

Fighting Their Way into Mission

When God Springs into Action

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2019 Care for Cuba Study Tour group (Photo by Eric Perry)

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A team of 31, made up of 27 students and four sponsors from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, successfully completed their seventh annual Care for Cuba Study Tour. This year, 341 precious souls surrendered all to Jesus as a result of this 10-day evangelistic campaign.

Despite frustrating circumstances that sought to prevent their trip from happening all together, the students and their sponsors were able to travel victoriously to Santiago de Cuba where they worked shoulder-to-shoulder with Bible workers, pastors and lay people. They went into churches, communities and homes and used creative evangelism to witness to the people of Cuba.

This year's group of students used every tool in their arsenal to reach the hearts of those they sought to minister to. They ministered using street soccer, free haircuts and haircut training, and the distribution of reading glasses and sunglasses. Residents of Cuba were also ministered to through the use of photography, where they were given the chance to be photographed by professional photographer Eric Perry and get free prints of their photos

when they came to evangelistic meetings. Most memorable of all would be “Pepe” the Puppet, which proved to be a sensational hit with the children! Chants of his name would erupt as the children eagerly awaited the stories of Jesus that he would share with them that evening.

God’s hand was seen in every aspect of this year’s trip to Cuba. The students and their sponsors were granted safe passage to a communist country, they were able to minister to five churches, and they distributed 30 bikes as well as 25 computers and 25 tablets and phones pre-loaded with valuable tools for ministry. The scope of their efforts will only be revealed in eternity as Jenaro Jimenez, conference president, correctly alluded to when he said, “You need to know that when you get to heaven you all will have little Cuban stars on your crown.” The only thing that can be said in response is “to God be the glory.”

To learn more about the Care for Cuba Study Tour, email mdivstudytour@andrews.edu or visit careforcuba.org.

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary was founded in 1936 and is located in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The Seminary holds full accreditation from the Adventist Accrediting Association, the Association of Theological Schools and the Higher Learning Commission. It offers five master’s programs, six doctoral programs and four dual-degree programs as well as postdoctoral studies. It is home to approximately 50 faculty members and more than 1,000 students worldwide.