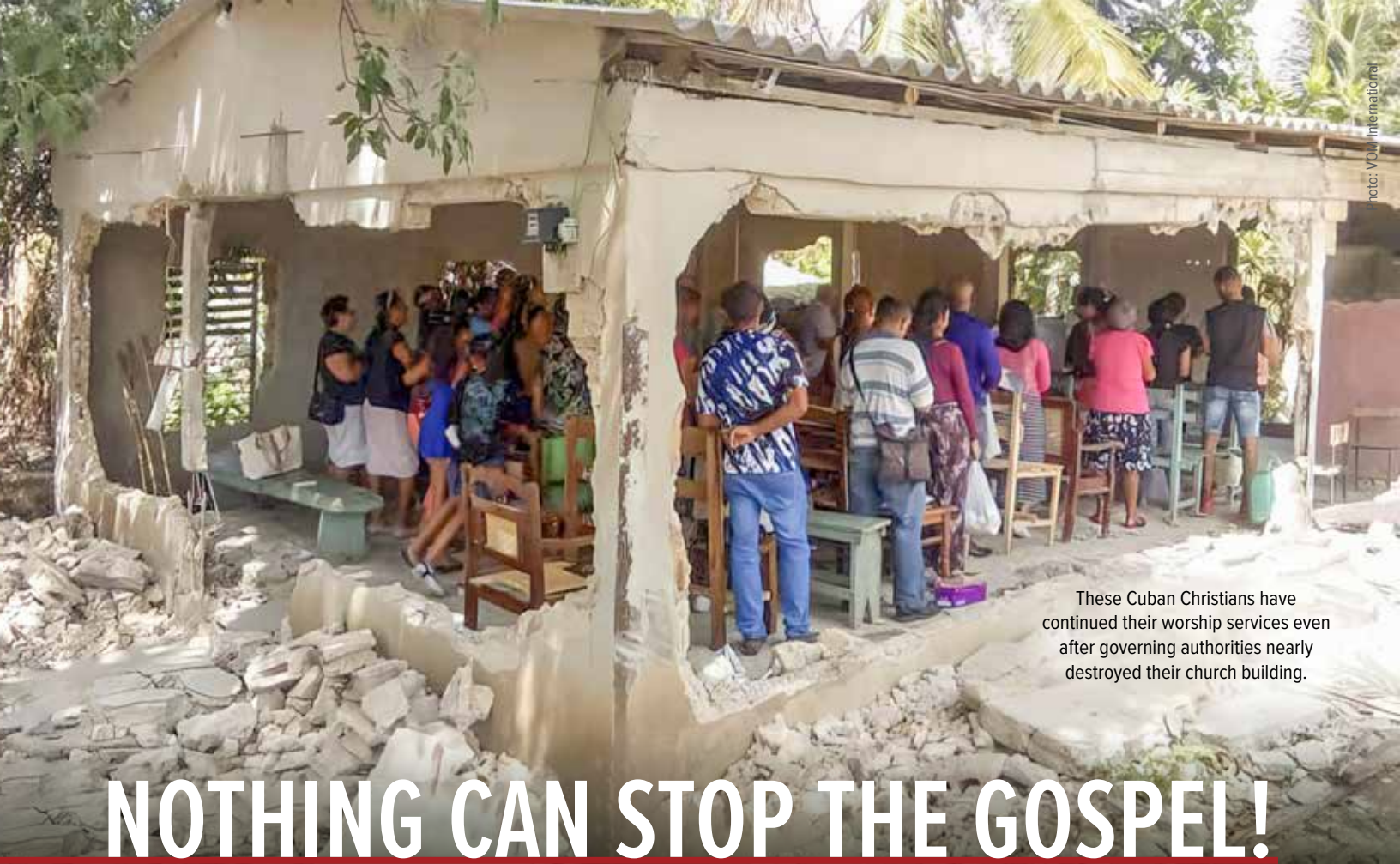


Photo: VOM International

These Cuban Christians have continued their worship services even after governing authorities nearly destroyed their church building.

NOTHING CAN STOP THE GOSPEL!

In Cuba, authorities often arrive without warning. This is exactly what happened with Pastor David's church on March 10th, 2020, when a group of men hired by the government arrived there at 9 a.m. with sledgehammers. "[The workers] wanted to demolish the church and everything inside," the disheartened pastor relates. "[They] started smashing it with their 25-pound sledgehammers. They came when the church was closed, hoping that no one would try to stop them from destroying everything."

When Pastor David and the community's other church leaders found out what was taking place, they rushed to the site and managed to stop the wrecking crew before the roof could collapse. The pastor was filled with emotion as he gazed in disbelief at the destroyed church building. "You can imagine the sadness we all had after many years of sacrifice...to build a humble church," he adds, "and how they had unfairly demolished it."

Decades ago, Cuba's revolutionary leader, Fidel Castro, established an atheistic Communist government and vowed to drive religion from the island. However, Cuban church leaders report that actually an opposite outcome occurred. "It has been more than 60 years since [Fidel] said that," one church leader

explains. "But Christians are [all over] in Cuba – in many schools, in secret prison circles, and in every municipality. From east to west, north to south, Cuba is filled with the Gospel."

As knowledge of the Gospel continued to increase, so did the government's scrutiny. After 17 years of worshipping together, Pastor Faustino's church of 100 members

faced the same opposition in 2021 that Pastor David's church experienced the previous year; the government sent a bulldozer to completely level the church building. Though the building was destroyed, members of the congregation continued to meet every day under



Photo: VOM International

Pastors in Cuba are committed to preaching the Gospel and caring for Christ's followers despite Communist oppression.



a temporary roof at the church site, hoping to persuade governing officials to alter their decision. All the while, the government's security officers relentlessly confronted the Christians daily, pressuring them to leave. Yet, the church members remained faithful despite running low on food and subsisting mainly on rice husks.

Other Cuban pastors encountered even greater pressures. Two of the church leaders have been imprisoned for more than a year, and one has reportedly been tortured and treated like a "counter-revolutionary criminal." Still, the Communist Party's efforts to crush the churches in Cuba with sledgehammers, bulldozers and imprisonments continue to fail.

Although all that remains of Pastor David's church building is the roof, his congregation resumes gathering for worship and fellowship. They meet on porches and in kitchens; in fields and under trees. And they even baptize new believers in cleaned-out pigsties. "Despite everything," Pastor David states, "the congregation continues to grow more and more."

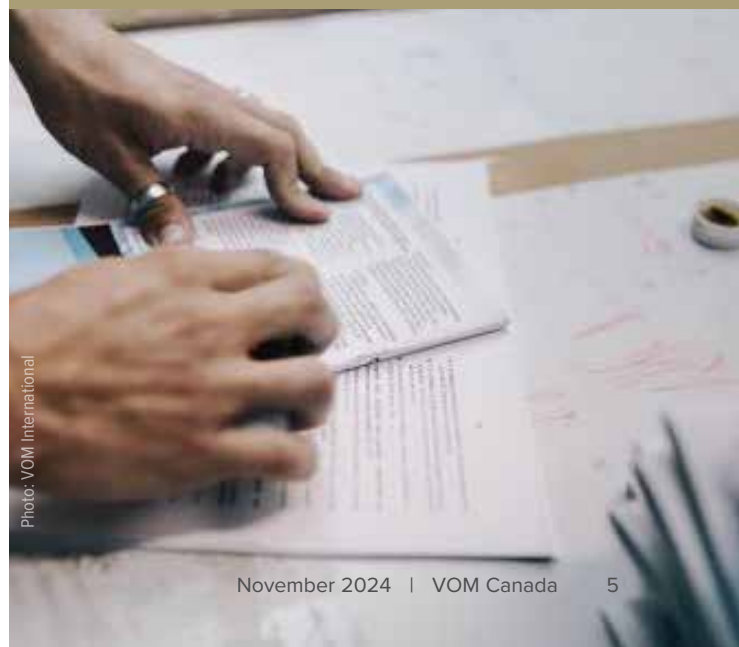
Another Cuban pastor, a courageous widow who leads a church while struggling to provide for her two teenage children, boldly defies the authorities despite their ongoing attempts to stop her church's activities. "I demand that they show what law I have broken," she firmly states. And since the authorities have never cited a specific law, she consistently carries on with her ministry work.

Many of the Christians who were interviewed by VOM's representatives, including the widowed female pastor, ask for prayer that they will be able to steadfastly stand strong in their faith. As one of Cuba's other church leaders told a United Nations official, "We just want people to pray that we remain faithful." 🙏



CHURCHES SHARE HAND-COPIED BIBLES

In Cuba, Bibles are so very precious, and yet at times quite scarce and difficult to obtain. Even when they are available, each published (printed) copy can cost about a third of a worker's monthly income. Despite these challenges, Christians in Cuba remain hungry for God's Word and are finding creative solutions to the limited access. In some communities, hand-copied chapters of the Bible are shared among the members of a church. Please pray for the success of VOM's collaborative distribution efforts which are aimed at getting a Bible into the hands of every follower of Christ in Cuba.





Prayer Requests for Cuba

Wisdom Needed for Online Communications

The atheistic Communist government in Cuba has enacted a new law intended to control the online spread of “misinformation,” especially that which is related to the country’s reputation, national security, revolution, governing leaders and socialist ideology. Christians in Cuba have reported concerns about the law’s enforcement as the government has defined “misinformation” broadly and indicated that it will prosecute violators with heavy scrutiny. Some believers have reported instances of governmental prosecution simply for sharing Bible verses in social media posts, which the authorities interpret as threats to the regime.



Photo: VOM International

Taking this challenging situation into consideration, VOMC’s Chief Executive Officer, Floyd Brobbel, states: “While online tools such as social media can help proclaim the Gospel, they cannot replace the effectiveness of personal evan-

gelism. Please pray that all Christians in Cuba will receive God’s wisdom and leading as they endeavour to reach their neighbours for Christ.”



Pastor Under House Arrest on False Pretenses

Pastor Dizzis Ramos’ public ministry has made him a frequent target of the Cuban government. He serves his local community through construction projects for elderly people in need. Earlier this

month, Pastor Ramos and another church leader were charged for allegedly falsifying receipts after legally purchasing cement for a construction project. As a result, Pastor Ramos was placed under house arrest, and the other pastor was taken into custody.

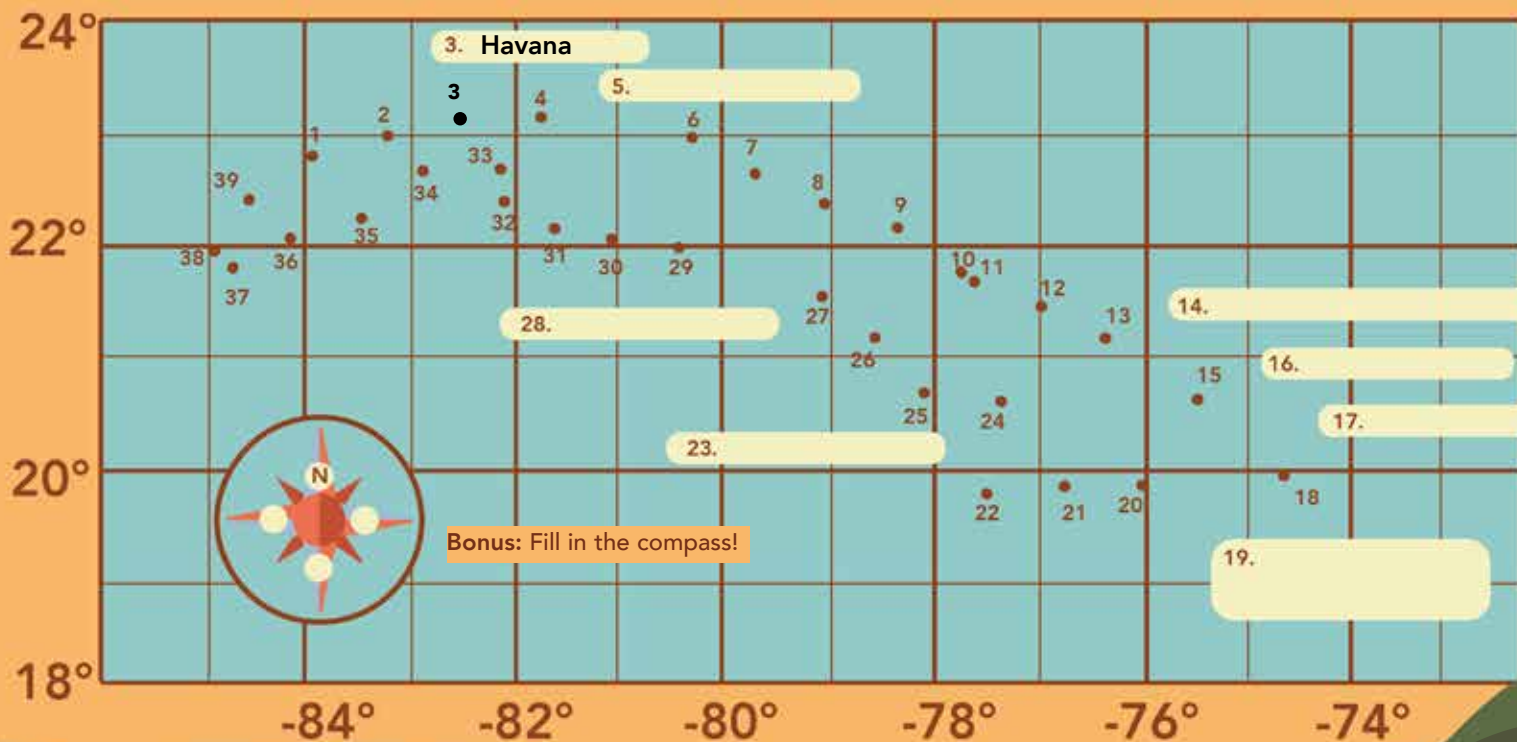
Both of these church leaders are also unable to reach the lawyer who has been handling their case. “Everything indicates that this is a trap to stop the work of Pastor Dizzis Ramos, who has made a great positive impact in the community where he pastors,” a ministry worker reports. “This would be another one of those unfortunate events that seek to limit the influence of the Cuban church in society.”

Cuba

TABLE TALK

Cuban Connection!

How to Play: Connect the dots to complete the map outline of Cuba. Then plot Cuba's major cities on the map by using the provided latitude and longitude coordinates. Be sure to add the city names. An answer key and printables are available online at: vomcanada.com/TableTalkCuba



Hint: When plotting the points, always start with the first number (latitude) and then the second (longitude).

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE COORDINATES:

EXAMPLE: Dot 3 (23.1, -82.4): The capital city of Havana not only happens to be Cuba's largest, but it also serves as the country's major coastal port and leading commercial centre.

YOUR TURN: Dot 5 (23.2, -81.2): Varadero, a resort town in the Cuban province of Matanzas, is one of the largest resort areas in the Caribbean.

Dot 14 (21.1, -75.8): Guardalavaca is a tourist town that's known for its fine sandy beaches, clear water and abundant sea life.

Dot 16 (20.7, -75): Moa is an industrial city with large mining operations for the extraction of nickel and cobalt.

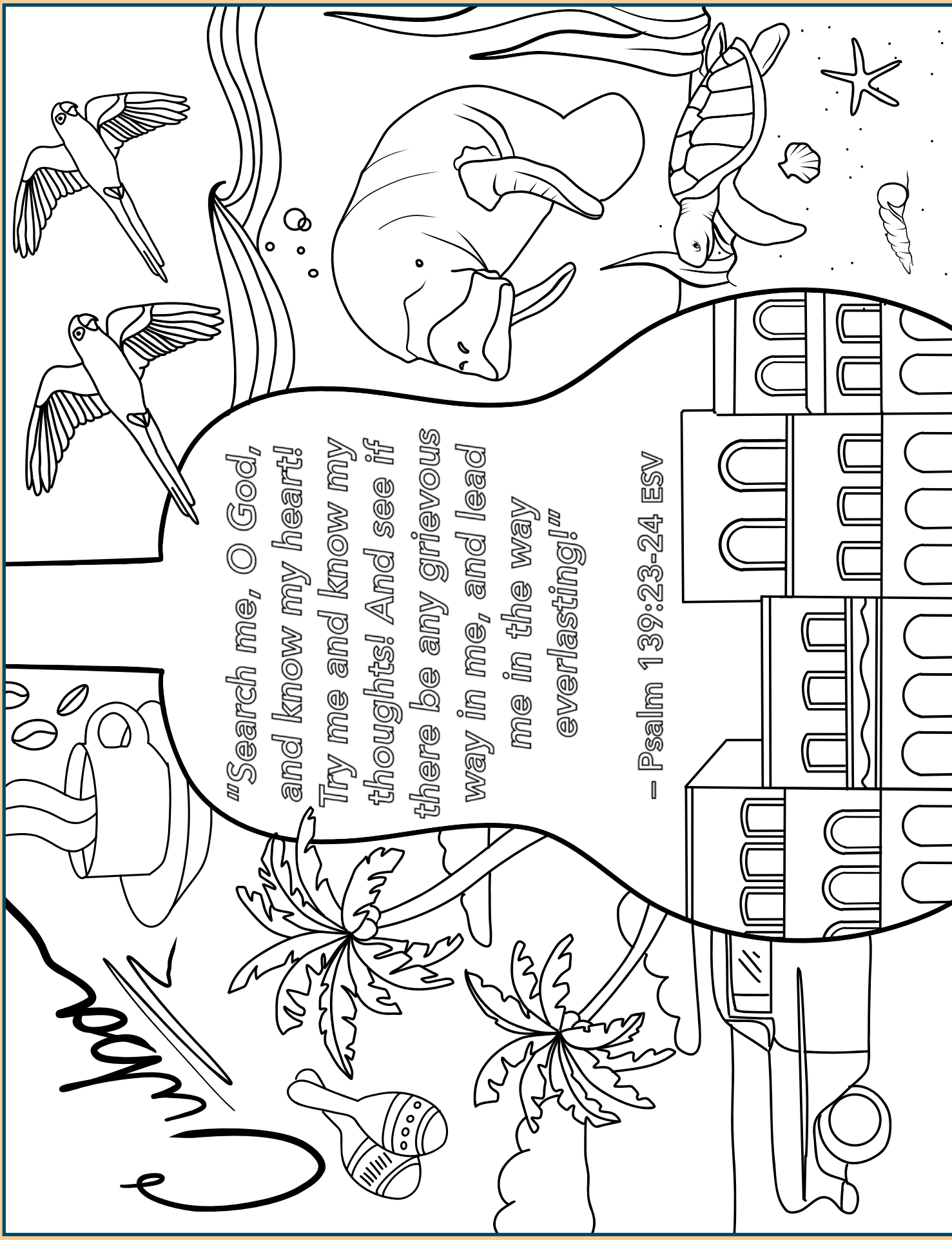
Dot 17 (20.3, -74.5): Baracoa is Cuba's oldest and easternmost city.

Dot 19 (19.9, -75.1): The Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in southern Cuba is the oldest American overseas naval base in the world.

Dot 23 (20.3, -77.1): Manzanillo is a historical town that's richly decorated with tile mosaics dating back to the 1910s and 1920s.

Dot 28 (21.8, -80): The city of Trinidad is known for its old town and cobblestone streets.

Helpful Tip: To remember the difference between latitude and longitude, think of a ladder. The latitude lines are like the horizontal rungs of the ladder, and the longitude lines are like the "long" poles that hold those rungs together.



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His Way "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" – Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 ERITREA Pray for Christians who have been released from prison, as many of them are blacklisted by governing officials.	4 YEMEN Pray that converts facing accusations of proselytism and blasphemy after leaving Islam will be filled with peace.	5 CUBA Pray that Christian leaders will rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance when they are called in for questioning.	6 PAKISTAN Pray that blasphemy laws, which have been used to persecute the country's Christians, will be revoked.	7 UGANDA Pray that Bible distributions will reach Christians in areas where there are great spiritual needs.	8 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray that God's Word will be available in every indigenous language so many more people groups will be reached.	9 NORTH KOREA Pray for the success of Bible-smuggling efforts in North Korea, asking God to touch the hearts of all the recipients.
10 INDIA Pray for Sukbait, a Christian widow who occasionally must face the assailants who killed her husband.	11 TÜRKIYE (TURKEY) Ask God for a spiritual breakthrough to take place, resulting in many Turks surrendering their lives to Christ.	12 NIGERIA Pray for Pastor Mutum, a church leader who has received multiple death threats because of his Christian witness.	13 BRUNEI As Bibles in the Malay language are illegal – and confiscated if found – pray for increased access to God's Word.	14 LIBYA Pray that Christians who are in prison because of their faith will sense God's presence and comfort.	15 PHILIPPINES Praise God that Bible school graduates are now more equipped to share the Gospel in their communities.	16 MOROCCO Pray that underground church fellowships will remain undetected by governing authorities.
17 ISRAEL (INCLUDING WEST BANK & GAZA) Pray for an increase in Bible distributions, evangelism, discipleship and church-planting efforts.	18 LEBANON Pray for God's Spirit to move among militant groups such as Hezbollah, al-Qaida and the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS).	19 IRAN Pray that local pastors will receive the practical and theological instructions they need to lead their house churches.	20 CHINA Pray that shepherds of house churches will have the wisdom and grace to lead well, resulting in further growth.	21 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for churches that are caring for the country's hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people.	22 BANGLADESH Pray that God will meet the needs of Christians who have been driven from their homes for serving Christ.	23 TUNISIA Pray for wisdom on behalf of Tunisian church leaders as they shepherd their small congregations.
24 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that believers will remain joyful amid challenges and become more equipped to minister to others.	25 EGYPT Pray for the wisdom and courage of believers who take great risks to disciple Christian converts from Islam.	26 MYANMAR (BURMA) Most Burmese Bibles are smuggled into the country. Pray that every Christian will be able to receive their own copy.	27 DR CONGO Pray that Islamic militants will peaceably lay down their arms and surrender to Christ's Lordship.	28 MAURITANIA Pray that the country's Islamic leaders will repeal laws that prohibit conversion to Christianity.	29 DJIBOUTI Ask the Lord to inspire Christians to share the "Good News" of the Gospel with their unsaved neighbours.	30 KENYA Pray that many Somalis living in Kenya will hear the Gospel message and come to know Christ as their Saviour.



CURIOUS ABOUT *Cuba*



ONE WAY A major precept of communism lays in its emphatic teaching against original sin and moral absolutes. Vladimir Lenin, the first political leader of Soviet Russia to establish communism out of Marxism, unashamedly declared, “We must be ready to employ tricking, deceit and lawbreaking,” as well as “withholding and concealing truth.”¹ Communism is unapologetically atheistic in its belief that there is no God. Perceived as mere products of time and chance, humans are considered dispensable. Communist governments will do whatever it takes to promote their agenda, even if it involves the disposing of valuable human life and freedom.

One key element that separates Christianity from every other worldview and religion is its value for human life and the acknowledgment of original sin. According to the Bible, all people are created in the image of God.² As such, humankind is worthy of respect, dignity and significance. Unlike the rest of creation, we have the freedom to think, feel, reason and make choices – including the decision to enjoy fellowship with God on a personal level.



WAY OUT VOMC’s 2024 Christmas Blessing project involves sharing the love and hope of the Gospel with over 5,000 children in Cuba. Each recipient of the project will receive a backpack containing school supplies, hygienic essentials, a T-shirt with a Godly message, a Bible, and more.... For further details about this project, please visit:

www.vomcanada.com/ChristmasBlessing

This month, we challenge you to host a bake sale to raise funds for the *Christmas Blessing* project and raise awareness of Christian persecution. Consider providing some helpful information so people can learn about the challenges encountered by Christians in Cuba and how they can pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Endnotes: ¹ *Questions People Ask* by Robert James McCracken, pp. 168–169 ² Genesis 1:27

WEIGH IN 1. Cuba is well-known for having an abundance of classic American cars, many of which are over 60 years old. Since new cars are so expensive, maintaining the older vehicles has proven to be much more cost-effective for the Cuban people.

Ponder the phrase: “Necessity is the mother of invention.” Out of necessity, Cubans have to keep cars from the 1960s or older running, which requires innovative solutions. Do you think some significant needs or problems can actually be considered valuable – potentially leading to new ideas or inventions? Discuss this possibility.

2. In 1962, the former Soviet Union shipped numerous nuclear missiles to Cuba, causing a worldwide panic known as the *Cuban Missile Crisis*. Narrowly escaping a major nuclear war, the United States helped end this conflict peacefully.

Conflicts often have consequences. Research the “Cuban Missile Crisis” and theorize at least one short-term effect, as well as a long-term one, that was created by this conflict. For example, a long-term effect that can be discussed is how the crisis led to the world’s initial awareness of nuclear warfare.

3. Since Cuba is a Communist country, the government has strict control over all forms of media, including that of television, radio and the Internet. This results in the inability to broadcast many Christian programs legally.

Christians are often forced to broadcast their media programs in secret to avoid being scrutinized by the government. Is it considered immoral for these believers to intentionally break the law by broadcasting their Christian programs without governmental approval? Find at least two Scripture verses to support your conclusion.

4. The Cuban government frequently sends spies to monitor the activities of Christian churches, specifically targeting believers who are genuine followers of Christ.

Based on what you’ve learned about Communist ideology, what is one main Biblical concept that threatens the government of Cuba, and thus motivates the authorities to crush Christianity? Hint: Read Genesis 3:7 and ask yourself, “Why was it Adam and Eve’s first reaction to cover themselves?”



Recommended Reads:

All the Way to Havana by Margarita Engle (Ages 4-8)
The Bluest Sky by Christina Diaz Gonzalez (Ages 10-14)
Mama Bear Apologetics by Hillary Morgan Ferrer (Adult)





Christmas Blessing 2024



In collaboration with VOM USA, Voice of the Martyrs Canada is working with on-the-ground ministry partners to bless more than 5,000 children during the upcoming Christmas season. The project's primary objective is for children throughout this island nation (which cannot be disclosed online due to security concerns) to receive Christmas gifts that will not only bless them practically but also minister to them spiritually.

Each child will be given a backpack containing school supplies, toys, hygienic essentials, and a T-shirt featuring a Godly message. Most importantly, the inclusion of a Bible in every backpack will allow each of the children to read the Gospel in their own language, receive greatly needed encouragement, and be reminded of the Lord's tremendous love for them.

The backpacks will be distributed by a team of

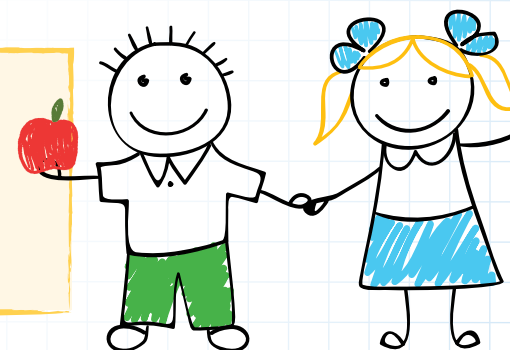
multi-denominational Christian leaders in various regions across the country, primarily targeting areas where the needs are greatest. Due to a severe lack of resources, many families in these communities are not able to afford several of the items that will be provided in the backpacks – including difficult-to-access school supplies such as notebooks, paper, glue, cellulose tape, etc.

In a country where children are under relentless pressure to reject the Christian faith and instead embrace atheism, this distribution project seeks to share the love, hope and truth of the Gospel in both practical and meaningful ways. Additionally, as copies of God's Word are extremely limited in this nation, the provided Bibles will be

greatly cherished gifts for not only these children but also the members of their persecuted families. 🌐



If you would like to contribute to this year's *Christmas Blessing* project, please contact:
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Law Restricts Christian Parents in Cuba

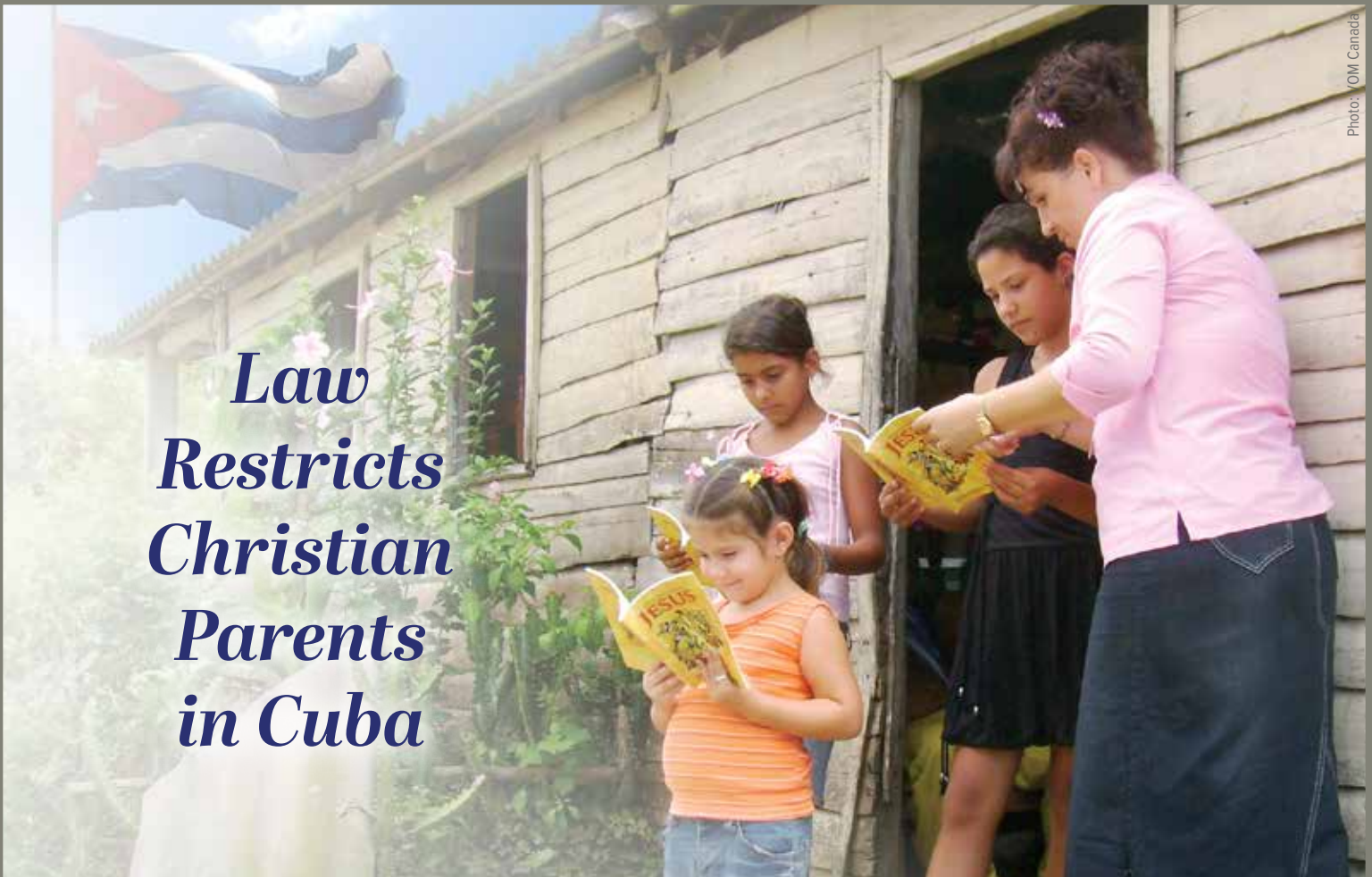


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Following a September 2022 referendum, an extensive Family Code came into effect in Cuba as of January 2023. The code abolished the concept of parental custody, instead assigning parents the responsibility of raising children according to the Cuban government's socialist ideology. VOM's Christian ministry workers report that this legal change essentially makes Cuban children wards of the government and denies parents the right to raise their children in the Christian faith. Christian leaders are concerned that the law seeks to silence the faithful witness of God-honouring parents.

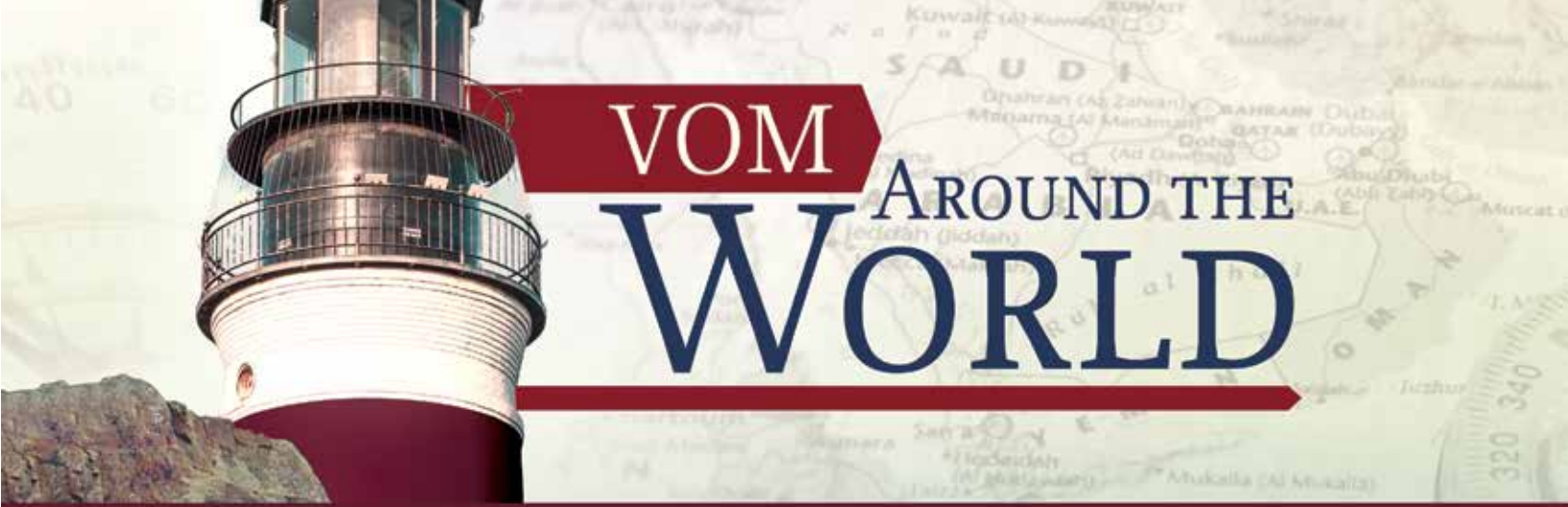
Churches and individual followers of Jesus in Cuba face unrelenting pressure from the government, which remains committed to communism's atheistic ideology and views churches as threats to the revolution begun by Fidel Castro and Che Guevara in the 1950s.

Church buildings are routinely seized and demolished, pastors and other Christian leaders are harassed and arrested, and followers of Jesus in general are often denied jobs and educational opportunities. Even so, believers continue to meet in illegal house churches, and the Christian population continues to grow due to the effectiveness of bold evangelistic activity.

The previous Family Code had already created barriers for Christian families. For example, children are required to attend public school in order to receive proper instruction in socialist ideology, and parents who do not comply are arrested. Christian leaders in Cuba warn that the laws implemented in 2023 now make it easier for the government to remove children from Christian families that oppose the government's ideology. 🇨🇺



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VOM AROUND THE WORLD

BURKINA FASO: Fulani Militant Turns to Christ!

The Fulani people are members of a nomadic Muslim tribe that originates from a vast area where the Sahara Desert meets the African savanna. This area, which is known as the Sahel region, covers a span of 11 countries. While the exact total number of Fulanis is unknown, it's believed that the tribe consists of between 20 and 40 million people.



Militant Fulani Muslims have been involved in vicious attacks against Christians in many nations, including Nigeria and Burkina Faso. Yet, some members of the Fulani tribal group, like Sadou who resides in Burkina Faso, are turning to Christ!

Sadou was raised from childhood to make and sell Islamic charms. One day he read a Christian brochure in his native Fulani language and asked a Christian for a Bible. "I was so curious as a Muslim," he acknowledges. His curiosity caused him to question, "What is this faith?" Sadou continues by testifying, "As I read [the Bible], I realized that Jesus is pure."

This Fulani man's earnest spiritual search led to his salvation in Christ. Even when a Muslim offered him \$6,000 to return to Islam, Sadou refused. The new believer now attends a school that focusses on helping Fulani Christians grow in their faith.



Gambir is enthusiastic about sharing the message of Jesus Christ with members of his village.

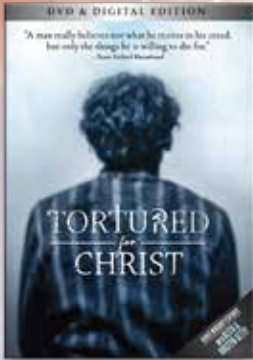
NEPAL: Faith Comes by Hearing

Gambir thought Jesus was just one of many gods until a pastor gave him an audio Bible. As Gambir listened to the Gospel of John, his heart was transformed and he became a dedicated follower of Christ. Gambir now carries the audio Bible with him everywhere, often playing it aloud where others can hear it as well.

Gambir is enthusiastic about sharing the message of Jesus Christ with members of his village, gathering friends and neighbours in a local tea shop to share the Gospel. He says that when his mouth gets tired, he turns on the audio Bible and lets God's Word speak to the hearts of those around him as it did to his.



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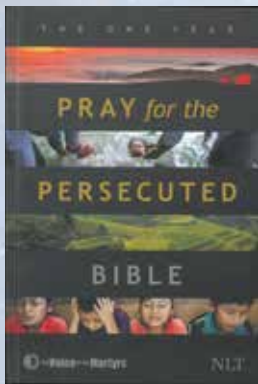
The Courageous Series

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The One-Year "Pray for the Persecuted" Bible

\$18 each

"Pray for us!" This is often the first request shared by our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith. *The One-Year "Pray for the Persecuted" Bible* includes

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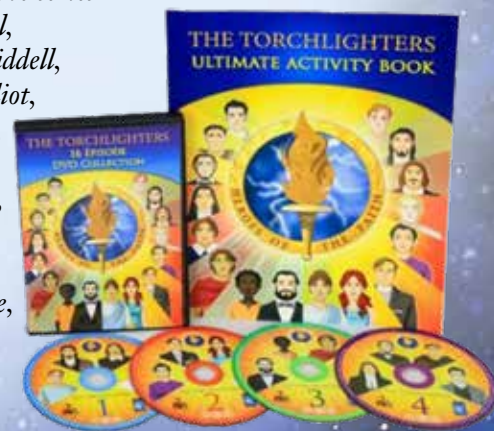
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