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From the Field: *God is Working in Cuba*

Tim Archer, Juan Monroy, and Steve Ridgell were recently in Cuba to meet with our Field Representative, **Tony Fernandez**, to evaluate and discuss the work there. We were overwhelmed with the amazing things God is doing in that country. Tony is working with a team of local Christians in Matanzas to plant house churches in every village along the main roads leading in and out of that city. Many times the initial contact is someone who has responded to the Herald of Truth radio broadcast. Other times they will ask Christians for the names of relatives or friends living in these settlements.

When they convert someone, the church starts meeting in that person's home. Tony and

his team of evangelists drive a "preaching loop" each Sunday to work with these church plants. From January, 2007, through February, 2008, there have been fourteen (14!) house churches planted and **263 baptisms**.

Tim and Steve were able to visit with six of these congregations. It was inspiring to see their hunger for the Word. Groups ranging in size from 12 to 30 would crowd into these houses to meet together. They sat on the floor and leaned in through windows. Many of them carried Bibles distrib-

uted from our last shipment into Cuba. Several times people brought out their radios to show what they used to listen to Tim and Juan's programs.

In one village, a family was trying to trade their home for one with a larger living room so the church would have room to grow. In another, they had just knocked out a wall because the church was growing so fast. At yet another village, we met a new brother who

had a work crew attempting to install what appeared to be a horse trough. When asked about it, he explained it was going to be the new baptistery. He was concerned about not being able to baptize their converts during times of drought. He is going to make it available to all the villages nearby as congregations get established in each of those places.



The seed of God's Word is being sown in Cuba through our radio broadcasts and Tony and his team of local Christians are following up with Bible distribution and study. Precious souls are being baptized and then taught to reach out to others.

God is doing a great and mighty work in the nation of Cuba.



Declaration of Dependence

by Bill Brant

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to state deliberately and unequivocally the basis for one's belief, a person, an organization, a nation, or people must make a Declaration. Thus, all people know exactly where we stand in relation to all others. American history is anchored with such an event that took place on July 4, 1776.

Today, on behalf of Herald of Truth Ministries, I make our **Declaration of Dependence**.

We believe in one God, His son Jesus, and His Holy Spirit. Who since before time began, offered His creation an avenue to be made worthy to be with Him forever.

We believe that God is creator and we are His creations; that Jesus is Messiah, our Savior; and our dependence is completely upon them.

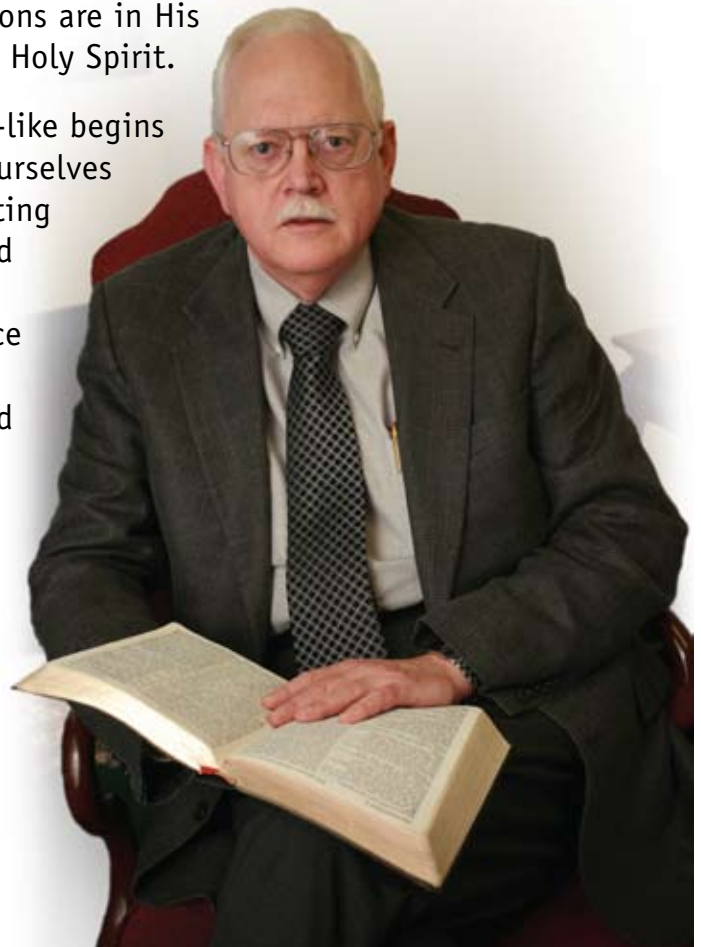
We believe that it is God's task to add to His church and determine who goes to Heaven or Hell, not ours;

We believe that God's directions are in His Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We Believe that being Christ-like begins with understanding that by ourselves we are unworthy; that repenting of our sin is both attitude and action; that baptism is the acknowledgement of obedience to Jehovah and telling others of Jesus is an opportunity and responsibility.

We believe that the mission of Herald of Truth, as it was at our beginning in 1952, is to share the Words of Jesus with His World.

Our Declaration of Dependence is the beginning of the journey and not the end.



So What's Next

Steve Ridgell



“I want to be baptized in name of Jesus Christ...”

This request came from Monica last month on our Spanish website, www.nuestraesparaza.org.

Though it is more direct than some, it is representative of the requests, questions, and comments

we receive each and every day from our efforts around the world. We have those who contact us through www.hopeforlife.org or comment on our blog. We often get emails from people who have come across some of our literature. Sometimes the response is a prayer request, or perhaps it might be a question about how to find hope, joy, purpose, or peace in this life. Sometimes it is a question about something we have written. So what happens to all of these requests and contacts? What is next for them?

We have the same goal for every response that comes from any of our outreach efforts: to connect that person with a local church. We believe it is essential for their conversion, and for their growth as a Christian, that they be involved with other Christians. We have places on all of our evangelistic websites that let readers ask to be connected to a local church. In our communication with respondents, we encourage them to let us put them in contact with friends of ours who will care about them and who will establish relationships with them.

We are so committed to local church connections that we will not engage in ministry projects unless there is a commitment from local congregations to handle the follow-up. Many of our projects have originated from requests by local churches and missionaries to help them with mass media efforts designed to reach people with the good news. All of the material used in our projects, whether radio, television, or literature, has contact information for local churches. Even our preaching campaigns are sponsored by the Herald of Truth in partnership with local congregations.

We allow congregations to use any of our material free of charge. Many churches use our literature, or use our radio spots on their local stations, or advertise our evangelistic websites. The only thing we insist on is that we will send any contacts back to them for follow-up. Sometimes that follow-up may be to pray for that person, or simply a visit, or perhaps a Bible study. Every seeker who responds to any of our media projects needs to be connected to local believers.

So thank you for the prayers and financial support. But I also want to say thank you to those of you who have committed to form relationships and touch those lives that need Jesus.

So what about Monica? We contacted a congregation near where she lives and they are going to be visiting with her. Soon, we trust, she will be a new sister in Christ and in a family that will help her grow as a new Christian. And she is just one of many that we will put in contact with some of you all over this world.

Appointments & Promotions

In April, **Herald of Truth Ministries** announced the appointment of **Allison J. Connor** as Business Manager and the promotion of **Wesley Shutt** to Response Coordinator.



Connor, who has a degree in Accounting and Finance from Abilene Christian University gained her professional work experience at Condley and Company, Cingular Wireless, and Bank of America and as a small business proprietor. Her duties at Herald of Truth focus on maintaining the financial integrity of the ministry. She and her husband, David, are active in youth

ministry at Southern Hills Church of Christ.



Shutt began working at Herald of Truth in 2006 as a Ministry Production Assistant. His promotion to Response Coordinator allows him to maintain relations with those who contact the organization and eventually direct those individuals to a local church congregation.

Shutt noted that he and his wife, Ellen, hope to be on the mission field in Chile in two years and the experience he gains at Herald of Truth will be beneficial to that future endeavor. The Shutts work with the college ministry leading a Bible class at Southern Hills Church of Christ.

WHAT OUR LISTENERS *are saying...*

“Today I received the Bible and there’s no better gift...”
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“I’m an atheist and my life is dirty and empty. Tell me if God will be patient with me. Please, I’m ready to leave this road, I just want to have Jesus in my heart.” Juan, Peru

“Keep the word Coming” Silindile, South Africa

“I don’t go to church because I am confused which church to really go to. Please pray for me.” Helen, U.S.

“I’m a 16 year old guy, living in Australia, my name is Tim. Today I got baptized, and I want to turn my life around. I want to cut the sin out of my life so that I can live for God with nothing to hold me back.” Tim, Australia

“When you contacted me right away, I knew that your organization did want to help and wasn’t just saying that you would do so. Yes, please keep me on your prayer list. I look forward to hearing from you.” Paula, Oklahoma

“God bless you. I’ve heard your program on iTunes and I think the way you share the gospel is fabulous. I’d like to know if you can send me material so that I can grow spiritually.” Martin, Mexico

“I give thanks for people like you that work to help people find hope. I’d like to know more and to receive written materials.” Juan Manuel, Colombia

“Thanks be to God that there are organizations like yours. I listen to your program *Lea La Biblia* on the Internet via iTunes. It helps me and gives peace to my soul. I’d like to receive the Bible course.” Dilia, Germany

“I’ve heard your program on the Internet. It’s very interesting. I’d like to receive a Bible since I don’t have one.” Ruben, New York

U P C O M I N G M I N I S T R Y

JULY

Tim Archer, Juan Monroy, and Tony Fernandez at the Cuba Youth Encounter.

AUGUST

Steve Ridgell and Wesley Shutt in Malawi.

Steve Ridgell and Wesley Shutt in Mozambique.

COME SEE US

July 2-4

Bill Brant and Steve Ridgell at **Lipscomb Summer Celebration**. Nashville, Tennessee.

July 9, 16, 23

Bill Brant will be teaching Bible class at the **Hillcrest Church of Christ**, Abilene, Texas

July 23-26

Wesley Shutt at the **Global Missions Conference**. Arlington, Texas.

July 23-27

Juan Monroy, Steve Ridgell, and Tim Archer will be speaking at the **Orlando Spiritual Growth Workshop**. Orlando, Florida.

July 29

Juan Monroy, Bill Brant, Vince and Beverly Swinney, and Karen Presley at **An Evening of Inspiring Music and Words** with featured speaker Juan Monroy and the A Cappella Singers Alumni FHU, John Robert Hall conducting. Nashville, Tennessee.

July 30- August 3

Bill Brant, Vince Swinney, and Karen Presley at the **World Convention**, Nashville, Tennessee.

September 21-24

Tim Archer, Bill Brant, Steve Ridgell, Wesley Shutt, and Karen Presley at the **Abilene Christian University Lectureship**. Abilene, Texas.

September 28-October 1

Bill Brant and Tim Archer at **Harding Lectureship**. Searcy, Arkansas.

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