



INTRODUCING THE LOS PINOS NUEVOS DENOMINATION IN CUBA - May 2017

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Dear Pastors and Mission Leaders,

Greetings in Christ. Recently, I had the opportunity to talk with Omar Rodriguez from ReachGlobal. Omar is the ReachGlobal leader, who is overseeing the ministry in Cuba. I asked him to introduce the "Asociacion Evangelica 'Los Pinos Nuevos'(LPN). The following letter is what he wrote to me.

"The Cuban church is resilient with great perseverance and it has not only survived, but it is growing as a movement despite being in a restricted access country. The current president and denominational leadership team are creative and have led the denomination into an exciting way of doing ministry. LPN has been an excellent best fit partner in Cuba.

In 2012, ReachGlobal was asked by LPN to partner with them in their vision to mobilize a church planting movement. The LPN denomination has already developed a strategy which they call the 10-10-5-10 Vision. This Vision entails 10 Church Planting Movements, in 10 major cities, in 5 years with 10 farms to help to sustain the ministry.

To help LPN to reach its Vision, ReachGlobal founded the Cuba Consortium as an initiative geared toward joining forces with EFCA churches and other like-minded organizations to come alongside the church in Cuba. Since 2012, ReachGlobal and the consortium have sent in pastors, teachers, counselors, church planting coaches, women ministry leaders and denominational leaders to help the church in Cuba. Our desire is to concentrate heavily on developing relationships with the pastors and believers in Cuba so that fruitful ministry might take place.

In 2016, the LPN denomination reported the existence of 115 training centers with 16,447 students from 23 different denominations. In that same year, 27,830 new house churches and prayer cells were launched, there were 34,634 professions of faith and 51,114 believers were baptized across Cuba.

Since its inception, LPN has been characterized by being evangelistic, compassionate and missions minded. During 2017, it is committed to training many of its young professionals to serve as workers across the world. ReachGlobal and the consortium are committed to helping to train, to send and to support these brethren as they serve the Lord abroad."

What might the Lord want you to do with this information? A Cuba consortium meeting is being planned for later in the year. Maybe, you should go and attend as an observer. There is a need to remodel their training centers. They are looking for partners who are willing to come and equip them. There is also a need for Bibles to be printed in Cuba for the many new believers. Currently, they want to print 5,000 Bibles at a cost of \$6 each. These Bibles will be printed in Cuba. If you are interested in helping to buy Bibles for Cuba, please contact Omar.Rodriguez@efca.org for further information or call him at 714-930-6451.

Blessings,
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