

REFLECTIONS- 1ST QUARTER 2024



BRINGING. CONNECTING. BUILDING.

ANCIENT PATH MINISTRIES/LA SENDA ANTIGUA LEADERS

Meet our amazing Lead Pastors (Cuba/US), APM Board, & Senda Antigua Pastors, Missionaries, Administrators.
The staff is growing again in 2024. Your partnership supports extending the reach of the Gospel!



VISIÓN 2024

Año de abrir Pozos donde fluyan las Aguas del Espíritu.

Vision 2024- A year of opening wells flowing with the waters of the Holy Spirit.



The People of The Ancient Path Gather With Joy

The work of 2024 kicked off with a 13th birthday celebration at La Senda Antigua.

Pastora Yami Cruz proclaimed God's promise of the well of salvation and our calling to be wells of living water overflowing to preserve and prosper the lives of every believer.



Already this year, La Senda has hosted events for youth, for LSA pastoral leaders and families, local youth, and a large group representing Buenas Nuevas pastors from across western Cuba.





Welcoming Partners From The USA

In January, a large group of friends, longtime and brand new, from OH, NY, & VA joined us for our 13th Birthday Celebration weekend.

They brought much needed supplies, packed 600 candy bags for the children's outreach event, worked in our Impact & Ready to Serve food ministries, and visited and shared in several of our newest rural house church communities.

In March, Pastor Kevin brought a medical team. Physicians from our partners Bethesda Family Practice (OH) and an RN from Boise, ID shared with our LSA health team, gave basic medical exams to all ages (addiction, children, senior ministries, home visits) and then attended an amazing Palm Sunday worship experience



APM On The Road With Partners In The States

December 31, 2023, APM Board member Cheryl Wahlstrom, in preparation for our January trip, took the good news to partners at Lakewood (New York) UMC. Lakewood and Falconer UMC have become faithful providers of medicines and ministry supplies.

In late January, Kevin & Tonni represented LSA/APM @Go Week annual missions conference at LeTourneau University in Longview, TX. APM Board member Vicki Sheaffer is Dean of the School of Psychology & Counseling. LETU has partnered since 2017 to bring holistic spiritual, emotional, and physical health to LSA leaders and congregation.



In East Texas, we never miss a chance to be with loyal, longtime partners at Pine Forest Baptist Church who invest deeply in missions worldwide and have supported us since 2013.

And finally, a blessed meal/connection with Pastor Edward & Danyelle Crouch of Summit Heights Fellowship in Hawkins, TX.



Our good friend Pastor Jim Stauffer and the folks at Trinity Evangelical Church of Upper Sandusky, OH welcomed Kevin & Tonni twice this winter. Trinity was an early US host to Jose & Yami in 2011. In 2024, they'll send their 1st mission team to La Senda. We are excited about our next steps together.

In February, Pastor Chris & Renee Roberts (former students of Kevin & Tonni) invited us over to Muncie, IN for a visit with Corinth Church for some worship and sharing of the La Senda Antigua story. We are making plans and hope to bring a group of friends from Corinth to Cuba in the near future.

We would love to visit with you/your church to share our story and explore partnership options.

Call/text Kevin
(419) 944-9238
Email details below.



Our Complex Work Is Larger Than Ever



In a place like Cuba, though we plan and prioritize with great care, surprising needs and opportunities often arise and call us to new thinking. We have seen this already in 2024.

IMPACT & Ready to Serve continue to produce 4000 monthly meals for hungry neighbors.

The La Senda sanctuary is being expanded to accommodate the growing number who come to adore our Christ and grow as disciples. .

A generous gift and rare shift in regulations around sales allowed for the purchase of our 1st ever new 14 seat van. Another is available. We are working on procuring funds.

In Sancti Spiritus province, our La Senda mission church has recently planted 4 new house churches. We now work to strengthen their foundations.



Some Closing Thoughts. Your Partnership Is Crucial. The Work Is Worth Our Team Effort.

From Pastor Kevin Jobe-

As always, in the pages below we explain the 4 means by which you can partner with us in the work of the people of the ancient path: Prayer, Covenant Financial Support, Connection Making, Mission Travel.

The work is now larger and more complex than ever before; politically as Cuba struggles with economic/human rights challenges, logistically as rapid and broad expansion brings financial, team building, and personal challenge, spiritually as we, amidst so many potential distractions, seek to keep the focus on the only priority of our work- Jesus Christ and the goal of bringing souls to salvation by whatever God-honoring means we have at our disposal.

Then, for me personally, there is the challenge of bringing this work to you in a manner we as Americans can grasp. I often find myself slack jawed in awe that God has poured out so much grace upon Tonni & I as to allow this to be our life's work. I stand in front of those crowds of 800-1000 and marvel at the growth. People love those stories of "success". On my most recent trip down though, I was struck profoundly once again by another deeper truth.

Working with our pastors and missionaries, some longtime veterans, some just starting out, I am more often than not in places where the numbers do not impress. Poor rural villages. Small house churches, often populated by a few sick and suffering people. We have to work hard to even get here.

I find myself deeply moved by the work. We are as dedicated as diligent in places where no one else goes as we are where opportunities seem more numerous. One idolatrous village has 11 Christians after many years of hard work. Do they quit? No, they've opened an extension across the highway. A dozen faithful in another place are determined that the town will not ever lose the presence of God again.



I am proud/humbled that we work as hard for 2 or 3 gathered in his name as for 200 or 300+. We are not in the business of counting heads. We are here for bringing souls to Christ. This cannot be easily quantified.

In This Season...

Pray for our leadership unity.

You'd be amazed at the sources that challenge it.

After your local tithe, support the work financially.

With completed projects done and giving well down from 2023, we are over budget. We need support in this hour.

Tell friends about us. Introduce me to them.

From day one, we have always built on relationships.

Come with us to Cuba.

You will be amazed at what you discover there.

Keep reading to see how you can do all of the above.

YOUR PATHWAYS TO PARTNERSHIP

We invite you to consider any-all of these opportunities to join us in the work of the ancient path.



It always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. -Philippians 1:5-6

1. PRAYER - OUR MOST CRUCIAL NEED

2024 and Beyond

Yami, Kevin & Tonni, family, leaders, servant ministry team.
For faithfulness, unity, equipping, wisdom, power.

CUBA-economic/civil crisis, US-Cuba relationship.

Ask God to send workers to field. He'll show you what to do.

All the partnership opportunities presented herein.



2. FOUNDATIONAL COVENANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Covenant Support Actual (2023) 68.2% \$ 15,000*
 Monthly Covenant Support Goal (2024) \$22,000*
 Monthly Covenant Support Jan-Mar 24 \$ 13,450^

*Regular foundational covenant financial support total does not include mission team fees or one-time offerings.

^ Significantly lower income compared to 2023 and to 2024 goals.



Simple financial strategy. Relational partnerships.
 We want to know/love/pray for/work with you
 Every gift is welcome/useful. No gift too small/large.
 Consistent giving is foundational/crucial.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GIVE

This QR Code for **ZELLE**

Or ZELLE to 419-944-9238 with your banking app
 Leave note blank or indicate APM contribution.



BANK/IRA/DAF/PERSONAL/BUSINESS CHECK

Set recurring gift to Ancient Path Ministries
 10889 Lake Thames Dr, Cincinnati, OH, 45242

OR

This QR Code for **Zeffy**



Use online form to set up one-time or ongoing partnership support.

Zeffy is a free service for Non-Profits. You can donate to Zeffy or choose - Other/\$0 in tip line to decline.

YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT ENABLES KINGDOM WORKERS/ PROJECTS TO EXPAND THE REACH OF THE GOSPEL.

Meeting our goal will make sure the work continues!

3. NEW CONNECTIONS IN CHRIST



We want to meet hundreds of new friends in 2024. If our message of the Kingdom rings true, please connect us to family, friends, churches, co-workers, foundations. Some ways to help:

Send A Friend's Contact Info To Pastor Kevin

With permission to drop your name

Host or Join Friends for a Café Cubano

In someone's home. Relax. Share vision. Explore.
Guests committed to 90 minutes. Hosts 2-3 hours.
We bring coffee/dessert/compelling story.

Host APM @ Your Church, Club, or Business

Presentation for any space or group.
Worship, Meal, Mission, Customized Gathering

Kevin Jobe travels regionally/online to share La Senda Antigua.
Contact us for a visit. kevinandtonni@ancientpathministries.org
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STAYING CONNECTED

APM IS EASY TO FIND. INVITE LOVED ONES TO CONNECT TO US.



WORD FROM THE ANCIENT PATH.
PALABRA DE LA SENDA ANTIGUA.
STORIES FROM THE JOURNEY.
HISTORIAS DEL CAMINO.

ANCIENT PATH MINISTRIES

La Iglesia Volviendo A La Senda Antigua

The Ancient Path/La Senda Antigua Podcast Season 5

The Word From The Ancient Path. English-Spanish
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4. COME WITH US ON A MISSION TO CUBA

Get Ready for a Kingdom-sized Adventure!

It's unlike any mission trip you have known

The Gospel extends to the ends of the earth.

You can be part of bringing the Good News.

Personal connection in prayer, fellowship, encouragement, Kingdom work.

New relationships with lasting potential.

God's Kingdom growing in amazing people and places.

Ancient Path Ministries will...

Train/care for you as we get there and home.

Help you use your gifting before, during, and after the trip.

+/- \$400 fees applied to ministry beyond cost of the trip.

Your participation helps to continue the work.

Teams now forming for Fall 2024 & Winter 2025



2024 Mission Trip Cost
\$2300 All-inclusive
Training/Materials/Guides/Translators
Flights/Baggage/Visas
Flight & Medical Insurance
Lodging/Transport/In Country Meals

