



## CBSI Reaching Cuba and Other Caribbean Islands

Dear Friends of CBSI:

Bible study in Cuba? Is that even possible?

The answer is an enthusiastic “Yes!” God has been at work in Cuba, through CBSI, for the past seven years. Today CBSI Cuba has about 4,000 participants in nearly 200 Bible studies around the island.

It all started with one strategically placed woman who was part of a CBS class in the United States. When God took her to Cuba on a mission trip, she showed her CBS study to another woman, a Cuban pastor’s wife.

The pastor’s wife could not wait to show it to her husband. He, in turn, was excited to see that the verse-by-verse Bible studies were just what the cell groups and house churches on the island needed to disciple their people.

The pastor and his wife contacted CBSI and extended the invitation to come under the auspices of their denomination. Thus, CBSI Cuba was launched!

### Overcoming Obstacles

In Cuba, it is not easy to get a copier or even the paper to print lessons, yet God moved through every obstacle so Bible studies could grow across the country. Distributing lessons around the island required a vehicle, also very difficult to get, let alone afford. CBSI Canada and two churches joined forces to raise the funds for a vehicle.



*Young Cuban girl digs into God’s Word.*



*Colorful murals illustrate Cuban life (left). Cubans manage to keep old cars in service a long time (right).*

When a training team from Mexico wanted to help start the CBSI Children & Youth (C&Y) ministry, immigration complications stalled the project for two years. It seemed like



it would be impossible to get the children's ministry off the ground, yet God made a way. Today the children's ministry is thriving!

Recently, a Cuban youth ministry printed 2,000 copies of C&Y curriculum to use with young people. When local pastors saw these Spanish Bible lessons, they wanted them for the adults and children in their churches, too.

CBSI Cuba is positioned for rapid growth in the near future. In the past, leaders were trained by non-Cubans. But recently, a number of well-qualified Cuban leaders were equipped to be local trainers. Local trainers will be able to respond much more quickly when requests come in to start new studies.

### **God's Word Moving across the Caribbean**

Shirley Adams, Regional Director for the Americas says Cuba is not the only Caribbean nation where God is at work. He is stirring hearts across the Caribbean Islands.

Jamaica just launched its first CBSI class in January. A number of participants in this inaugural class are active in other ministries, and they plan to spread CBSI's caring, in-depth Bible studies throughout their spheres of influence.

We are excited about the potential there.

CBSI Haiti is experiencing significant growth as they

work to recover from the devastating 2010 earthquake. They urgently need to set up copy centers to print lessons in Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haïtien in the north.

The Cayman Islands and Tobago are requesting training to launch CBSI Bible studies for their people.

The Spirit of God is moving in the Caribbean, and you can be part of it too. **Please join us in praying for the islands and all the countries in the Americas. And would you please pray about making a generous gift to help CBSI Cuba and CBSI Haiti print Bible study lessons?** Economic conditions on both islands are very difficult, and they urgently need our help.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

With joy in Him!

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A typical Cuban street scene (above). Cuban women use CBSI material to study God's Word (below).



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