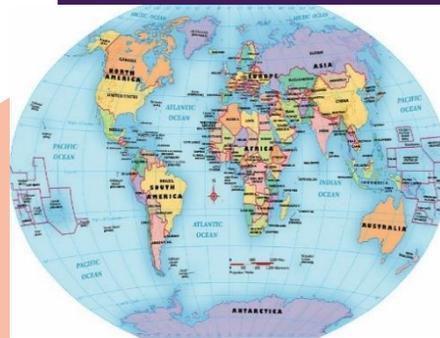


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Ministering to Mariner's Harbor



Calvary's Mission Team & Tent Ministry



The Missions Ministry at Calvary Chapel has been affected like many other ministries by the Covid-19 pandemic. Plans and projects that we had lined up for 2020 had to be changed, postponed, or reconfigured. However, in all the uncertainty and concerns, one thing remained constant, our Lord is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. There is no shadow of change in Him and He is with us through it all. During the pandemic, the Missions Team intensified its prayer ministry and at the peak of the pandemic several team members met virtually 3 times a week to pray for our church family, our city, our nation and the various ministries that we support throughout the world.

This fall, we are privileged to partner again with Tent Ministries, this time, to bring free food and flu shots to the Mariners Harbor community. We had a joint outreach on October 17 and another outreach is scheduled for November 7. Our goal remains to serve Christ in and out of season, during good and bad times. Join us in prayer and in service to the Lord and let us occupy our time with His work until He returns. Carline DeMaso

Bible Verse of the Month

2 Corinthians 9:10

"And he who gives seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, will provide and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your righteousness"

Missions Missionary Update – Havana Cuba

Giving thanks to God for each of you, we are happy to present you with this report of the wonderful things that God is doing among us. We remain active in the work of the Lord using mainly virtual means (such as our church group on WhatsApp or writing personally to the brothers through the same means). This month we have established two new chats, independent of the main group of the Church, where Gustavo, other leaders and I interact with the congregation. We added a chat for young people and another for the marriage ministry that was already operating in our church, both with good participation and fluid exchange between its participants and their leaders. In this way, we have been encouraging the prayer life of our church, obtaining precious answers to situations of illness and needs of our brothers. We are grateful that not a single one of our members or congregants was infected with the coronavirus despite the fact that it was hitting heavily in our community and that there was suspicion that someone was with the virus, but ultimately, it was not positive. We also give thanks for the impact and scope that our messages continue to have on Sundays, which are not only heard by the members, but are being shared among brothers of other churches, sometimes these audios are forwarded to people outside of our nation, for the glory of God. As the cases have been decreasing, we have returned to the work of visitation, offering personalized pastoral counseling going to the home of the brothers (always taking all the measures). We rejoice that even in our tours we have contacted people to whom we have spoken about the Word and they have even expressed interest in meeting with us once we can resume services. Personally, this month we rejoiced because we were able to reach two new lives, both neighbors of the building across from us. Both are receiving the sermons Sunday after Sunday. Praying and talking with my wife, in a kind of informal discipleship. In the midst of all this, we are also involved in the repair of our house, which is in very bad condition, but we have seen the good hand of God helping us in the midst of such difficult times. The help that you so generously give us is a sample of how God continues to bless and support us in this beautiful work. God bless you and multiply abundantly.

Pastor Ariel

Church of God in Mulgoba

Greetings and blessings to the entire Missions department and the Church. During the month of September, I was all the time in the city of Matanzas, at the Seminary, due to the epidemiological situation we are experiencing. The province of Havana continues with its closed borders. Similarly, Matanzas is also closed. I was able to participate in two of the Sunday services at the Church of God in Matanzas, which is located 1 mile from the seminary. There I participated in the service and was invited by them to help them in the classes for children and young people. It was a good opportunity to share and teach the word of God in this province as well. I continue to attend the WhatsApp group of our Church with Ariel. And in this electronic way in communication with the brothers and sisters of the congregation and neighbors of the community. The churches in Havana during September were without giving service. Starting today, the first of October, some churches in the municipalities that have a better situation regarding the COVID, will be able to begin services. But churches that are in municipalities with active COVID cases must wait a couple more weeks to begin services in the temples. It is up to us as the Church of God in Mulgoba, due to the situation in our municipality, to be responsible and wait a little longer before starting the services in the temple. We continue with our testimony, and as we have been able to speak to the people about Jesus and exhorting them in this difficult time to be disciplined and comply with the necessary measures to protect health, and in the first place to draw closer every day to God, his Son Jesus, encouraging each person with whom I maintain communication to pray more, and grow in faith, in the midst of these difficult times. We thought we could do an activity with some children from the school, for the beginning of the course, this is still postponed for when this is possible. Schools are still close the school year has not yet started in Havana. Praying and thanking God every day for you, personally, I really miss spending time with you. My memories in the CCSI Church make my heart burn with the Love of Christ. And the Church of God in Mulgoba misses you very much in our midst. They always comment on it in the WhatsApp group and in phone calls, that they miss you and pray for you. Thank you for all that you are, do, and represent for me and for the Church of God in Cuba.

God bless you always.

Gustavo

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10