

It is our prayer that you have had a pleasant and happy summer, rejoicing in the blessings . . . and the memories! May the Lord be your inspiration and your hope for the refreshing season ahead!

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Dear Ministry Partner,

The summer is winding down, the harvest is upon us, and it's time for a Fruit Report!

Wonderful Summer Fruit!

We praise God for the wonderful Soul Harvest gathered in this summer! Cuba has led the way as usual with more than 345 new churches added to the roster.

The report of **July** alone is stunning:

- In the western part of the country, 25,799 evangelized—5,596 conversions—84 new churches!
- In the east, 13,472 evangelized—2,218 conversions—73 new churches!

Just one month! From all over this country, untold stories will resound as beautiful victories in heaven!

Like this one. . . .

A Cuban student, now in Madrid, finds herself far from her family and her people—yet she refuses to be left out of the wonderful revival in her country! Mary prays and plots and plans, even though an ocean separates her from her homeland.

Three years ago she encouraged her parents not to miss out on the great harvest under way in Cuba. Her parents wanted to be part of it all, but didn't know where to begin in their province, Cienfuegos.

We're shorthanded in Cienfuegos! So I talked with our coordinator there, got them an interview, and they were brought on board immediately.



I never gave the hiring of Mary's parents a second thought....They would probably be good workers; maybe they would plant some churches. . . .

A year later, Mary went home to Cuba to visit her parents. She came back hugely excited by her parents' progress! She brought pictures of an impressive church building *they had already erected*—with their own hands, and with the help of the *new converts* they had led to Christ!

Meanwhile, Mary herself was planning to hold child evangelism crusades to reach many children in new neighborhoods—with the ultimate goal of reaching their parents to launch more church-plants!

The work was so overwhelming, she felt she needed full-time helpers. She asked us to evaluate her plan. Along with her parents and the national coordinator, we agreed that she should focus most of all on unchurched at-risk children. Reaching their parents would make a powerful impact.

We surveyed the region and realized that Mary could actually use 15 or more full-time evangelists to cover the neighboring areas and towns.

Mary went back to Cuba to train workers and conduct children's festivals and crusades.

A few days ago, we got her report.

Wow!

Hundreds of parents and hundreds of children came to faith in Christ. At the training sessions, they didn't have 15 evangelists—they had 25! Two workers were left in charge of supervision and ongoing training.

All of this because a person 4,650 miles away refused to be kept out of the great Soul Harvest!

She may be far, but she is NOT OUT! She is *in!*

And you're in the same situation. You may be far from the action geographically, but *spiritually* you are near ... no further than the <u>root</u> is from the fruit!



And Cuba is only one Summer Soul Harvest field among many.

Come with me to Spain for a moment:

We've conducted several campaigns here this summer, some in partnership with U.S. churches, others with our seminary graduates and local Spanish churches. The multiplication effect is awesome! There are many more of us at work than just the precious few with whom we began!

Even further away are India and China, yet our hearts are just as near. Some 120 church-plants are starting in India and scores of home churches in the Far East.

All thanks to caring, committed Christian friends like you who <u>refuse to be left out</u>. . . You choose to engage in the Soul Harvest!

Summer Surprise!

We just got word that the church where we hold all our seminary activities must sell their property. We had tried to buy the property before, but it seemed like a dead end. Somehow we were always held back.

Now we know why.

As I prepared to talk with our ministry board about trying again to acquire this million-dollar building, God led me to step back and take a much longer view . . . to see our work in light of His work down through the ages. I found myself thinking back to the time of the Spanish Reformation. . . .

Two monks produced a translation of the Bible in Seville, Spain. As a result of their work, they were persecuted and fled to Germany. (Even after their death, Spain wanted to burn their bones in the Inquisition!) These monks predicted that the translation of the Bible into the Spanish language would transform the Spanish world. But their vision was even more specific:

By faith they envisioned a training institution that would multiply true proclaimers of God's Word and of its teachings.

As I searched for more insight into the foundations of God's work in Spain, I tracked down our seminary's professor of church history. As I described the possibility of this new initiative, in line with the vision of the Spain reformers, Casiodoro de Reina and Cipriano Valera, the professor was stunned. . . .



Just that morning, he had been in a phone conference with the elders of the Spanish Church he planted.

They owned a beautiful piece of land, but they decided they couldn't come up with the funds to build on it.

They were going to give it away.

A piece of property six times bigger than the land we were hoping to buy!

- They will give us the land.
- They will give us the blueprints for a beautiful building—already approved by the city bureaucrats, which is no small miracle in the Spanish system.
- They have already gone through a series of revisions to bring the building costs way down. Construction will require 1.3 million Euros—but this facility will not simply handle our basic needs: it will address the call of the Spain Reformation!

This is a vision to reignite the evangelization of Spain and all Europe!

My friend, this is not just rhetoric. This next year we celebrate 25 years of evangelism work. We have prepared hundreds of workers and sent them around the world to plant thousands of churches. We have gone from Cuba to the Far East and India and many places in between!

Please DO NOT BE LEFT OUT of this momentous opportunity! It is a reality more powerful than I can describe. God calls each of us to do just what He empowers us to do. What has He empowered you to do today?

I say to you, as before His throne, that throughout my career in ministry, I have never felt I was able to do much. I have often felt quite powerless. Yet **whenever we have dared to go forward, God has come out to meet us**. He has always, according to the promise of His Word, done exceedingly beyond what we could have dreamed!

This promise is the foundation of my bold request to you today. Let us launch this new school year, this new ministry year, with passion. We have a clear image of what God wants to do—He has opened a miraculous doorway to Europe! *Let us own this vision together*.



Please take part personally in the amazing vision He has set before us. Give as generously as possible. Thank you so much for sharing in this adventure with me!

With a burning heart,

Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. To look at the land we are being given, **go to Google Earth. In the search bar, write: C. Boiro #84 Madrid, Spain.** You can drag the "orange man" to the street view and "walk" around the neighborhood! But please let this visit be only the beginning. <u>We need your generous help in giving.</u> I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you again!