

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Praise God for answered prayer as Kristy's ultrasound initially showed a heart tumor, but subsequent MRI results found no tumor. We trust in God's will and are grateful for those who prayed for her healing.
2. Rejoice that a mobile home park in Plain City is allowing us to use their clubhouse for a Hispanic Bible study.
3. Give thanks for the collaboration of local churches and ministries, including Shilo, Lighthouse, Journey, Northwest Chapel, DNA, Grupo Amor Cristiano, and others, in partnering with VLA to establish Hispanic churches in Ohio.
4. Pray for the possibility of starting more Bible studies in Plain City.
5. Lift up in prayer a Hispanic Church in Columbus, Ohio, where Martin is training them to share the Gospel and start new churches.
6. Pray for a Hispanic church in New York, where Martin and Kristy will be visiting soon to provide training and support in reaching the lost and establishing new churches.
7. Intercede for the church in Cuba, asking for God's provision, protection, courage, and boldness for believers as they face opposition while sharing the Gospel. Pray for the growth of Christ's kingdom.
8. Pray for VLA missionaries and partners, Mariano and Margarita, Jon and Mindy, Margaret and Cindy, Ruben and Gaby, Armando and Moraima, and other national leaders in Mexico, Cuba, and the U.S., as we work together to reach Hispanics with the Gospel.
9. Pray for the upcoming next-generation conference in Mexico on January 12-14, organized by VLA and ministry partners Jon and Mindy Baker.
10. Pray for Philip Scoles as he and Martin plan to establish a Bible club to reach Hispanic youth with the Gospel.
11. Pray for the success of a children's Christmas Bible outreach event at the Canaan Mobile Home Park.
12. Lift up upcoming trips to New York, Colorado, Mexico, and Cuba in the coming months, asking for safe travels and fruitful ministry.

## GROWING PAINS

We are deeply grateful for God's faithfulness throughout this year as we've worked towards achieving our objectives and goals in 8 different states across Mexico. Our efforts in Mexico extend not only to urban areas but also to rural indigenous regions, particularly among the Mixteco and Zapoteco tribes, and we're making progress in reaching the Triqui tribe in the state of Oaxaca.

Additionally, we've witnessed God's guidance in establishing new churches on the island of Cuba. Despite the limitations facing the country, the people of God remain strong, faithful, and committed to expanding His kingdom. These limitations haven't deterred the churches from their mission of starting new congregations and making disciples in obedience to the Great Commission.

Everything we've accomplished this year has been made possible through God's provision and the support of many brothers and sisters. Their prayers have protected and strengthened us, and their generous contributions have provided the necessary resources for our ministries.

We want to express our gratitude, first and foremost, to God for His involvement in all aspects of our work, but also to each brother and sister who has played a role in this incredible ministry. Our ultimate desire is to glorify God in everything we do. Hallelujah and amen! As we look ahead to 2024, we place our trust in Him to continue guiding us. Thank you for your love and support for Vision Latin America.

*Mariano and Martin*



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## September 2023 Missions Trip to Cuba

In September, I went on an uplifting trip to Cuba with Mariano Azcarate, Doug Jones, and Pete Rothermel. Despite some challenges with our rental Jeep during our 700-mile journey in Western Cuba, we were consistently aided by kind strangers and divine assistance.

During our visit, we connected with 25 leaders and 10 churches. Mariano, Pete, and I were preaching while Doug took pictures and recorded video interviews. We witnessed the resilience of the Cuban people, who, despite difficult circumstances, remained steadfast in their faith and dedication to supporting each other. We also met inspiring new believers actively spreading the Gospel in their communities, aligning with VLA's vision of empowering every church member to share the Gospel and make disciples throughout Cuba and Latin America.

One standout moment involved a leader we'll call Juan. He warmly invited us to his home to

meet his family. Upon arrival, Juan inquired about coffee, but his wife regretfully shared that there was none available, a rare occurrence in my 30 years of visiting Cuba. Coffee has long symbolized Cuban hospitality and friendship, and despite this, they graciously offered us a cup of water. We were able to reassure them of their significance to God and us, regardless of the absence of coffee. Juan and his wife continue to serve the Lord by sharing the Gospel and discipling a group in their home, coffee or no coffee.

Our trip was made possible by the faithful support of our VLA partners who provide both prayers and financial contributions. Your support enables us to train, mentor, and encourage leaders and their families, with a vision to empower a new generation of leaders to multiply disciples and churches in Latin America and Latin USA. We deeply appreciate your love and support.