



Our Mission Statement

Taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the imprisoned and persecuted church through music and evangelism.

BEYOND SALVATION

For many, many years we have done evangelistic concert programs and seen many coming to Christ in the world of incarceration. The numbers were staggering as we presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since 1971, there were over one million incarcerated individuals on four continents who have heard the life changing message, that the Lord is not counting our sins against us in Christ, Jesus. That message is so needed in the world of incarceration where so many mistakes have been made that alter one's life journey.

During those years, we would constantly be asked, "What happens to all those new converts?" Although that was a valid question, in the world of incarceration, it is a very complex problem. Far too complex to be discussed in this short article. But trust me, we agonized over an appropriate response to the question as the need is quite concerning. Unfortunately, many churches and individuals are not comfortable ministering to this population group, converted or not. You would not want to hear all the reasons we have been given.

So, over forty-seven years to be exact, we looked for solutions and tried some things to meet the critical need of **what happens beyond salvation in the world of incarceration**. Then in 2014, the Lord impressed upon me a fantastic solution that the International Solid Rock could implement toward meeting this critical need. The solution was found in starting the Church Behind Bars, church planting movement which began in 2017 in Ocala, Florida at a men's and women's unit. Initially, a test in a male and female unit to see if it would possibly work. Well, it did!

As of this writing, we have completed over twenty five graduations and have waiting lists in several of our existing units where churches are thriving and doing what God designed, discipling new converts. Some of those graduating classes were the new Spanish classes. Having the CBB manual translated into Spanish turned out to be a real blessing and has met a huge need as there was not much available for the Latino community in prison many years ago. Thank the Lord this has changed for the better and the Latino church is really growing.

We get many responses from men and women behind the bars explaining how valuable the Church Behind Bars, church planting movement has helped them. Here are two comments, one from a men's unit and the other from a female unit just to give you some idea of the power of the CBB, church planting movement.

FROM ONE OF OUR WOMEN'S UNITS

It has been a pleasure being a part of the "Church Behind Bars" movement here at Lowell C.I. Annex. As a previous graduate of this movement I would like to thank you for allowing me the privilege to lead this 2025 class. It has been a great and amazing opportunity and learning experience to partner

BEYOND SALVATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

with CBB to help lead, build up and serve the body of Christ living behind the walls. This program definitely helped bring much understanding and biblical insight to us all and is helping us to be and walk in who God called us to be. The Church Behind Bars Training Manual has been a jewel here to everyone, teaching us how to grow and abide in our Lord Christ Jesus. Best Regards, D. P.

FROM ONE OF OUR MEN'S UNITS

I am a graduate of Church Behind Bars. I enjoyed it so much that I came back as an instructor. I learned a great deal as a student of the class, and I am learning more now than I did the first time around. I am being led to ministry and Church Behind Bars has been an invaluable resource for me in my walk with the Lord. I recommend this class to others all the time. Thank you for all the work you put into this program. – R. T.

As you can tell by the quotes from two previous graduates, the function of the church is being understood and discipleship is taking place meeting a great need that has existed for as long as we have been ministering in the world of incarceration. For me, it has been since 1971. The reason this works so well is because it is the Lord's design for His body of believers, that His church should organically grow in the culture. Prisons, like countries, have their own culture and the churches we plant are culturally relevant for the incarcerated. They understand the calling to be an ambassador for the kingdom of God. The Lord wants to use all His followers to make an appeal to the lost that He is not holding our sins against us in Christ, Jesus. What a responsibility!

Please continue to pray for the CBB, church planting movement and if you are able to give financially, please do so now as the need is great and so are the results. We are happy to represent His kingdom while there is still time but can only go as He provides through His body of believers.

I hope you are encouraged to read about the power and results of the CBB movement. Many are going to meet you in glory at the end of your journey and your reward will be great for all you do to help advance the Kingdom of God.

Our entire schedule is posted on our web site so that you can pray for each and every event as we wrestle against the principalities of darkness, sharing the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in very dark places. Thank you for praying for us! **Rev. Tony**



CUBA UPDATE

Overview of life in Cuba today.

Life in Cuba today is characterized by a severe economic crisis, marked by widespread shortages of food, medicine, and fuel, leading to frequent blackouts and rising emigration. The government's repression of dissent persists, with limitations on freedom of expression and severe punishment for critics and protesters. While the economy includes some private sector activity and foreign investment, the state maintains central control and faces significant challenges, including a struggling productive sector and reduced foreign oil supply.

Obviously, we can't do much to help the devastation in the country of Cuba but what we can do is share the hope of the Gospel each time we visit the island. And of course, that is exactly what we do on each mission trip, now exceeding seventy visits.

Whether we are doing home visits, church programs, youth outreaches, evangelistic concerts, praise and worship services, teaching and training seminars, or marriage conferences, we always remind people of the love of God expressed on the cross of calvary.

We have recently found a service that allows us to ship humanitarian supplies, including generators, to the island and have been using this system as it helps with us not having to mule things over as we have been doing for many, many years. My body can testify to how difficult that can be especially as I have gotten older. Shipping things has turned into such a blessing. Some churches and individuals have been providing some good humanitarian help but we need the finances to ship things.

So, we are asking you to pray as we have supplies ready to ship but need shipping finances.

In November, we will be hosting a marriage conference for 50 couples and ask for your prayers and if you would like to sponsor a couple or two, you can do so online at www.thesolidrock.org. The conference will be two days, lunch will be provided, some transportation will be provided, each couple will receive a conference manual and a special gift bag at the end.

Shipping by boat to Cuba

Sponsors are still needed and the cost for the two days is \$50 per couple. This conference will help strengthen marriages, impact families, and change a community one couple at a time. Now is a good time to begin praying and giving if you are able. **Rev. Tony**

For online giving go to www.thesolidrock.org

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. It means a lot to the Cuban people.

2025 SCHEDULED EVENTS

Oct 1 - 2 -Gadsden ReEntry, Havana, FL
Oct 3 - 4 -Madison CI, Madison, FL
Oct 6 - 7 -Marion, Ocala, FL - **GRADUATION**
Oct 8 - 9 -LCI Annex, Ocala, FL - **GRADUATION**
Oct 14 - 22 -HGC, NJ Annual Mission Conference
Nov 1 - 8 -Cuba Mission Trip, Marriage Conference

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Jan 5 - 7 -Homestead CI, Florida City, FL - **GRAD**
Jan 8 - 10 -SFRC South Unit. Doral, FL - **GRAD**
Feb 2 - 3 -Gadsden ReEntry , Havana, FL - **GRAD**
Feb 4 - 5 -Madison CI, Madison, FL - **GRAD**
Feb 7 - 8 -Marion, Ocala, FL
Feb 9 - 10 -LCI Annex, Ocala, FL
Mar 14 - 21 -Cuba Mission Trip
May 8 - 10 -Homestead CI, Florida City, FL
May 11 - 13 -SFRC South Unit. Doral, FL
Jun 10 - 11 -Gadsden ReEntry , Havana, FL
Jun 12 - 13 -Madison CI, Madison, FL

FULL SCHEDULE ON LINE - SEE EVENTS LINK

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST

Praise the Lord for the many being saved from the pit of hell and the spiritual growth of the Church Behind Bars!

Praise the Lord for His provision as it is a constant reminder that we must continue to press on.

Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy that keeps us safe on the field as we represent His kingdom.

Pray for finances for shipping supplies over to Cuba by boat. This is a new open door.

Pray for support so that we can bring our wives to Cuba for the marriage conference in November.

Pray for some positive results from foundations as we cast our nets for support.

Pray for our weekly CBB training sessions, chaplains and all of our volunteers who faithfully come to remind the incarcerated that they are important.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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- ✓ Lunch daily
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