

Intro: One of the questions I regularly get when I share with someone about a mission trip is Why? Why would you go to another country and invest time, money, resources, prayer in telling them about Jesus When there is so much need here.

1. Not mutually exclusive. We can (and DO) do both! (Today after service go to FC, Mission Reveal)
Winter Relief, CityServe, Tyler Heights, Food Bank, Community Garden
2. We are following the command of Jesus and the example of those who have gone before us.

1. Why We Have Mission Trips.

- *Because Jesus told us to! THESE ARE HIS LAST WORDS!!!*
~Mt 28:19-20
~Acts 1:8
- *Because Others have shared with us we are thankful and want to share*
Someone shared with us all. Either in the process of getting to know Him, Or the journey of growing in Him
None of us have “gone it alone”
Why would we ever want to keep the most amazing news in the world to ourselves!
If everyone today stopped telling about Jesus...die out in one generation!!!
- *Because we are following the example of Jesus and His disciples in obedience*
~Jesus went throughout the countryside preaching and teaching Mt 9:35 Jesus went thru towns, villages
~Jesus sent His disciples two by two Mk 6:7
~Jesus sent Paul: He is the model for what we are doing in Cuba. Acts 9; Acts 13: Macedonian Call

Applic: We do mission trips NOT because it is fun, exciting, enjoyable, exotic. But because we are being obedient to Jesus

2. How We Planned Our Trip.

- We followed the example of the Apostle Paul
~Follow His Spiritual Example
 1. We share His Calling: Acts 9:6 “must do” Acts 9:15 “take my name”
 2. We share His Ambition: Rom 15:20 “no other man’s foundation...Go where Christ has not been named
 3. We share His Sacrifice: John 12:20 “unless” *We lay down our life, give up our time, resources, follow Jesus*
Illus: Choice we make Everyone gives their life for something: Trade moments of day...
What are YOU giving your life for? Job, Career, “security”
 - a. Personal Example
Who are YOU sharing Jesus with?
Where are YOU involved in fulfilling the mission and call of Jesus personally and corporately?
Visit the FC...Look at the opportunities...See where you can serve God and others.
 - b. We share it corporately FBC (Elders set aside 195,000.00 10% A tithe to missions 75K +/-
Vision with me a moment (SALT) 30,50..more new churches!
- We follow his practical example
He would go to large, influential cities, find people open to the Gospel, and build on whatever was there.
~Already believers in God (down by the river side)
~Already on the way with/to Jesus

Trip Goals Most recent mission trip: We covered the entire island visited most of the large cities, everywhere in between
While we were there we did a number of different things, because we had some very specific goals

1. *Reestablished and Renewed existing relationships* (Almost 4 years)
2. *Assessed the status of where things are with existing churches* (Churches we can sponsor) “We can’t feed...”
3. *Deliver needed resources* (5 laptops, 4 cell phones Meds, Equip, books...)
4. *Bring back info on Pastors we sponsor, churches we help plant*
5. *Looked for opportunities for plant new churches.* (30-50 in the next 3-5 years)

3. The Result Of Our Trip.

- Traveled about 1000 miles +/-
- Visited dozens of churches, met many more pastors and missionaries
- Selected 6 existing Pastors to support (Financially and With MicroBusiness)
- Selected 3 churches to help plant and go forward at a higher level (2 in waiting)
- Delivered the resources, Challenged the Pastors at Conference and Church (Saw 20-30)

4. Pastors Selected for Support

- Mark Westgate (3)
- Bob Wittman (3)
- Krista Westgate (3)

CONCLUSION: What YOU Can Do

- **Pray with us**
- **Join in financial support (class or group adopt a church/Pastor)**
- **Accept the responsibility to tell YOUR neighbors, friends, coworkers, schoolmates, About Jesus**
- **Find a Place of Mission Involvement (Visit Food Court)**