

Dates: June 19 to July 2 - **15 days**

Cuba Mission Trip

Cost: \$1200 for students - \$1600 non-students

Student Plan	Non student plan
1) \$200-December,15 (non-refundable deposit)	● \$200 - December, 15
2)\$200 - January, 15	● \$300 - January, 15
3) \$200 - February, 15	● \$300 - February, 15
4) \$200 - March, 15	● \$300 - March, 15
5) \$200 - April, 15 (Final tickets will be purchased before May 6)	● \$300 - April, 15
6) \$200 - May, 15	● \$200 - May, 15

General Information

- Every attendee needs a Missionary visa which is granted by the Cuban government and processed by the Cuban Union. This will happen three months before arriving. The cost included in the fee.
- First informative meeting - Sabbath, January, 19 @ the Conference Office
- Mission: This is an evangelistic mission trip. Every goer will be assigned to a church and will deliver 9 sermons. The sermons are provided. It is ok if you haven't preached before. You will receive the sermons ahead of time and on site training.

Flying to Cuba:

- Flight: Wednesday, June 19 (Southwest)
- BNA - FLL. Depart from BNA (Nashville International Airport) at 10:20 am. (need to arrive to BNA at 7:30 a.m.) - arrived to FLL Fort Lauderdale at 1: 45.
- FLL - 3:10 p.m. - arrival to Havana, Cuba at - 4:35 p.m.
- Travel by bus to Ciego de Avila - 5 hours - 431 km (267 miles) ETA, 12:00 p.m.

Tentative schedule

Thursday Morning

- Breakfast at the hotel. Meet and Greet at Ciego de Avila Church with Conference Leaders for orientation. Pastor Luis Ernesto Rodriguez (Presidente)
- Free Afternoon

Friday

- Relaxing Day / Preparation

First Sabbath

- All day in churches (2 sermons, morning and evening)

(Monday - Friday schedule)

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 12:00 - Devotional & Study time

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 5:00 Free time

5:00 - 6:00 Supper

The evening schedule is coordinated with the nationals. It will vary according to the church and the transportation assigned.

Second Sabbath

- 1 sermon (Sabbath Morning)
- Afternoon - TBD
- Goodbyes

Sunday June 30

- 6:00 a.m Depart to Havana (Fun day)
- Arrive to Havana at 2:00 (Go to Hotel)
- Sightseeing

Monday July, 1

- Sightseeing/ beach

Tuesday July 2

- Return home

In case of Emergency at home

Communicate with Aaron McNulty - KYTN Conference VP of Finances

Delegación del Centro Contact Information (Only for KYTN Conference)

- We'll keep a daily blog for everyone else to see (as much as possible) - April Silva
- Communication is very expensive - we prefer to keep only one official channel of communication

Word of Caution. Always go out in groups. The free time can be used for resting or visiting town.

Food

- Bring snacks If desired
- Breakfast is provided by the hotel
- Lunch and dinner is provided by the Central Cuban Conference
- Only drink potable water (Bring your reusable bottle of water or water purifier bottle).
Never drink water or accept ice unless it is purified water!
- All the meals are **vegetarians**
- Travel food is on yourself (all your expenses in Cuba are covered by the fee)

First Aid

- If you feel sick, while in Cuba, contact Amanda Hagar
- Bring Charcoal, bandaids, cold/flu medicine, tylenol, your prescription meds, etc

Insurance

- There is mandatory Cuban insurance (covered in your fee)
- Short term travel insurance - courtesy of KY-TN Conference (If you encounter a medical emergency, loss of personal property, security threat, or loss of life, this policy is available to minimize your financial loss) ***adventistrisk.org***

Lodging

- Price includes two people per hotel room.

Pre-field Meetings

1. January 19 - Preparación Para Ministry Role (Sermons)
2. February 17 - Crossing Cultures
3. March 17 - Community (Communication & Conflict resolution, team Unity)
4. May 19 - Christian Conduct & Character
5. June 1 - **sending** prayer @ camp meeting Sabbath school)
6. June 15 (in person, if possible) - Travel Logistics & packing tips (Packing Party)

Notes from Dr. Eli Graterol

Cuba is the safest country in Latin America. When it comes to safety, there is nothing to worry about

Clothing:

The Latino culture is very conservative. I would suggest for the male preachers to take a short sleeve shirt with a necktie (No need to bring a suit, jacket or coat). Women preachers must wear dresses/skirts. You can wear short pants or pants during the day and Make sure you bring fresh and comfortable clothing.

It will be extremely hot in Cuba during this trip.

It would be nice to leave behind as much as you can in terms of clothing. Usually what I do in mission trips is bring clothes I do not wear at home even though they are in very good condition. I wear them during the mission trip and then leave them with the local people.

Please keep in mind this is not a luxury amusement trip. It is a missionary trip; it means you need to expect the unexpected. **Patience and adaptability need to be practiced.**

Each preacher can consider bringing his/her own laptop and projector. More about this in January

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Meeting # 1

- Song Service - The Graterols (3 simple songs in Spanish)
- Meet the team (Ice Breaker) - Nelson
- Prayer (churches, pastors, Conference, and preachers)
- Site Visit Presentation (Chris and Nelson)
- Sermons (Ministry role) - Eliezer Graterol
- Miscellaneous:
 - * Goer Guide
 - * Team Covenant
 - * Timeline (Monthly virtual meetings) Can we make another face to face meeting, June 15? Perhaps during a fundraising Sabbath in your church? Which day and time?
 - * Fund Raising - Translation Skit
 - * Packing party? At a church? or here?
 - * Choosing a Mentor
 - * Reporting back & post meetings (KYTN Conference, 2 other locations?)
 - * Review Handout
 - * Q & A - additional comments

Homework:

1. Email me the names of your 5-10 prayer partners
2. Email me your mentor's name and contact info
3. Sign the Team Covenant



Place: Ciego de Avila

“My heart is entirely bounded to this work. I do not have any other desire that the one to live for the service of God.”
J.N. Andrews.....

“The great commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.” J. Hudson Taylor (Missionary in China)

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“I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ.” David Livingstone

“The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.” Henry Martyn (Missionary in India)

“If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by the heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?” David Livingstone
More Details