## **Cuba Spring Break**

It's hard to summarize all we experienced in just one week. The economic situation is challenging with sharp inflation. Major cities have rolling blackouts every day. Finding reliable food is increasingly difficult. Yet amidst all these challenges, the believers continue to rejoice in their salvation and find ways to expand the kingdom. It was encouraging and humbling to witness firsthand.

Our main goal for the week was to support the Cuban staff and volunteers. They are on the frontlines and know best how to reach their fellow people. Cru's national director has a vision to see 1,000 micro-missional communities started by 2025. It's an ambitious goal but doable with God's grace and guidance!



Installing water filters in homes



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The trip was a mixture of activities that included installing water filters, running "festivals" for kids as a local church outreach, playing with orphan kids, repairing the home of a Cru staff family, learning about leadership in a third-world context, and fellowship with local Christians. We also worked through the Equipped Disciple curriculum with our students, which teaches how to: 1. Share the gospel 2. Share your testimony 3. Live a Spirit-filled life 4. Make disciples

Thank you for praying for the team as we embarked on this journey. We felt your prayers upholding us, especially with no major sickness the whole week (except a few upset stomachs). Pray for the Lord to strengthen and encourage the local believers to walk faithfully with Jesus through the hardships and trials of daily life. Their weakness displays God's mighty power.

In the States, we often get caught up in our affluence and lose sight of God's work worldwide. Going to Cuba was a fresh reminder of God's power and presence across the globe. Pray for the students and staff who came on the trip to live with an eternal perspective and motivation to expand the gospel. Thank you for supporting our missionary work to raise up disciples who will impact the nations for decades to come!

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Matt with two volunteers who are reaching Cubans through baseball



Learning about leadership in the Cuban context



Enjoying the beautiful coast on our off day



Replacing the roof on a very modest home of Cru staff



Playing with kids at the orphanage



Playing games at the church "festival"