

ANCIENT PATH MINISTRIES



2020 Vision- 1st Quarter Update



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2020 Starts With Celebration



It's been nine years since the January evening (01/11/2011) when a few friends came together for prayer at Pastor Jose & Yami's home. So much has happened and so many are coming to Christ that celebration and outreach required a full two days of festivities. A worshipping crowd of 500+ on day one and 400 children and families from across the community on day two!

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Pastor Kevin & Tonni Jobe brought the bulk of our APM Advisory Board along with a large team of dear friends from Ohio & New York to join in. The US contingent provided necessary materials and took part in facilitating both days through physical labor, witness, music, interpretation, and fellowship. God is good!



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Building Kingdom Foundations

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.—1 Corinthians 3:20



At the end of January, Pastors (now and future) of La Senda Antigua gathered for intensive seminary classes offered through our partners at CODEX Ministries. The course of study is offered over a 4 year period. 30 of our pastors are currently enrolled in the program.



In February, La Senda hosted pastors from the Buenas Nuevas Association from across the island. They gathered for training, worship, prayer and fasting, and much needed mutual encouragement.



During the Winter of 2020, mission team members (former, current, and future) from Lakewood Baptist Church of Jamestown, NY made donations to and worked in a snack bar for Upward basketball to raise funds to support the ministry, eventually collecting around \$2000. Team members took advantage of the opportunity to share photos of the work to facilitate excellent discussions about the work of the Lord through Ancient Path/La Senda in Cuba.

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Caring for the Whole Person- 2.0

They set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. —Luke 9:6

A cornerstone of our ministry is representing the body of Christ in the care and healing of the whole person: body, soul, and spirit. Our La Senda leadership in Cuba and Ancient Path board and partnerships in the USA include many faithful friends whose life work has been given to minister in these areas. In 2019, we began a journey to explore an ongoing health and well-being ministry for the La Senda church network and the communities in which we serve.



March 6-13, 2020, Pastor Kevin travelled with a team of health care professionals to work out steps forward in the process: offering preaching to ground us, education in First Aid/CPR instruction for church leaders, a forum on women's health, consultation with elderly church members/neighbors, and significant sharing with our Pastors, health care professionals, and prayer intercessors as to our role as spiritual/emotional/physical healers. A fruitful trip, indeed...



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And Then, Everything Changed

As our team departed, Cuba announced 5 cases of COVID-19. We touched down 12 hours before new US entry restrictions began.



A message from Pastors Jose & Yamy to the La Senda Antigua network of churches/missions. Friday, March 20, 2020

We announce to all members of Ancient Path (La Senda Antigua) in Jovellanos and missions, that worship services are suspended until further announcement as a preventive measures against all that we are experiencing. Isolation is one of the most effective ways to prevent virus from spreading. **We encourage you to have your faith lifted more than ever. God is faithful and merciful. He has given us promises for 2020 and will surely keep them.**

We ask you to **join prayer chains** at the same times of our services. Wednesday & Saturday (8:15 pm) and Sunday (10 am). **Worship with your family each day** to keep the fire burning, We Pastors and leaders are **here for you**, and we are already **taking steps to take care for the elderly**. If you are in need, let us know. It will be a great blessing to be able to help. Remember ... **your burden is my burden, we are a great family, together in good times and bad ...**

Our prayers at this time are driven by:

- May our God stop this pandemic and save our city, nation and the world
- For the spiritual life of the Church
- For new converts
- For all those infected and those who have suffered losses worldwide
- Because we are aware of Jesus coming soon.

The Psalmist said, **I will lift my eyes to the mountains, where will my help come from? My help comes from Jehovah who made heaven and earth !!!**

Let us trust our Lord. This is something temporary. We remain firm, None of this is comparable to the Glory to come.

God bless and keep you,
Pastors Jose Santiago and Yamile Cruz

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Responding to COVID-19 in Cuba

No matter the situation, the work of the people of God never ceases. The worldwide health crisis is a call to the people of La Senda Antigua/The Ancient Path to find new ways to express the love of God and welcome people into the Kingdom.

March 19. As always, the work begins on our knees. One last gathering of the people in prayer and then a new mission commences, albeit with more personal space.



Monday, March 23 Pastor Jose reported that the stores were empty. What we see now in the US is but an echo of daily life in Cuba. In this time of crisis, there is nothing on their shelves. But, there is always a way. By that evening, a team from the church had found a resource some much needed essentials.

The work this last week has been to distribute what we have obtained to each of our mission Pastors across the whole region, that they in turn can provide for the people whom they serve, with priority on caring for the elderly and most needy, along with neighbors who don't typically have the benefit the love of a Christian community around them. Extending the reach of grace.



Pastor Jose describes encounters with non-believing neighbors- "I gave them a package of soup & seasoning, a small bag of potatoes, and a bar of soap. If you could have seen the faces, how astounded they were to receive it. Many people asked what they owed. I got to tell them it wouldn't cost them a penny. It is a gift from the Church."

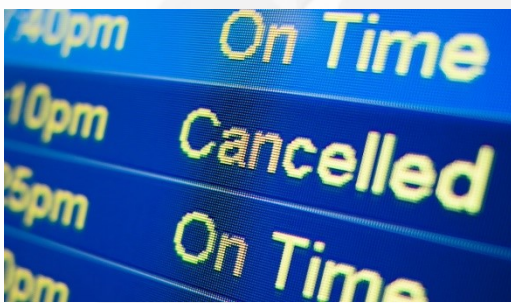
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Responding to COVID-19 in Cuba & USA

Don't stand so close to me is a rallying cry in the US. This photo is the reality of social distancing this week in line for necessities in Jovellanos. Not all peoples have the luxury of assuming we can keep six feet between us and still keep our spot in line. In a place where getting what you need means being sure you get to it before it runs out, you stay in line no matter how close up you have to be.

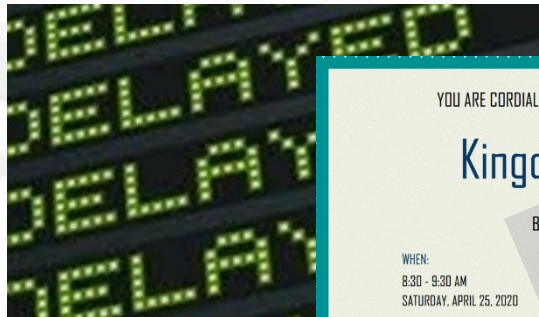


As in Cuba, Ancient Path USA ministry work has been impacted greatly. Three terms exemplify the changes/challenges:



Sometimes, the Lord is so far ahead of us. It's almost never a problem to for us to fill a mission team. We spent several unsuccessful months trying to build a team for a **May 2020 Cuba** visit and schedule regional US connectional visits for late **March**. It was honestly quite confusing. Now it's clear. These efforts are **CANCELLED**. God already knew. Now, so do we.

DELAYED. Maybe it's better to say that connectional visits in the USA have been delayed. We hope to schedule them in late May or June. **Spring Seminary @ La Senda** will be rescheduled. Our **Kingdom Builders Breakfast** scheduled for April 25 is being delayed. We will keep let you know when a new date is chosen.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ANCIENT PATH MINISTRIES

Kingdom Builders

BREAKFAST

DELAYED
New Date
TBA

WHEN:
8:30 - 9:30 AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

WHERE:
FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH
7740 SERVICE CENTER DR., WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Onward & Upward

ONWARD AND UPWARD! The work may look different, but it does not stop. We are full steam ahead with:

- July Mision Misericordia
- September Four Corners Church Mission Team
- Fall Praise Concert/Silent Auction Fundraiser
- Fall seminary sessions @ La Senda Antigua
- November Mission Team to La Senda Antigua

Read on for details on plans and how to take part!

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The work of the Kingdom of God continues even as routines are shaken. Here is a preview what we hope to do in 2020.

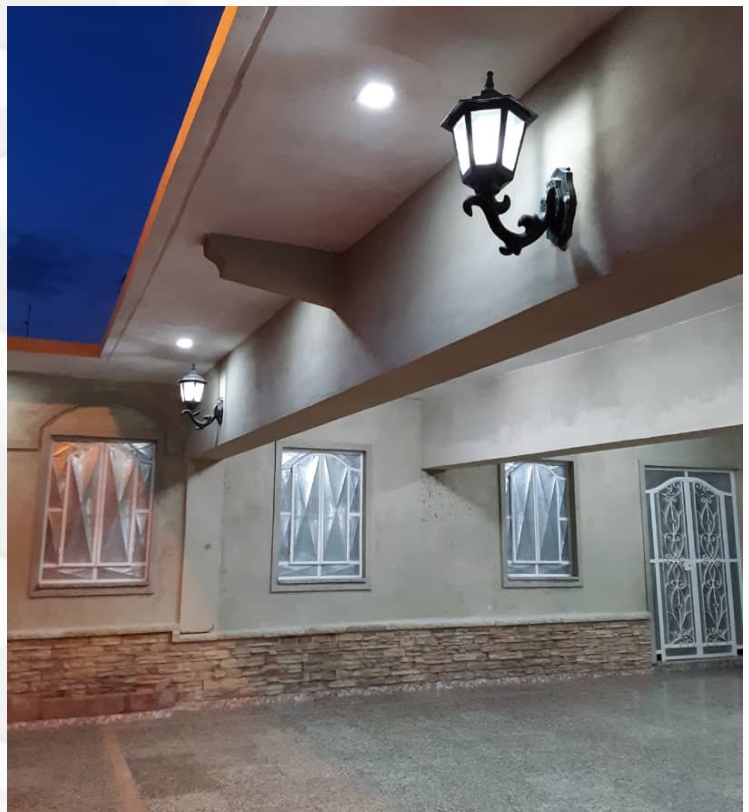
HOUSES. A very nice house (below) is for sale in the town of Perico in a great location and ready for use. \$22,500 enables a full-time Pastor to live and serve there. The house (right) in Sofia needs \$5-7,000 in renovations for the Pastors to live in it.



Two missions (Jaguey Grande & Matanzas) are actively searching for permanent homes to purchase and two other locations are in prayer over when to take that step forward. Your prayers and support are invaluable in these efforts.

CONSTRUCTION. Phase One at La Senda is nearly complete. Phase Two moves to the renovation of our worship area and the attached house. Once complete, our seating capacity will be enlarged by a third and class and activity space will double.

The current plan calls for our current worship shelter to be removed in its entirety to the mission at Sofia, where it will be recycled to serve as worship space in a new location.



The financial projection of Phase Two and relocation of the worship shelter to Sofia is currently being considered. We will keep you informed as the picture becomes clearer.

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MISION MISERICORDIA, our relief ministry to the poorest regions of Cuba, starts its 5th season in 2020

It started with hurricane relief after Matthew in 2016. Since then, Ancient Path/La Senda Antigua has delivered food, clothing, wheelchairs, essential household appliances, and much more to aid a growing network of pastors serving in the mountainous jungle regions of eastern Cuba. In 2020, we aim to bring mules, refrigerators, bicycles, and other necessities during a two-week trek from Jovellanos to Baracoa. Between \$12-15,000 will be need to cover the total cost of this mission effort.



COME EXPERIENCE CUBA WITH ANCIENT PATH

- It's a Kingdom-sized adventure
- Teams travelling in Sept & Nov 2020
- Current trip cost is \$2000 all-inclusive
- Contact Pastor Kevin Jobe for more info
kevinandtonni@ancientpathministries.org

PRAY FOR ANCIENT PATH/LA SENDA ANTIGUA

- In daily intercession
- With your church or small group
- Become a prayer partner with someone from La Senda Antigua. Contact Tonni Jobe for more info
tonnijobe@ancientpathministries.org



CONNECT US TO OTHER KINGDOM-MINDED PEOPLE

- Your family, friends, church, or neighbors
- Host an APM presentation in your home/church
- Pass along information to Kevin Jobe
kevinandtonni@ancientpathministries.org



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Partners for the Kingdom of God

Give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. - Luke 6:38

Our financial strategy is simple. God has built all aspects of this work on personal relationships. We believe He will continue to grow us for His splendor in the same manner. None of this work happens without you, our partners. We invite you to join us and invest in the ongoing work of the Kingdom of God. The vision for 2020 is this...

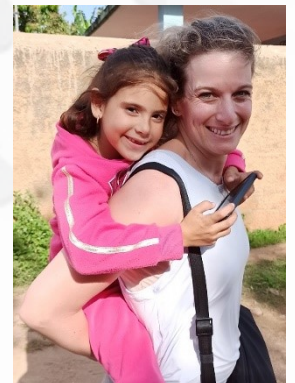


100/20/20

Churches/missions/relationships founded. People hear gospel/receive salvation.
Current missions/churches/partnerships take root ever more deeply and grow.
Places established/facilities constructed, leaders supported/people's needs met.

100/20/20

Partnership commitments equivalent to
100@ \$100 mo, 20@ \$250 mo and 20@ \$500 mo



100/20/20 Moves Forward

Overall Monthly Goal (2020-21) = \$21,600 +/-

Jan 1, 2020 monthly covenant = **\$6334 (29.3%)**

47 individuals, families and churches

March 31, 2020 monthly covenant = **\$6000 (27.7%)**

43 individuals, families and churches

NET LOSS in 2020 = \$334 monthly

2020 Progress Goal = \$15,000 +/- (70%)

100 individuals, families, and churches

Be Part of the 100/20/20

Electronically

Recurring Bill Pay (Bank, Donor Fund, or IRA) using address below.

Use **DONATE** button at <https://ancientpathministries.org>.

Text APM2020 to 50155. Uselink, set recurring E-Check or credit card

APM pays lower fees for bank account transfers (ACH) than credit card.

By Mail

Send checks to Ancient Path Ministries
10889 Lake Thames Dr, Cinti, OH 45242



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May God grant you a blessed 2020 and make the work He places in your hand yield a hundred fold. With our thanks...



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