LOVE NEVER FAILS
1 Corinthians 13:8a

Current news and reflections from the ministry
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Dear Friends,

This month, I want to alert you about two neglected, vulnerable populations in Cuba: the elderly and people with disabilities.

The living conditions of these marginalized people in Cuba are beyond unacceptable. Their living needs for food, shelter, and medical care often go unmet. They face hunger, exploitation, abandonment, and hunger. But through the work of EchoCuba, Christian Outreach has been able to address the needs we read in Acts 10:27 to support the weak. Even though their resources are very limited, the churches in Cuba strive to meet the needs of elderly and the disabled, lovingly serving the most vulnerable souls left behind by the government.

The challenges facing elderly and disabled individuals are many. Often they cannot afford to repair or maintain their homes. They are at risk of abuse and neglect. They are often unable to work and support themselves.

As Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” Listen more by reading the attached brief newsletter.

Thank you for helping support EchoCuba, our partners in Cuba. Your financial contribution will help them provide medical care, offer educational support, and provide shelter.

Grace, peace, and love be yours in abundance,

Dr. Tim A. Schuit, Jr.
Executive Director & CEO

The Sad Situation of Cuba’s Elderly and Disabled

By: Dalon Brion

Through 19 years of ministry, God has taught us the key to understanding and working with Cuba’s elderly and disabled. Cuba boasts an impressive number of organizations for meaningful relationships. The friendship and trust we have built is the foundation on which the widest love of God is transmitted. Every person in need recognizes a friend, “Who is a friend? You gave me something to eat, I am thirty and you gave me something to eat.” I am a stranger and you told me, “I am thirty and you gave me something to eat.”

We have to be a lamp that is turned on, doing little but offering little to others. I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matthew 7:12-13).

Dayabani Vélez, a lay Catholic activist in Pinar del Río, reports in the digital magazine Coexistence that Cuba’s vulnerable elderly and disabled Cubans receive a monthly pension of only 200 pesos (U.S. $10). The typical golpete, or daily wage, is 15 pesos (U.S. 30 cents), which is not enough to cover expenses, let alone purchase necessary goods.

The gap between the haves and have-nots in Cuba is growing. cubeans are struggling to survive on the small wages they receive. The elderly and disabled are often neglected and ignored. Their needs are not met, and they are left to fend for themselves.

Our goal is clear: to rescue and restore as many lives as possible. We need your help to continue our work. Your financial contribution will help us provide medical care, education, and shelter for elderly and disabled Cubans.

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