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After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:14-15

BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

We are coming to you today with good news; GOSPEL in all caps. Sometimes, as when John was put in prison, you simply have to stare into the face of a difficult circumstance and proclaim something better. This is what Jesus spoke to people. As his disciples, this is what we declare. Amidst all the strife in this world, the Kingdom of God has come near. There is no better news.

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

This morning (July 8, 2021), there are more than 1,300 new cases of COVID in the province of Matanzas, where La Senda Antigua is headquartered. The hospitals are overrun and almost no medicine (fever reducers/antibiotics, etc) is available to treat the sick. What's more, there are very few means of getting medicines and medical supplies to the Cuban people. In the USA, our ministry office has bins of these medicines and supplies waiting on an open door to deliver them. Consistently over the past few weeks, Cuba has reported her highest case numbers since the start of the pandemic. Our last quarterly update reported the loss of Pastor José and his Dad. Pastora Yamy and others on our team and their families have battled the plague, as well. Food scarcities continue to worsen and robberies are rising as the sense of desperation grows.



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Ayuda Matanzas!!!!!!!
 Necesitamos Medicamentos
 Necesitamos atención médica
 Nuestros Médicos necesitan ayuda
 #SalvenaMatanzas

Since October 2020 five times more Cuban migrants have been intercepted attempting to make landfall in Florida than in the entire previous year. Our recent social media feeds include pleas like this one begging for help in the form of medicines and aid for physicians battling the contagion. The island is being held prisoner by a pandemic and its worst economic crisis in decades.

SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?



...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. - Matthew 16:18

RENEWING, REBUILDING, RESTORING



The good news in this moment is that we are the Church, the display of God's splendor, even in the most difficult times. Throughout history, the work of the Kingdom followers of Jesus Christ has always shone brightest in the midst of what seemed to be the most intense darkness and the most improbable and seemingly impossible circumstance. This season is no exception.

To help you understand the reasons for our confidence in God and the work which he has entrusted to us, here is a word which I (Pastor Kevin) received just yesterday from our leader in Cuba, Pastora Yamy Cruz. Fasten your seat belts.

TURN AROUND. BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS.

Psalm 121 (NIV)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

²My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Pastors, Leaders, Prayer Partners,

May God's blessing be upon you in a special way. I'm writing to let you know something of the work of the Kingdom of God in Cuba during these past three months.

These have been difficult days, I know you understand that. With the loss of my husband, they have been days full of tears, days of only finding comfort in the presence of the only One who can give it- our God!

I haven't asked God, "why?" because He is God and I honor His sovereignty. So instead, I have worshiped him in the midst of my loss and pain. And as you know, I have decided to continue serving Him every day that I remain on this earth and to follow through on the legacy that my husband and I began together, I set my gaze forward and I know that this will be completely a work of the Holy Spirit. Only the Spirit can help me to continue without my beloved husband in front of and beside me.



Our God knows what he is doing. He never does anything wrong. The Spirit led me to the scripture in Deuteronomy 10:11, Here He made it clear to me what I must do, that the work continues because the work is His.

"Go," the Lord said to me,
"and lead the people on
their way, so that they may
enter and possess the land
I swore to their ancestors
to give them."

I have received the strength to say, "here I am" and continue. I've been with the leadership of La Senda Antigua, laid out the forward vision, and expressed my desire to give my best: living as if each day was the last, magnifying our God, and concentrating on the salvation of souls. I believe and sense from God this is the most important thing at this time; that the passion for lost souls burns in the heart of the Church and Jesus commissioned us to bring them the message of salvation. Of course, the church will continue with all her projects but above all we want to focus and prioritize the reaching of souls, so we want to reinforce evangelism and our mission fields at this time.

We are in the middle of a great crisis, the likes of which our country has never experienced. But the Church has seen it all before and must continue to be the light and salt of this world.

Therefore, beloved, we ask with all our hearts, continue your prayers and financial support for the work in our nation. Do not let go of us ... You have been instruments by which we have received answer to so many prayers. We very grateful for how you have supported us and served God in our nation. My heart's desire is that we to continue together with each one of you and that even many more get involved.



Even in distress and crisis, we have cared for every gospel worker, each sick person, and all those in need. We have continued even when we have many limitations, and in this time, we have reached new lives and we managed to follow up and disciple them. The Church here is more united than ever, all ready to carry out our mission.

What seemed to bring an end has become a new beginning.

A NEW BEGINNING

We long for God to bring healing to the earth and this pandemic will pass away so we may more effectively continue in the work of the Lord.

I have been appointed by the bishop and leaders of our Buenas Nuevas Association as Lead Pastor of La Senda Antigua and superintendent of the provinces of Matanzas and Mayabeque (previously held by Pastor José). I understand the great responsibility I now hold. I am honored that God thinks of me as capable of service to Him and I want to do the best I can.



More on Buenas Nuevas here

<https://ancientpathministries.org/bringing/buenas-nuevas/>

La Iglesia Volviendo A La Senda Antigua in Cuba sends you a big hug and we want you to know that we love you and that you are in our hearts and prayers. Hopefully soon many friends can return to Cuba. We miss you so much!!! God bless you richly!!! I love and honor you.

With Love,
Yamy



GET ON THE PATH

Join us in the work of La Senda Anitgua. Help see that the reach of the Gospel and connections in Christ increase and grow.

PRAY

Always, the first, most crucial thing, is PRAY. In particular right now we ask you to pray for:

- Yami. In her continuing grief, decision making as Mother, Lead Pastor of La Senda, overseer of the network, and superintendent for the Buenas Nuevas Association. The whole Santiago family.
- The leadership of Ancient Path-La Senda Antigua re-equipping ourselves for the work ahead.
- For Cuba as great financial, medical, and civil crisis deepens, and for the US and Cuba in the ever complex political relationship.

BECOME A FINANCIAL COVENANT PARTNER

In 2018, Pastors Kevin, José, and Yami mapped out a financial projection covering everything we do to carry the work through the next decade and beyond. To express the goal, we use 100/20/20. We need to secure 140 monthly partnerships (or equivalent). 100 at \$100, 20 at \$250, 20 at \$500. 140 committed people or churches can make this happen. Change the world. Then, specific requests can be made of our partners for unexpected needs or new project opportunities.

The original vision was to meet our goal across 3 years, 2019-2021. As seen below, COVID slowed our growth in 2020, leaving us at 1/3 committed 2/3 of the way through our 3-year plan. As our world re-engages post-pandemic, this is the best way you can physically help the ministry.

<u>3-yr Monthly Partner Goal</u>	<u>Actual 2019 to date growth:</u>
12/31/21 goal. \$21,600 mo.	Dec 31, 2019 \$6,334 (29.3%)
12/31/20 goal \$15,000 (70%).	Dec 31, 2020 \$6,750 (32.0%)
	Mar 31, 2021 \$7,050 (34.7%)
	Jun 30, 2021. \$8,500 (39.4%)

If you haven't yet, please consider joining us so the work may have strong financial foundation for years to come. While monthly income makes for simplest bookkeeping, current partners also give covenant commitments on monthly/quarterly/yearly basis as best suits their planning.



HERE IS HOW TO BECOME A PARTNER

TEXT TO GIVE through Four Corners Church
Text KEYWORDS to 513-806-2724
Click link. Select Ancient Path Ministries Fund

ON OUR WEBSITE
ancientpathministries.org/onlinegiving
Follow prompts to Four Corners giving site
Select Ancient Path Ministries Fund. Recurring

BANK/IRA/DAF/PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS
Recurring or 1-time Giving to:
Ancient Path Ministries
10889 Lake Thames Dr, Cincinnati, OH, 45242

NOTE
Online giving to Ancient Path/La Senda Antigua
is provided through Four Corners Church
West Chester, OH

CONNECT US TO NEW FRIENDS- HERE ARE A COUPLE TOOLS

WATCH PARTY FOR OUR **APM** VIRTUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS FUNDRAISING EVENT



A 25 minute visual tour of our history & work
Watch here. www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8cbJYT2qmY

**HAVE PASTOR KEVIN JOBE COME TO YOU
TO SHARE OUR STORY/MISSION/FUTURE VISION**

Anywhere in the USA!!

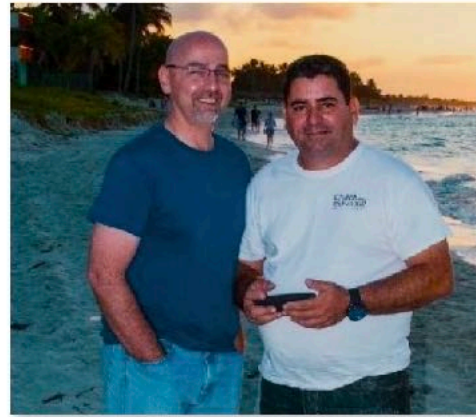
Any gathering/worship service. Name place/time.

Bring friends to hear an amazing story of God at work.

419-944-9238 or kevinandtonni@ancientpathministries.org

ADD FRIENDS TO OUR EMAIL CONNECTION LIST

Send their address to kevinanttonni@ancientpathministries.org



NEW(S)-CONNECTIONS

THE LATEST ANCIENT PATH ON ALL PLATFORMS. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS ALONG.

WEBSITE

<https://ancientpathministries.org>

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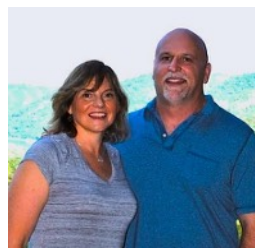
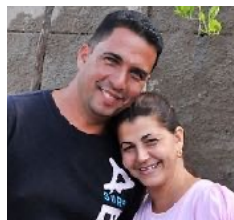
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ANCIENT PATH LEADERS

Through Pastor José and Yami's onsite work and our US partnerships with psychologists, medical professionals, and seminarians, La Senda Antigua is dedicated to development/support of strong leaders. Our team is stacked. The bench is deep. These pastors, missionaries, and administrators with dozens of leaders and hundreds of servants in every area of ministry will capably carry the work forward. New gifting is about to be unveiled. You will witness and be foundational supporters of even greater works of God ahead of us. It's going to be amazing! Prayer and support opportunities at ancientpathministries.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Kevin, Tonni, Yamy
Ivis & Leonardo
Linda
Ana Ibis & Omar

Luis & Maria Ester
Jennifer & Kyle
Tony & Idania

Ricardo & Yacky.
Idalis & Marlon
Cheryl (Concha)
Altinay & Ariel

Sandra, & Reynol
Orlinda, & Osvaldo
Laura & Brad
Eduardo & Analidia

Diosmel & Yainesi
Minervis & Aurelio
Vicki
Lisuanay & Angel