

New Beginnings *NEWS*

Newsletter of New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

July 2026

Recent News Out of Cuba

This is long but well worth the read!



Dear Ministry Partners:

I'M BACK...SAFE & SOUND from my 8-day trip to Cuba to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Nazarene Church. There were 12 of us on the team led by Rev. Paul Jetter. It was my 51st trip to Cuba with a team. We flew to Havana and then did a 4-day tour of the new Central District that was organized in January 2025. Rev. Beatriz Reyes is the District Superintendent and pastor of the "mother church" in Santa Clara. This church was planted by Missionaries John and Patricia Hall in about 1950.

This new district has 28 congregations and we are providing the \$25 salary supplement to the pastors in all of them. We were able to meet with 13 of the pastors spread over 3 provinces (states). I was especially pleased to visit the 511-year-old colonial city of Trinidad on the south coast of Cuba, where our family first lived when we went to Cuba in 1945. I shared some family experiences from that time to the pastor and congregation at a packed-out service with no electricity. Welcome to Cuba in 2026. Our team came prepared to fund critical needs at the churches we visited, including a bicycle for a lady pastor, a solar power system, new bathroom plumbing, benches, and other ministry needs.

Back in Havana, we visited 6 churches, including 4 under construction. The team left \$6,000 to pour the cement roof on the new chapel at La Ernestina, a church plant of the large congregation that meets in the Nazarene Seminary sanctuary. Every pastor reported strong growth in conversions and membership. Cubans have given up on their government and are looking for answers and someone they can trust. Our Nazarenes are living their faith and sharing their trust in the Almighty God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

The team was amazed that not one Cuban asked a question about US politics or what our government is going to do to them. They all know we are causing the power outages and negative impacts by prohibiting the delivery of petroleum to Cuba for the past 6 months. And yet they never asked questions or said anything negative. They received us with hugs and kisses and thanked us over and over for coming to visit and encourage them at this most difficult time in Cuba.

Melisa Sharp joined the 11 others on the trip to Cuba. Melisa is a retired military nurse who resides in the suburbs of Washington, DC. She served many years as Missions President for the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene (GCN) and led a strong partnership with several churches in Honduras. She is a faithful and generous supporter of the ministries in Cuba. We invited Melisa to share her thoughts about the trip:

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"Pastor Leonel (President of the Church of the Nazarene in Cuba and District Superintendent for the Havana District) is a force of nature! God has given him the leadership skills and the church planting process that has empowered every church to have laypeople trained in church planting by committing to 50 weeks of training and implementation. The results take my breath away. I have never seen such an inspiring and organized plan to reach their neighborhoods and neighboring towns.

I am so impressed with the endurance and innovation of the Cuban people. The pastors often live in half of their small houses and their church meets in the other half. They often walk or pay for rides to neighboring towns on Saturday to preach and minister to their mission church plants. They have such a heart to share Jesus with all of Cuba, despite the challenging conditions.

I visited my "special project" church. The pastor is a lady, and her husband supports her and their three children by walking miles into the closest town, buying bread and then carrying it back to sell in their little community. He leaves around 6:00 a.m. and usually gets home around midnight. It is a joy to sponsor him by getting him a bicycle with a big basket to carry the bread. Our team also bought them a rooftop water tank so they can have running water in their home and new lights for the sanctuary so that when they do have electricity they can have light in the church. Please keep praying for these precious people as they follow Jesus on such a tough road."

The desperate situation in Cuba is giving us new ways to help out pastors and churches:

- * Salary supplement expanded to 162 pastors.
- * Cisterns, roof-top water tanks, and electric pumps, as needed.
- * Purchase 100-1,000 gallons of water from trucks and oxcarts, called "peepas".
- * Chest freezers and batteries at churches so families can preserve perishable food.
- * Help fund solar energy installations where needed.
- * Help fund electric tricycles where needed and power is available.
- * Money for purchase of essential medicines from street vendors.
- * Money to buy gasoline at \$40 per gallon to run electric generators during services.
- * Money to buy gasoline for tricycles to transport rural congregants to their churches one Sunday each month, since there is no public transportation.
- * Money to help pastors with transportation who live a distance from their churches.
- * Chairs and benches to seat new converts in overflow situations.
- * Money to buy food for an all-church meal together once a month
- * Money to purchase houses so new congregations can become "organized" churches.

We need your help to meet these needs and opportunities as God continues to build His Church in Cuba, with hundreds of new converts in our 209 congregations. We don't know what's going to happen in Cuba, but right now is "harvest time" in our churches. Let's not lose this opportunity.

[If you would like], please make your participation payable to "GPCCN" and mail to:
Robert Prescott, 2416 Fox Creek Lane, Davidsonville, MD 21035.

CUBA FOR CHRIST...NOW!!

Berenice and Bob Prescott



NAZARENE
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Mark Your Calendars

Sunday Worship Service
10:30 am

Wednesday Prayer Time
1:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
Wed., 7/8, 15, 22 - 6:00 pm
at the Kish House

Adult Small Group at Kish's Home
Fridays - 6:30-8:30 pm

Caring Connections:
Dementia Training
Tues., 7/7, 6-8:00 pm
Sun., 7/19, 12-2:00 pm
Sat., 7/25, 9-11:00 am

MOTLEY Crew at The Windmill
Tues., 7/7 & 21 - 8:00 am

Movie Night for Everyone!
"David" (PG)
Fri., 7/11 - 7-9:00 pm

Open Warehouse at
Rise Again Outreach:
Sat., 7/18, 9-11:00 am
Thurs., 7/23, 10:30 am-1 pm

Women's and OASIS Events are
listed to the right.

Women's Ministry News

Ladies Faith & Fellowship Small Group

Sunday, July 5, 12—1:15 pm
Ladies, join us for a time of devotions,
sharing, and praying together (N. building)

Ladies Faith & Works Service Project

Saturday, July 18, 9—11 am
Join us as we make items to minister to our
community. Bring a snack/brunch item to
share, if you are able.

Ladies Lake Day at Hanson's

Boating, Swimming, Tubing, Fellowship
Saturday, July 25, 11 am—6 pm
We'll car pool from the church. Bring picnic
food to share, and your swimsuit & towel.

Caring Connections: Dementia Training

**For those signed up with Tina Owens for
the new ministry to our seniors.**

Tuesday, July 7, 6—8 pm
Sunday, July 19, 12—2 pm
Saturday, July 25, 9—11 am

Contact Tina if you have any questions:
603-545-1549, tina10joy@juno.com or send
a message through our church app.

OASIS News

Older Adults Still in Service

The next gathering for OASIS is on Tuesday,
July 14, starting at 11 AM.

The first hour will be a time of devotions led
by Pastor Eddie. Then, about 12 PM we will
share in a potluck meal. If you can only come
for part of the time, that is fine.

Bring a main or side dish, or a dessert ... if
you are able.

NB Youth News

Youth group (for 6th-12th Graders) will meet at the Kish house starting in July! Come join us for fires, games, hiking, river exploring and great times with great people as we learn and grow in fellowship and connection.

- ⇒ Dates: July 8th, 15th, 22nd
- ⇒ Time: 6-8:00 pm
- ⇒ Address: 347 Lower Ridge Road, Loudon

Family Events for Everyone!

Sponsored by Kids Cove

Happy July Everyone!!!

The Kid Cove Team is sponsoring this event for everyone!

MOVIE NIGHT!

- Saturday, July 11th: MOVIE NIGHT
- Time: 7:00 pm



“**David**” an animated musical for all ages (rated PG) – 1-hr 49-min

Join us for a fun evening as we learn about King David – a man after God’s heart. From shepherd boy to King – a story of courageous faith. Popcorn and drinks will be available or bring a snack to share.

The film features voice performances by: Phil Wickham, Brandon Engman, Asim Chaudhry, Miri Mesika, Mick Wingert, Will de Renzy-Martin, and Lauren Daigle.

Free Clothing at Rise Again Outreach

Share this with Someone Who Needs this Information:

Saturday, July 18 - 9:00—11:00 am

Thursday, July 23 - 10:30 am—1:00 pm



Use the back entrance at 34 Staniels Road, Suite 5, Loudon.

July Birthdays

Ron Boyd 7/9

Winston Anthony 7/13

Don Wilson 7/17

Tom Spaulding 7/17

John Duquette 7/18

Michael Crowley 7/18

Eddie Kish 7/18

Nyles Johnson 7/19

Julie White 7/21

Molly McGregor 7/22 - turning 15!

Gordon Ferno 7/27