



Grim? Totally. Accurate? Completely, for many in Cuba. There is no immediate, workable plan in sight as the island's infrastructure fails.

Conditions in the country are worsening by the week...and yet Tony and Liudmila Fernandez tell us that the church is growing and flourishing. There are baptisms almost every Sunday in the Versailles church in Matanzas. The drastic conditions have underlined the need for Jesus, and people are responding and coming to the Lord.

There is almost no electricity...and yet US churches and individuals have provided funds for generators and Ecoflows (another kind of power source) with solar panels, so that the church can have some electricity.

The generator also runs the church's water purification system, providing about 750 gallons of water per day for church members and neighbors.

Food is scarce...and yet the church farm is providing life-saving meals for many of those church members and neighbors.

Hope is fading...and yet after flooding in eastern Cuba in late 2025, Tony and other church leaders made several trips of more than 1200 miles on difficult roads to bring food, clothes, and any other help to several villages that were inundated. Because of that, 22 people were baptized and two new churches began.

Jesus is the Light of the World, the Living Water, the Bread of Life.

The church in Cuba, against all odds, with God's help, is bringing these spiritual qualities of Jesus to life by providing physical light, water, and bread—and along with them, hope.

We are proud to know these faithful servants of the kingdom, and to participate with them in whatever ways we can during these challenging times. Please pray for them, and if you can, please consider how you might help them as well.



### **Meet Jorge Pineda**

Jorge Pineda has been a blessing to TIBI since its beginning. Originally from Venezuela, Jorge has lived and worked in churches from Arkansas (Pleasant Valley church of Christ) to Florida (Northwest church of Christ), where he now ministers with his wife of 39 years, Maritza, in their mission effort to reach the Spanish-speaking community in Tampa and other areas of Florida. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Jorge graduated from the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas. He earned a B.A. in Management Communication from Amridge University in Montgomery, Alabama, a Master of Arts from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas, and a Doctor of Christian Education from the Theological University of America in Lake Worth, Florida.

He has taught at the Quito School of Biblical Studies, Atlantic International Bible Institute, and now TIBI. In fact, when TIBI began to put its courses online in 2007, Jorge's homiletics class was either the first or second course we uploaded. He continues to teach Homiletics, Anthropology and Society, and Wisdom Literature for us live by Zoom every year.

Jorge is widely respected and liked by church leaders and the teachers and students of the schools mentioned above. His competence, kindness, knowledge, and good humor have been key characteristics of his ministry and teaching.

He has also directed a mission initiative called the Congregational Training Program (CTP) for twelve years, dedicating his ministry to giving seminars, talks, and conferences on church growth and planting new congregations. We are very pleased to have Jorge as part of our team, and ask you to pray for him in every aspect of his ministry.



## Cursos publicados (0)

### Tablero


NO hay cursos para mostrar

## Cursos no publicados (9)



## Canvas Upgrade

About five years ago, TIBI chose Canvas as our learning management system for all our teachers and courses, both undergraduate and graduate. We believe it is the best LMS available, and at that time there was an option for the professors to create their courses and students to use them—for free! It was a little tricky for us to help administer them as 40 separate courses and 20 teachers, and no centralized admin option, but the price tag of FREE convinced us that it was worth the effort. It has worked well and been a blessing for five years.



Canvas is professional, multi-faceted, secure, easy to learn and work with. We have benefited from it as a tremendous addition to our academic infrastructure. However, early this month Canvas told us that the free version would no longer be available to us after March 31.

We had three options: we could lose all those course materials and start over with another system; return to our previous system of using web pages for courses; or switch to the paid version of Canvas. Believing that Canvas is still the best LMS for us, we decided to opt into the paid version, though the price was a little steep, especially compared to FREE!

Thus, the break between our Spring 1 and 2 cycles of class has been largely dominated by this transition as we have had several training sessions with the Canvas implementation team, and studied the implementation course they provide. However, we feel we are ready for classes to begin on March 23. The paid version has even more features, much better admin, and the potential to integrate new options such as Zoom and perhaps even AI.

Though this transition was unexpected and has been somewhat hectic, at the same time we are always eager to upgrade the quality and academic options of our academic infrastructure. We look forward to the new features and facets that will improve our LMS for our faculty and students.

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