

# Just Christians Missions

## November 2020 - February 2021 Mission Update

The Year of 2020 and COVID-19 ... looking forward

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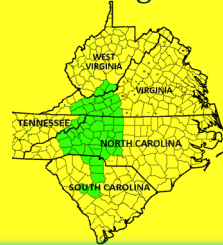
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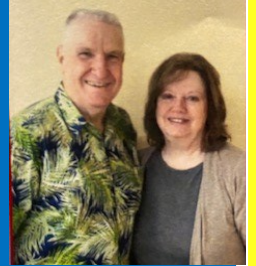
## Update on Cuba

We were getting ready to go to Cuba last March when COVID-19 hit and the world came to a stand still. We fully expected to get to go in the fall but we could not get missionary visas. We were able to help the church in Colon, Cuba financially last year. Then the US stopped the transfer of money to them. We were in communication with several of them through email and Facebook but internet connection is sporadic. Cuban citizens have to pay for internet by the minute when the government turns it on. Then, after much prayer, the Lord opened another door. One of the members of the congregation our nephew attends PA, Brother Issacs, is from Cuba. After several months of emails and phone calls, we were able to give him some money to deliver to the Colon church on his first trip home in five years last December. On January 15 of this year, Cuba closed their borders again and Brother Issacs just barely got home. As of a few days ago in the State of Matanza, all things are shut down again as Covid-19 is on the rise. We beg you to keep the church in Cuba in your prayers. If your congregation is meeting and would like to hear more about Cuba please let us know. We will gladly come and give a report on the church in a communist country.

**We are going back to Cuba as soon as we can get missionary visas!**  
**We covet your prayers for this effort!**

# Translation Project

Brother Robert Martin and his wife Mary (pictured right) are long-time (45 years) missionaries to the South Pacific. They have produced numerous study guides and videos for the PIBC (Pacific Island Bible College) curriculum. After our first trip to Cuba we realized the need for more teaching and study materials in Spanish. With Brother Martin's blessing and encouragement, JCM is taking on the project of translating his material into Spanish. We have been searching for translators. So far we have two. If you are interested in helping to translate, please give us a call.



Once finished, this material will be made available to those who are unable to read the English language. As you know paper is heavy! And there are no easy ways to print and copy material in Cuba. In addition, it is very expensive there. Eventually we want to get this information put on flash drives as it will be much easier to transport.



## Local Happenings

**What are we doing from home?** If you are like us, you are searching for just anything to do. The age of electronics has been wonderful in helping us do that. Many are utilizing Zoom or Facebook live for church services. Our congregation streams via Facebook live to our members. North Main continues this for our members who do not feel safe getting out. Following is some of what we are doing. It might work for you. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

- Preaching: Slowly I have started back helping small groups. If you are within a one-day drive, we will gladly come and help you any way we can. We are willing to stay longer if you can put us up. Do you need someone to preach? Do you need some lessons just for men? Or how about lessons for the whole congregation? HOW CAN WE HELP? Please let us know.
- Last year Deborah encouraged her Facebook friends to do a Bible study with her. This was the same study we take to Cuba. The study went well. Matt Langfield (preacher) and Brandon Maurer took this a step further. You can now do this study via the web site at North Main Street Church of Christ Mocksville NC ([www.nmcofc.org](http://www.nmcofc.org)). We invite you to check this out. Look for the "Online Bible Study" tab at the top of the page.

- Ladies Days, ladies classes, fellowship meals...*they all got cancelled*. But we are slowly starting back. There is a small group of ladies from the area that currently meet for the online Digging Deep Lessons. The North Main ladies did a pottery class together. These were some great fellowship times. Upcoming is a barn quilt painting class.
- Mens day, my weekly Bible study class... *they got cancelled*. It is back on track and I am teaching from the book of Daniel. If you are in our area please join us. Class is every Tuesday night at 7pm in the fellowship hall at North Main.
- North Main had a meal planned for our seniors and homebound folks last March and *it got cancelled*. However, as of January, we have started a new program called *Care, Encourage, and Connect* (CEC). Here is what we are doing. Every third Thursday of each month we prepare a meal. We gladly deliver and visit for a few minutes. The whole congregation will have opportunity to help with this as we get it going and all the details are worked out. Deborah, Julie Langfield, and Jolene McKenzie cooked the January meal (pictured right).
- In January Deborah started reaching out to fellow sisters weekly, letting them know that she was praying for them. Only God knows how much this is doing, but she is getting a lot of prayer request and responses. We are just trying to edify the Church any way possible.



**What ever it takes to pull people together! Is our current moto.**

**God is sitting on ready! Ready to change your life! Let God be in control of your life and see what He can do.**

**Nothing is ever to small!!!**

**Remember you can't out give God!**



Overseeing Elders at N. Main L to R  
Phil Forrest, Eddie Nuckols, Matt Maurer

Financial Support per month	
N. Main	250
Lexington	150
Highland Acers	200
Hinton	100
Anonymous	100
Abilene	100
Dull support	550

It's not always about the BIG stuff you do for others but the little stuff as well. Not a \$20 but the change in your pocket means so much. A sweet handmade card from the kids that hear our work announced at church.  
Thank You! Gary & Deborah