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*Do, Go, and Give,
go Global.*



**Men for
Missions**

GLOBAL 5-30

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By Kent Eller
MFM Vice Executive Director

What is Global 5-30? Great question! Every two years the Men for Missions Global Cabinet meets to do the business of MFM. We keep the by-laws, organizational structure, and job descriptions up to date. We also hear what God is doing in the countries that MFM is involved in which are currently the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Colombia, and Cuba. This year it was great to have Jonathan Tobon from Colombia, with us to share how MFM is expanding in his country. We were also excited to welcome and pray over Alan Russell, the new MFM Director for the U.K.

Global 5-30 came out of this meeting with the goal to start an MFM type ministry in 30 new countries in 5 years. We were excited to hear how MFM was doing in our newest countries of Cuba and Colombia. It was great to hear how men in these countries are saying, "yes" to Do, Go, and Give anything God asks. As we talked about what God is doing in these places and how men are excited to be part of reaching people through sharing their testimonies and talents with people who need to hear. The question was why not do this in more countries? As we went around the room and asked each person what they thought about this, the consensus was to aim for 15-20 new countries over the next 5 years. We had the countries written down on paper. When Kevin Woods, MFM Associate Staff, was asked his thoughts, he said 30 countries. We were all asking why 30 and he said, "I want something that scares me, something only God can do."

Dwight Ferguson, the founder of Men for Missions, used to say, "You don't need to build a fire, just find where the fire is already going and carry wood." As we look to see how MFM can expand into 30 countries, we want to be a part of carrying wood. We are looking for opportunities to partner with ministries within OMS and outside if the opportunity gives itself to that. We want to help people realize that God can use their talents and testimonies to reach people for Christ. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." We want to come alongside men in their countries and help them reach their own, as well as come alongside our friends in other countries to reach the end of the earth.

Will you pray with us, pray for us, and pray that we will be obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading to: Do, Go, and Give whatever God asks, and to discern which thirty countries He asks us to go?

MFM Global Cabinet Report

By Grant Zerbe

The MFM Global Cabinet met in Orlando, Florida, on November 7-10, 2018. The Cabinet meets every two years. The purpose of this meeting was to prayerfully review and update the Global Cabinet's vision, mission, and policy statements in light of its core values. What a blessing to gather together in the camaraderie of Jesus Christ and His redeeming love.

Representatives from Ireland, Canada, Colombia, and the United States were present. It was exciting to hear reports of what God is doing in people's hearts around the world.

We were pleased to have Jonathan Tobon, our new MFM representative from Colombia attend. He gave the Cabinet an exciting report about "Satura Colombia". This evangelistic movement, led by Colombian believers, encourages men and women to use their talents and skills for God in an effort to reach their fellow countrymen and surrounding countries. With the support of 16 MFM teams, "Satura Colombia" supported 59 Christian churches and 119 short term missionaries, resulting in 4,886 decisions of faith in Jesus Christ and over 900 people attending regular discipleship classes. What a thrill to hear how God is transforming lives through "Satura".

Alan Russell, representing Ireland, reported on MFM in the U.K. Alan has graciously accepted the National Director's position for the U.K. We praise the Lord for his commitment to MFM and his willingness to 'Do, Go, and Give' in his region.

Bill Evans, U.S. National Director, shared about U.S. teams traveling to Haiti, Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, and Houston, Texas. He also updated us on possible hurricane disaster relief needs in North Carolina and the Florida Panhandle.



MFM Global Cabinet meeting.

Marlowe Janke, Canadian National Director, reported on Canadian MFM teams serving in Cuba, Haiti, and Colombia as well as fund-raising efforts for Bibles for Cuba. One of MFM-Canada's main projects was relief for Hurricane Irma's impact on Cuba. The Lord greatly blessed their efforts of raising \$250,000.00 for Kingdom projects!

An exciting new goal was birthed during our time together! God gave the vision to pray for men in 30 new countries over the next 5 years to 'Do, Go, and Give' for God so more people may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our slogan is "G5-30". Our Global Cabinet members have begun praying for this new goal at 5:30 each day. Won't you join us? Whether you like a.m. or p.m. doesn't matter, prayer is the key!

A very special highlight happened Friday night when Warren and Velma Hardig were honored for their 40+ years of service with MFM. After a lovely dinner, the cabinet members and their wives gathered to honor Warren and Velma with words of appreciation and gratitude for their faithfulness to the Lord and service to Him. On behalf of MFM, John McLaughlin presented the Hardigs with a commemorative clock. John closed in prayer thanking the Lord for their dedication to Jesus Christ, their godly example, and for God's blessing in the next season of their lives.

Save the Date!

Friday June 21, 2019
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Greenwood, Indiana

"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God" (Acts 20:24 NLT).

PLEASE JOIN US as we celebrate Warren and Velma Hardig for their 46 years of selfless service to the Kingdom. A Celebration will be held on Friday, June 21, to honor Warren and Velma, and commission them into their new position at Men for Missions continuing their service as MFM Global Ambassadors. The event will be held at Community Church of Greenwood, 1477 West Main Street, Greenwood, from 7-9 pm. Desserts and coffee will be served at the celebration. For more information please call 317-881-6755 ext 358.

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Every member of Men for Missions is on a journey to share hope at home and around the world. May these reports from across the globe inspire each of us to walk as Jesus, changing our lives and the lives of those we encounter.



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Bill Evans
MFM-U.S. National Director

Men for Missions is now in its 65th year of existence. That is amazing to me when I think about how quickly some things come and go in our world today. But the reason MFM still has vital existence is that it touches the heart of laymen and challenges them in ways that men need to be challenged. Within the United States, we've seen God do amazing things in the lives of many people as they have said, "Yes" to serving Him around the world through short-term missionary involvement.

In the U.S. church, men often lag behind in involvement within the life of the church. I see and hear that with much regularity. Therefore, challenging men to DO, GO and GIVE whatever God asks of them is just as necessary today as it was when MFM began in 1954.

The brand new MFM Global vision of starting the work of MFM in at least 30 new countries over the next five years fits right in with the above-mentioned challenge. Men globally need to know why God created them. When they serve with MFM they see God work in them and through them, to help transform others. For example, imagine challenging Christian men in Haiti to start MFM in their country. How would they do that? Mostly because of finances, Haitian men will find it very challenging to travel overseas to take the Gospel to other lands, but they would not be too challenged to take the Gospel to their own countrymen. They could do that through Work, Evangelism, Prayer, and Medical teams that MFM has sent over all these years. As they see the Lord work through them across their country, they will be challenged to be the very best members of their own families, communities and churches. In addition, they will build relationships with others who serve with them and those whom they serve.

How can men within the United States be involved? Some examples are:

1. Help us think of places around the world where Men for Missions could help encourage the men and their families to live out their faith according to the MFM Mission Statement.

2. Be willing to go to some of these countries to help grow the influence of MFM so their men will take up the mantle of reaching the lost and the least in their countries.

3. What marketable skills do you have that can be useful in other lands? Please consider employing them to reach out to others around the world.

Alan Russell
MFM-U.K. National Director

I remember sitting around the table at the Orlando MFM Global Cabinet meeting discussing future expansion of MFM. The challenge for us was to set a target that only God could achieve, so that when it comes to fruition, we could not take the credit but to God will go the glory. Our utter reliance on God is the most exciting part of this project.

The most difficult part will be carrying the enthusiasm from the meeting into our ongoing work. It is easy for our enthusiasm to dissipate. The commitment to pray at 5:30 is a great help. As it turns out 5:30 (I went for p.m. of course) is a most inconvenient time to pray. However, the reminder stays on my phone until I bring it before the Lord and this keeps it always before me.

There are some countries in Europe where MFM-U.K. has worked or has some contact, but most have no such connection. There are fifty countries in Europe (depending on how you count it), so there are plenty of countries to reach. It seems to me the most obvious countries to expand into are those where English is most widely spoken. Accordingly, I have committed to pray for Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and Malta as the four countries with the highest proportion of English speakers; of course, after U.K. and Ireland.



Global team member shares Gospel message in Cuban home using EvangeCube.

I have no idea how this will all come to pass, but I know someone who does. MFM-U.K. needs to pray and be open to God's prompting. As we seek to build MFM in the U.K., we discuss, we pray, and we look for God's hand at work. This is an exciting time to be a part of MFM, and in the U.K. we feel this as well. God will bring forward the opportunities, and we pray that He will also speak into believers hearts that more men will come forward. Already, we are seeing this start to happen.

I recognize how God has graciously used MFM to challenge me and has caused me to grow in faith and His service. He knows us better than we know ourselves. To Him I look for more men to come to faith and more men to grow in His service.



Men for Missions Impacting Colombia, Cuba, and Beyond

By Jonathon Tobon
MFM-Colombia Facilitator

We are seeing a tremendous growth in the ministry in Colombia, South America. I truly believe that Colombia is ready for missions as never before. We are ready to receive missionaries. But, we are really ready to be able to send missionaries. We have all kinds of laymen who have a plan to form Men for Missions; to bless the country, to bless other countries, and to help expand Men for Missions to be more global. MFM teams from Canada and the United States have visited Colombia. We had not planned to form short-term mission teams with Colombians. But, the people in the churches in Colombia, are ready to serve.

We have been working with thousands of people from the churches to help encourage them. These people have all kinds of difficulties and different types of work. Through visits and encouragement, we have formed Men for Missions-Colombia. We have formed groups of laymen into the same type of teams that have come from the United States and Canada. The Colombians ask for permission to be outside of their work or to leave their work. They ask for other folks to come with them from the church. The teams that have been formed as MFM-Colombia, are now visiting other communities and countries to share with them.



Global team surveying Hurricane Irma damage in the streets of Cuba.

MFM GLOBAL EXPANSION

Men for Missions Global (MFMG) is expanding. Many lives are being changed and men are joining the ranks of MFMG. Due to security, all the stories cannot be told of the changed lives. We continue to challenge men of all nations to:

- Do whatever God asks them to do;**
- Go wherever God asks them to go;**
- Give whatever God asks them to give;**

Making God, Lord of their lives. Please pray about joining our efforts to help MFM grow in developing nations.

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Cuba evangelism.

“This Calls for God Room!”

By Marlowe Janke
MFM-Canada National Director

As we reflect on G5-30 we are humbled to know that we cannot accomplish this goal in our own strength. The Bible is filled with stories of men and women who are asked to do tasks that are more than they can comprehend or feel adequate to accomplish.

This calls for God Room! In the book *Rebel With A Cause*, Bob Pierce describes to a young, Franklin Graham, “God room is when you see a need and it is bigger than your human abilities to meet it. But you accept the challenge. You trust God to bring in the finances and materials to meet that need.

You get together with your staff, your prayer partners, and your supporters and you pray. But you can only raise a portion of the resources required.

Then you begin to watch God work. Before you know it, the need is met. At the same time, you understand that you didn’t do it. God did it, you (just) allowed Him room to work.”

As we look forward to the future, we

know there will be challenges, but we also see the opportunities. We build on the rich history of Men for Missions. As we trust the LORD to lead and to guide us to new horizons, we anticipate God to expand our borders.

We are reminded of the prayer of an obscure Old Testament character whose complete story gets told in only two small verses. His prayer, a single, simple request that God honored.

“Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all I do and keep me from all trouble and pain!” (1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NLT).

His name is Jabez. A simple name which sounds like a Hebrew word for ‘distress or pain.’

That’s it. That is all we know about this man.

Hardly anyone paid any attention to him then and today many of us have forgotten his story and the lessons we can learn from it.

First, the most prominent feature in the character of this man, who was noticed by the Holy Spirit, is that Jabez was a **man of prayer**. His prayer was personal, simple, sincere, and direct.

He was also a **man of vision**, he just didn’t see his life as it was, but he saw his life as it could be after the LORD would answer his prayer.

Thirdly, Jabez knew what his weakness was, and he was determined to ask God to turn the weakness into strength through prayer. Jabez, was a **man of God**.

The best was yet to come:

“And God granted him his request.”

As we work together toward G5-30, let us set our goals, make our plans, pray our prayers, and give God room. As God gives us success, let us remember that it is not about us; it is about Him and to give Him all the glory. May we see the world as God sees it.

Valiant Venezuelans

By Doug & Cindy Tankersley
MFM-Latin America Regional Directors

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

— Romans 8:28 NIV

One of the goals for Men for Missions-Latin America has been to train and prepare Colombians to cross their own borders, in total obedience to Jesus Christ, and target areas where the U.S. passport isn’t welcomed. Many Colombians desire to replicate the Satura/MFM evangelism model and have responded to God’s call to serve in Venezuela this year. Unfortunately, as the crisis has escalated, the Colombians now feel that it’s too dangerous to send their own short-term Men for Missions team at this time.

Time and time again throughout the Bible, God has scattered his people in the midst of suffering and persecution. It’s no different today. The news continues to report the devastating crisis in Venezuela, and we see millions of Venezuelans, in survival mode, fleeing their country. Many of the people that are fleeing to neighboring countries are



This international evangelism team represents the countries of U.S.A., Colombia, and Venezuela, while sharing the Gospel with a Colombian.

where He has placed them. During our time together, several served as translators and others served as church locals. Both of which are vital parts to our short-term evangelism teams. These valiant Venezuelans were a beautiful testimony to us. It was obvious that God is protecting, providing, and preparing them for a time when they are able to return to their country.

Our team of nine short-termers from the Midwest had no idea how God was going to orchestrate that week of evangelism. We knew the typical evangelism schedule, which included a different local church and different community each day. However, we were amazed at how God brought an influx of Venezuelans into our lives. There were those that served with us, those that were standing behind the doors that we knocked on, and others were sitting next to us on the plane. If God has touched your heart to minister to Venezuelans, we want to encourage you to be a part of the evangelism teams to Colombia. It is likely that while serving during our recent evangelism trip to Medellin, Colombia, you will also be serving some of those displaced from Venezuela.

As Men for Missions begins to strategize and prepare for global expansion into 30 countries in 5 years (G5-30), we understand that we may not need to go directly into 30 different countries to prepare and train laymen to DO, GO, and GIVE. We just need to open our eyes and see those that are right in front of us and be aware that God may be bringing them to us. Please pray for the global expansion of Men for Missions and ask God how you can be a part of it.



our brothers and sisters in Christ. We had the honor and privilege of serving alongside some of these folks during our recent evangelism trip to Medellin, Colombia.

Several Venezuelans now call Medellin their temporary home. In the midst of their despair and grief, they are joyfully serving the Lord

These valiant Venezuelans are serving the Lord through the Colombian church.

MFM Evangelism Team to Cuba

Cuba Team Highlights

Men for Missions sent its first ever evangelism team to Cuba, November 13-20, 2018. Team members shared the following highlights from the trip.

My highlight for this Cuba trip was going out into the country and seeing a lady who took over for her husband to help support her family. She fed us a meal, and she just wept with joy. It's really special to see how our being there impacted the nationals.

—Cory Weichmann

My highlight of the trip was to watch Mike Baker be clearly led by God to talk with a couple about their faith. A person had come to their home and had talked about the Bible with them. But no one had asked if they wanted to express their faith in prayer and accept Jesus as Savior. It was exciting to be there and watch God work in that way.

—Larry Seawell

One of the most outstanding things I saw was a lady that had lost everything. A tornado destroyed her house, her church, and her pastor left. She took over even though she wasn't trained. She traveled hours by whatever means she could find to go to a church in Havana so she could learn more about God. Then she brought that message back and shared it with her friends and her community.

—John McLaughlin

The part that really touched my heart was seeing the hearts of the leaders in Cuba. For example, there is a man with a servant's heart who takes food to the elderly who have nothing. Another servant was the man that loves to preach and teach. Those are two precious things to take home with me.

—Karine McLaughlin

First MFM evangelistic team on the streets of old Havana, Cuba, after day of sharing Gospel in homes.

My most memorable part of the trip was being at the home of a group of new believers in a very remote area that are very isolated from their fellow believers. We visited their home, and I was standing outside the room. I looked at our translator, who nearly broke down when she found out that this woman was going to serve us lobster. I about broke down hearing that she was giving the absolute best that she had to give.

—Mike Baker

The most memorable part of the trip for me was going to see the printing presses that are putting out Bibles. The fact that they've printed thousands of Bibles and New Testaments this year is just overwhelming. Being a missionary kid that grew up with parents that translated two complete Bibles, I'm always excited to see the Bible coming out in print for the people.

—Dave Hohulin

The best thing for me has been to be able to serve as a missionary in another Latin American country. It's been great to be able to see that people in Cuba are ready to be evangelized. I'm grateful to Men for Missions for the opportunity to be able to be a part of this.

—Jonathan Tobon



Kristin, the MFM team interpreter with team in a home in old Havana.

MFMer John McLaughlin training people in the fishing village, hit by Hurricane Irma, how to use the EvangeCube.



EvangeCube.

Translator for MFM Evangelism Teams

My name is Kristin Sanmiento, and I translated for the first evangelism team from Men for Missions in Cuba. Currently I live in Havana with my husband. He's Cuban and we serve in the church, and it was a privilege to translate for this team. Where we were ministering is an out-of-the-way, tiny, little town in the middle of nowhere. It is pretty much insignificant for the vast majority of people. We were there because there is a very small group of believers that meet in the village. We asked our church partner about the impact this group will have on the people of Cuba. He explained that people appreciated that a group would come from so far away, leave behind their work and their families for a time, just to work alongside the believers here. The reality of a team coming to Cuba is a real demonstration of God's love.

—Kristin Sanmiento
MFM Team Translator

The Value of MFM Evangelism Teams

Cuba has the local resources to preach the Gospel. Nevertheless, the opportunity to have a Men for Missions team is incredibly motivating to them. To give tools to the Cuban people and to the local leadership empowers them to live out God's Word in Cuba and to spread the Gospel in our nation. We are working together because of the great energy that the interaction brings to Cuba. I want to multiply the model that Men for Missions uses, to create small groups of men who are able to empower other Cuban men. It is powerful when a small group of men can pray for each other, who can pray for new communities, who can go, and empower the local leaders to live out God's word in Cuba.

—Alan Quesada
MFM-Cuba National Director

Caring for Those Who Serve

By Alice H. Murray

On September 30, 2018, a team from Crosspoint Church in Niceville, Florida, traveled to Hungary for a week long mission trip that would be unlike most mission trips. Crosspoint team members, representatives of the Soul Care Project, and missionaries from various countries gathered in Budapest for a missionary care retreat. This retreat provided a time of renewal and refreshment for those serving on the mission field, leaving them better equipped to care for others.

Because statistics reveal that 75 percent of those in service ministries experience burnout within five years, caring for those serving on the mission field is a key concern. The Budapest retreat offered Crosspoint team members the opportunity to focus on and care for the missionaries in attendance.

How did the mission team provide care? One way was to allow missionaries down time. Crosspoint team members cooked meals for the missionaries and provided programs for their kids, freeing them from domestic and parental responsibilities. Missionaries were treated to foods they enjoy but do not get to experience on the field. Bacon was served at several meals to the delight of a missionary family living in a Muslim nation where pork cannot be eaten. Missionary kids were gifted with favorite cereals and candies that are available in the U.S. but not on the mission field.

Recreational activities were an additional way for care to be given. Adults and children alike enjoyed a trip to the Budapest Zoo. Separate outings were also planned for the men and for the women. Each group enjoyed a trip to one of Budapest's famed thermal spas. The ladies followed their spa visit with lunch at a restaurant where they could sample Hungarian cuisine, such as goulash soup.

The missionaries received spiritual care during the retreat as well. Daily group gatherings offered a time for Christian fellowship, including singing and prayer. While these are regular activities for Christians, in this case they meant a great deal more to those serving on foreign fields. As one missionary tearfully explained, these gatherings provided a rare opportunity to worship in English. Presentations and counseling by members of the Soul Care Project offered educational and practical care for the missionaries.

Bonding between team members and missionaries was obvious at the end of the retreat. Hugs were given, smiles were exchanged, and tears were shed. Missionaries returned to the field having been renewed and uplifted. Crosspoint team members returned home with a better sense of and appreciation for missionaries. While the retreat ended, the connection between these two groups continues. Crosspoint members support these missionaries on an ongoing basis through their prayers, finances, and continued communication. Missionaries are encouraged knowing there are people back home who love them and support their efforts. As a result of the missionary care retreat, the missionaries' supporters are now their personal friends—people they know truly care about them as they serve others on the mission field.



Dr. Michael Tallman and Billy Ray pause and reflect while at the Budapest Zoo.



Team worship time in the ministry center in Budapest.



Team members Diane Hoelter and Melissa Brinley are amazed at the paprika in Budapest's Central Market.

What is MFM?

Men for Missions (MFM) is a ministry of One Mission Society (OMS), a faith mission headquartered in Greenwood, Indiana, serving Christ in over 70 countries. MFM is comprised of laymen for the purpose of helping more than 400 OMS missionaries evangelize, plant churches, develop Christian leadership, and eventually partner with the national churches that evolve.

MFM accomplishes its task through men from every walk of life who are willing to make this spiritual commitment:
I will do whatever God asks me to do;
I will go wherever God asks me to go;
I will give whatever God asks me to give.



Warren Hardig
MFM Global
Executive Director.

The commitment between an MFMer and God manifests itself through a variety of MFM opportunities. Missionaries are served within the U.S. through MFM area representatives and MFM Action Groups (formerly called Councils). A local Action Group is comprised of MFMs who meet periodically to pray for missionaries, help support their projects, and acquire greatly needed items. They also financially assist their members to join teams heading to foreign mission fields of OMS.

Men for Missions is your life changing journey, that asks men to do, go, and give whatever God asks. MFM nationally has organized and helped nearly 30,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 65-year history. A current team list appears in this issue (see list at right).

MFMs help missionaries by releasing their personal skills and abilities in a variety of practical, direct ways. Included are work and medical teams, teams which help with local evangelism, teams that go to pray and distribute literature, and other opportunities for those who are prepared to teach. Teams are often involved in one or more of these ministries.

MFM has no dues nor formal trappings. We exist to serve Christ by assisting OMS. Our mandate is compassion, pure and simple. Our priority is establishing the Lordship of Jesus Christ in each man's life, and our goal is to provide opportunities for personal obedience to the Great Commission. For more information contact the MFM office in your country (page 3).

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07/03	Hungary (Eng Camp)	Indy	1900
07/06	Haiti, Cap (Work)	Des Moines	1600
07/13	Haiti, Port (Work)	Findlay, OH	1850
07/13	Korea, Seoul (English)	Indy	2050
07/13	Mexico (Work)	Ada, OK	1500
07/15	Ukraine (English Camp)	Indy	2750
07/17	Hungary (English Camp)	Indy	1900
07/19	Belgium (Evangelism)	Indy	TBD
07/20	Colombia (Evangelism)	Louisville	1850
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Ecuador Evangelism

By Janet Ostroot

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (John 3:8 NIV).

Looking back, it is exciting to see how the Spirit of God was working to set His plan in place for a missionary team to go to Loja, Ecuador. It started more than a year ago when Al Gaines, MFM Regional Representative, presented missionary opportunities to the First Baptist Church in Cokato, MN. As Al was sharing about the ministry and possible mission opportunities, I noticed that my heart was being stirred to participate in an evangelism trip to Colombia. There seemed to be several obstacles, but the Spirit's prompting continued to urge me on. Then a phone call from Al Gaines stopped me in my tracks when I heard that the trip was off, but would I consider a trip to Ecuador over the same dates? Absolutely! The Spirit was moving and wasn't yet done assembling the team. Though my husband, Bob, hadn't planned on participating, God changed his heart and helped him get past his anxiety of sharing his faith story, and he joined the team.

Missionaries Mark and Nube Vogan of Loja, Ecuador, welcomed the team into their home during the week of November 4-10, 2018. They arranged daily opportunities for the team to share their personal faith stories and the Gospel by using a tool called an EvangeCube that tells the story of salvation and helps people by using their sense of hearing and sight to grasp the wonderful message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

The team had opportunities to share Jesus' salvation message through interpreters, not only during the Sunday church service, but out in the community, in neighbors' homes, at a sports center, a national park, in two city squares, at the market, at a Bible study, and two kids clubs. It was so

gratifying and humbling to watch the Lord work in the lives of many people, opening their eyes to recognize their need for a Savior.

One special memory was of a young lady who had heard the plan of salvation during the church service. The family had remained after the people had gone home, and she and her sister were sitting in the living room. They reached for the EvangeCubes and were looking through the pictures. The young lady began to cry, and we finally understood that she was wanting to ask Jesus into her heart. However, she was deeply afraid of how her father would react. Through hugs and encouragement, we helped her come to the point where she was willing to make that commitment. Nube stepped in and prayed with her in her own language and helped walk her into the presence of the Lord. What a tearful and joyful moment.

Left: Sharing the gospel with an immigrant from Venezuela.
Below: Children's outreach using the EvangeCube.



As the week drew to an end, the team all reflected that though the week looked different than what we had imagined. We were all convinced that God's spirit had been at work accomplishing His plan rather than ours. Oh, how thrilling it was to recognize that God allowed us to be His hands and feet in that beautiful mountainous town of Loja, Ecuador.

Bibles for Cuba

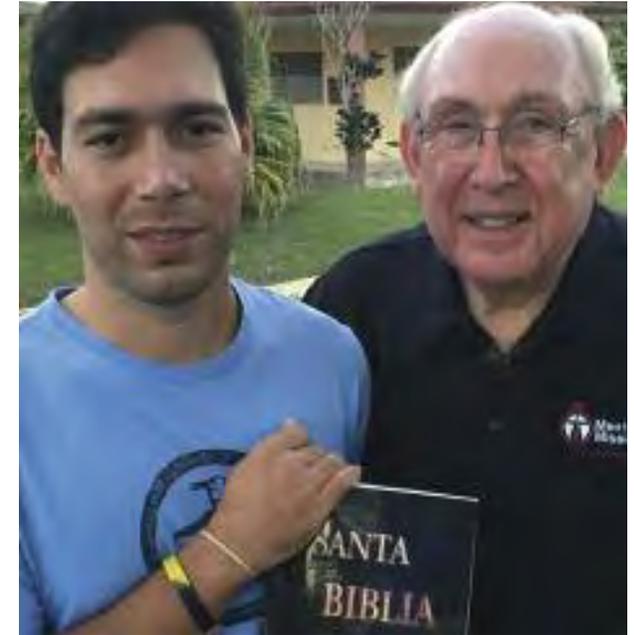
By Warren Hardig
MFM Global Executive Director

God is answering the prayers of the church in Cuba. There are two statistics which gives us every reason to be generous and sponsor four Bibles a month for our neighbors to the South. We are about helping our partners in Cuba.

1. One partner has started 50,000 new house churches in five years. That same partner reported over 128,500 opportunities to share the Gospel with lost souls in 2016.

A recent prayer request from Cuba was, "Pray for more pastors and church planters to become full time ministers of His Word in local churches."

2. Another partner reports 228 new house churches planted this year with nearly 900 new believers now being disciplined. There is a great need for Christian literature and most importantly the need for God's Word is huge. Can you imagine tearing the Bible into books or chapters so you have at least a portion of God's Word to preach and teach from?



You and I can have a vital role in a mighty movement of God by providing Bibles for families that have no access to God's Word.

I am reminded of Psalm 119:9-11: *"How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."*

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Report on MFM-UK in Spain

By Alan Russell
MFM-U.K. National Director

Early on Sunday, October 7, 2018, seven men from Craigavon Council Men for Missions set off to Dublin to fly to Madrid. There, we were met by Bob Biddulph and Javi Erustes and transferred to the camp in Pena de Horeb, Spain. After lunch we walked around the camp and considered the various work projects that needed to be done. After this, we walked up to the dam to stretch our legs.

On Monday, the work started in earnest. Over the next few days, tiling at the front of Casa Grande was lifted where water was pooling and new tiles were laid. Two rooms and the stairwell were painted. Later in the week, most of the outside was painted. Metalwork around the roof of the chapel was rubbed down and painted.

A row of conifers had been planted to hide the workshop from those looking out from the dining hall, but these had grown up and had hidden the view of the valley beyond. The conifers were reduced in height and trimmed back.

On Wednesday, a hired backhoe arrived. There had been problems with frequent leaks from the pipe that was used to bring water from the river to the tank. One of the team members was an experienced operator and a track was dug to allow a new pipe to be laid. Another track was dug to allow a back-up pipe that was lying on the ground to be buried. The backhoe was also used to backfill a trench that had been dug earlier and also to level some of the

roads about the camp.

A group of seventy young people arrived late on Friday, and it was heartening to see them enjoy the facilities and a reminder to us of the purpose of the camp and our endeavors. It is to provide the setting that people, young and old, can meet with our Lord Jesus Christ, to come to know Him and to grow in faith.

Javi and Loli run the camp for OMS and Baptist churches in Madrid. We were very well looked after and every meal was delicious and lovingly prepared. During the week, it was wonderful to see how our relationship with Javi devel-

oped, and by the end of the week we had become both partners and friends in the work of Christ. During the week, Daniel Castro filled the invaluable role of interpreter, which ensured there were no misunderstandings.

Six of the seven men had been there before, and it was a joy to re-establish the working relationship with the camp. We thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve and the mercies He has shown us. It is hoped that, in God's providence, another team will be able to go to the camp in the spring of 2019.

Team at work on main building at Pena de Horeb.



The MFM-U.K. team at Pena de Horeb camp in Spain.

2018 Pan American Highway Trip

By Steve Rehner
MFM Director of Business Development

The headlights were in my lane until the last possible second; fortunately the semi was able to finish passing and return to his lane before hitting us head-on. This was one of many "little" adventures we experienced on the Pan American Highway trip. In July, 2018, twelve men joined me driving down the Pan American highway from the U.S. to Costa Rica.

This was definitely a different type of mission trip. Our goal was to raise money for Small Business Development projects. We traveled in six cars, crossing the borders of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and our destination, Costa Rica.

Mexico is long north to south, so it took two days to traverse the country. The third day we crossed into Guatemala, and that afternoon we had a five-hour delay due to major tire damage. One of the cars had all four rims damaged, and another car had two blown tires, all on the same series of potholes that stretched completely across the road. This delay, added to the time it took to cross the border into El Salvador, which caused us to drive through the night until 5:30 the next morning.

The big issue regarding the drive was the civil war that had been raging in Nicaragua the previous months. We had been very close to canceling the trip due to the conflict, but in the end felt that we could carefully cross the country. The plan was to cross Honduras and enter Nicaragua while it



Typical tailgate lunch somewhere in Mexico—peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and lunch meat sandwiches.

was still daylight and then spend the night in Managua with missionary friends. However, the lengthy border crossings delayed our entry into Nicaragua until after 11:30 p.m. So much for traveling to Managua during the daylight. It was a three-hour trip to Managua, and we arrived at 2:30 a.m.

After a short two and a half hours of rest, we left Managua at 4:30 a.m. for the Costa Rica border. It was like the Lord brought in a cloud of protection over us, as a fog settled over us that was so thick I could hardly see to drive. This fog hovered over us until we were out of Managua, and then we had a safe two-hour drive to the Costa Rican border.

Nobody who wanted to harm us could have even seen us. One of our team said he saw guys with masks along the road, but with the fog they could certainly not know who was in the cars going by them.

We really sensed the Lord's hand of protection on us while we were in Nicaragua for those few hours, and all of the members of the team had an uncommon sense of peace

that we were safely held in the Lord's hand as we faced some uncertainty crossing the country. We arrived safely in Costa Rica on July 12th, and had a few days of ministry before everyone flew home. We had bonded in an unusual way and shared an adventure never to be forgotten.



The team after we arrived at the Costa Rica border.

Unexpected Assurance

By Al Johanson

God sends His assurances to us in many unexpected ways to let us know that what we are doing is pleasing to Him at that time. Last June, I took my son, David, and my grandson, Tim, to Haiti to help work on the second floor of the Cowman School. My wife, Elinor, and I served as hosts in Haiti from 1998 through 2007, and it was our prayer that our son and grandson would someday be able to go see and do the things we helped with while there.

One morning we were working at the school and David and Tim were helping set and tie rebar prior to pouring concrete. I was working on the first level while David was working with a Haitian, Whisling, and they were conversing the best they could. David told Whisling that his son was also up on the floor working with another Haitian and his father was working downstairs. When noon came, they all came down from the second floor, and David wanted Whisling to meet me.

We were all introduced and Whisling looked at me and called another Haitian over who could speak a little more English. He asked me if I had ever been to Haiti before, and I told him of my previous times. He then asked me if I had ever given blood for a sick person. Back in 2006, while we were in Haiti, a Cowman School watchman's son was hospitalized with a ruptured colon, and needed two units of blood to help him be able to recover. A Haitian staff person and I went to the Red Cross donor facility in Cap Haitien and donated our blood. They gave us our blood bags, we bought a piece of ice from a roadside vendor, and put them in a small ice cooler. We then drove two hours to deliver them to the hospital in Milot. As it turns out, this young boy, age nine, was the brother of Whisling, and he recognized me after twelve years. Whisling is 23 years old, so he must have been 11 years old in 2006.

Only God could have arranged such a meeting with Whisling working with my son, David, and for Whisling to recognize and remember seeing me twelve years later. This was God's way of telling all of us that this was where He wanted us to be. He wanted us to be assured that what we do makes a difference in the Kingdom.



Whisling.



From left: Tim, Al, Whisling, and David.

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