



Alberto and Lisset

Pastor Alberto and his wife Lisset have been serving at a church which they started in the city of Guanabacoa, a city near Havana, for over 20 years. Guanabacoa is known for practicing Santeria, similar to Voodoo in Haiti. Despite the prevalence of this belief system, Alberto and Lisset have witnessed remarkable transformations in their church.

They have seen lives changed, with members of their church going on to serve God both within Cuba and around the world. Alberto and Lisset describe their challenging environment:

"Our city is like a cave filled with idols that are, in reality, demonic entities. Everywhere you look, there are altars with animal sacrifices to these false gods. Many people here have been deceived by Satan and are blinded to the truth of the Gospel. While sharing the Gospel, we've encountered manifestations of opposition from these demonic forces. However, despite these challenges, we've witnessed even demon-possessed individuals coming to faith in Christ. This is a testament to the power of God through the Holy Spirit, convincing and transforming hearts.

Alberto and Lisset's Message to VLA Supporters:

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support over the years, not only for us but for the church as a whole. Your contributions are an integral part of our mission to spread the Gospel. Your prayers carry great significance before God, and every financial offering, regardless of its size, is a valuable investment in the kingdom of God—the most important investment one can make. You are sowing into eternity, helping to bring people from death to life and

from eternal judgment to justification. I urge you, by the mercies of God, to continue your support through prayer, giving, or even by visiting us alongside Brother Martin. Your partnership with us, carried through Vision Latin America, is a testament to the vision God has given you to work with us over the years. We are grateful for Martin and Mariano, who have been a source of blessing, mentoring, and counsel in our lives. Their visits refresh our ministries every time.

We have lit a torch for Christ, and with the time we have left on this earth, our aim is to shine not with our own light but with the light of Christ within us. I implore you never to cease praying for us. Thank you immensely for your unwavering support and love.

Pete Rothermel Testimony

In late May, Pastor Martin invited me to join a Vision Latin America mission trip to Cuba. Having previously participated in mission trips to Ensenada, Mexico, with Martin and my family, I eagerly embraced the opportunity to embark on another mission.

Unlike my previous missions that involved manual labor, this trip had a different focus. Our team, which included pastors Martin and Mariano, a professional American videographer named Doug, and myself, aimed to guide and support Cuban disciples in spreading the Gospel and establishing churches in the Pinar region and Havana.

Initially uncertain about my role, I quickly became the team's designated chauffeur, navigating various vehicles and the challenging Cuban roads. Throughout our journey, we encountered warm and passionate people who were dedicated to sharing God's Word. Despite having limited possessions and comforts, they generously shared their meager resources and welcomed us into their homes and families, leaving a profound impact on me.

Unexpectedly, I was also called upon to share my faith in a new way. I was tasked with delivering a sermon at a church in Las Martinas and had the privilege of baptizing 18 individuals after the service. Though nervous, I felt the Lord's presence.

Witnessing the dedication of Martin and Mariano, who have been missionaries in Cuba for 30 years, was truly inspiring. My experience with Vision Latin America exceeded my expectations, and I look forward to the adventures ahead with VLA.

Caleb and Ruth



We also met with Caleb and his wife Ruth. They lead a sports ministry that reaches over 100 young people with the Gospel through the ministry of soccer. Each week they are training and discipling over 100 young people ages 6 – 22, but the ministry reach is to over 200 who participate in tournaments

and other events. Mariano and I have invested in Caleb over the last 15 years and it makes us proud to see him married to Ruth, a wonderful companion and partner in ministry. Caleb and Ruth are seeing many lives transformed by the power of the Gospel and they are praying that many disciples and new spiritual communities are planted through this exciting outreach ministry.

Margaret Mokry and Cindy Mann

Margaret traveled with Martin and a group from Northwest Chapel to Cuba in 2015. Margaret has continued to make almost annual trips to Cuba, developing a special ministry focused on empowering and encouraging women in Cuban churches. Cindy Mann often joins her, playing a crucial role in supporting both the women and Margaret.

Their most recent mission took place in October, focusing on the eastern part of Cuba. During this trip, they engaged with four groups of women from the Guantanamo area, conducting interactive Bible studies on refuge and prayer.

In one town supported by Vision Latin America, a young couple had initiated a new church that was thriving. Many young women attended the gatherings, sharing testimonies of how their faith in God had produced tangible transformations in their lives. For instance, one young woman's family raised rabbits for sale, and when a virus threatened the rabbits, the church's prayers miraculously saved them all.

These Cuban women face formidable challenges, including expensive and scarce food and concerns about the cultural influences on their children's faith and future. Margaret asks for prayers on behalf of these women as they navigate these difficulties.



Yuniel and Damaris

Yuniel and Damaris and their two sons, David and Samuel, have a growing church and they are also leading another group of leaders who are planting churches in Central and Eastern Cuba. His testimony is a powerful example of the power of the Gospel. Yuniel was a professional athlete competing for Cuba and traveling to more than 35 countries. He won a gold medal and the title of world champion in an international competition and another gold medal in the Pan American games. Yuniel and Damaris came to know Christ while competing for Cuba through the testimony of Christian athletes. They are both examples of the grace and power of God to transform lives for His glory.



Jose Enrique and Annette

There is a new church that has been planted in the city of Havana- led by Jose Enrique and Annette. It is an exciting, growing church filled with children and young families. Due to lack of space they have a children's weekly Sunday School with over 100 children at a park, and they have several services on Sunday to accommodate all who are coming. What is rewarding about this is that Jose Enrique came to Christ and was discipled under the ministry of pastor Alberto and his wife Lisset. He was also mentored over the years by Pastor Mariano Azcarate. We rejoice that hundreds of lives are being transformed by the power of the Gospel today because of the investment of Northwest Chapel and now Vision Latin America over the years.