Cuba-The Hot Missions Destination

In a recent blog, Rob Hoskins, Chairman of the Board of Oral Roberts University wrote that “Cuba, with its “slow roll” opening is the new hot destination. In 25 years of traveling to the island I have never seen so many tourists. Inevitably when formerly closed nations open, the Western Church is not far behind—ready to dedicate a legion of short-term teams and budget to saturate the new mission field”. I agree, with Mr. Hoskins, I have also observed that American churches are showing up in great numbers because they want to reach-out to the Cuban Church.

Just last week I was invited to speak in Minneapolis, MN with mission’s pastors from a number of churches throughout the United States to give my thoughts about what God is doing in His Church in Cuba, what can we do now to serve the Church, and what our missions response should be at this critical moment in Cuban church history. We all agreed that we should be careful in our mission’s response and that we should visit our brethren in Cuba to listen to the Cuban Church and its leaders.

A short-term mission’s trip is the best way to visit Cuba. The opportunity to be part of expanding God’s kingdom is a very rewarding thing. By serving on a mission trip, we are able to encourage our brothers and sisters in Cuba and to experience the high privilege of taking His message of redeeming love to the lost and the hurting.

In Cuba, short-term teams have the opportunity to learn from Cubans about their history, and difficulties, and share about our lives in the USA to give much needed hope. As God’s ambassadors of hope, we carry the ability to affect lasting change for many people in need. We believe God generously provides everything we need to share his love with others. All we have to do is act in faith and respond to the call. When we join Short-term mission teams, we are serving Jesus himself. Our heart is to bring hope and healing to a hurting world.

EchoCuba’s short-term mission trips provide opportunities to experience in-depth the various Christian Communities in Cuba. Throughout the year we offer several opportunities to join mission trips where we visit ministries that we support, delivering humanitarian aid and experiencing fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters in Cuba. Or we can help your church coordinate its own mission trip. See us at www.exploreinternational.org.