



The Meaning of EchoCuba

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Dear Friends,

In the summer of 1994, in anticipation of a change in government and right after the fall of the Soviet Union, a dozen business leaders gathered in Jacksonville, Florida to have lunch and brainstorm on how to help the emerging Evangelical-Christian Church in Cuba. Formal religion had only been allowed since 1989 following almost 30 years of official atheist direction that included mandatory re-education camps for many religious leaders.

What we found was a church community that was facing tremendous difficulties, in need to strengthen, and with very little resources. 30 years of isolation had given rise to a deep division between the Protestant Churches. This was mostly due to secrecy and resentments created by a soviet system of rewards for informing on friends and families, and differences in political ideology that had evolved during the "Cold War" period.

The business leaders in Jacksonville and other Cuban Christian supporters committed to provide resources such as food, equipment, and materials, and also the necessary tools and capacity needed to start spreading God's Word in an accelerated fashion.

Since then, EchoCuba has partnered with the independent Evangelical Church in every corner of Cuba providing resources to seminaries, food, personal hygiene, humanitarian aid, disaster relief, leadership and freedom of religion training. Since I was part of that lunch in Jacksonville 25 years ago, many thousands of families have received assistance and have grown in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Please link here: ([Echocuba video](#)) to see a short (40 seconds) video on "The Meaning of EchoCuba". Share it with your friends who want to know more about the Church in Cuba.

Thank you again for your prayers and generosity to reach into Cuba and other challenging countries in Central America and the Caribbean with God's love.

Richest blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teo A. Babun".

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Our strength is in the trust we have earned over the last 25 years!