

# ***A DEFINING MOMENT***

## ***Touching the Nations for Christ Discipleship Training***



### ***Cuba: Green House Discipleship***

***Like a green house is used to protect plants, God is using the  
current government as a protective shell,  
to keep sect influences out and forcing His church to rely on Him.***

#### **NEED**

Before anticipated changes take place in Cuba, it is imperative to implement a biblical process of discipleship that will spiritually fortify and prepare lives to withstand the expected influx of influences that Satan will use against the church.

#### **SOLUTION**

At its core, biblical discipleship leads us to invest ourselves in others, just like Jesus did with His Disciples. Working with the approximately 5,500 house churches between the two major Baptist conventions in Cuba, LifeWay is in a position to establish a biblical process of discipleship and prepare the church in Cuba for the changes that are coming. This project will provide a model for discipleship training that will result in a transformation of the church in Cuba.

#### **GOALS**

- Create a five-year strategic plan.
- Conduct a minimum of 14 training events each year for the next 5 years.
- Train 1,000 teachers in the fundamentals of teaching.
- Train 2,000 teachers and leaders in Ongoing Open Bible Study.
- Train 1,000 “gatekeepers” in Progressive Spiritual Transformational Discipleship.
- Train 2,000 church members in Progressive Spiritual Transformational Discipleship.
- Have strong churches in Cuba that are reaching the lost, making a positive impact in Cuban society and are training others.
- Cuban believers would be sent as missionaries to plant churches in other countries.
- Grow individuals toward a better understanding of Christ, their world, and His role in their life.
- Encourage healthy and biblically honored relationships.
- Increase the resources and capabilities of Christ followers to be more capable and effective “Kingdom-builders.”

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Establish a biblical process of making disciples in Cuba that is supported by training and locally printed resources. Initially, the process would need to be subsidized because neither a free market, nor private capital funds exist in Cuba. When the government changes, this process can become self-sustaining.

The project consists of four parts

### 1. Strategic Ministry Planning

LifeWay will send a team with expertise in strategic planning, editing, procurement and technology to work with the local leaders to develop a strategic ministry process that could be replicated in Cuba's evangelical churches.

### 2. Teacher training

LifeWay will send teams to conduct 10 teacher training workshops reaching an estimated 1,000 people. The content of each workshop will focus on learning processes for each age group, learning goals, age-group teaching methods aimed at achieving the learning goals and Cuban contextualization of the teaching methods.

### 3. Ongoing Open Bible Study

LifeWay will train and send teams to conduct 20 teacher training workshops reaching an estimated 2,000 people.

Help provide low-cost, systematic Bible study curriculum that provides sound biblical doctrine and support on-going evangelism, assimilation and the discipleship process.

### 4. Biblical Discipleship Process

LifeWay will send teams to conduct 20 workshops reaching an estimated 1,000 people that focus on the biblical principles of discipleship. Participants will be expected to evaluate their ministries in light of the biblical principles, then create and commit to a written plan based on the biblical principles.

Provide training and resources that help church leaders capture the heart commitment to an ongoing, biblical process of making disciples.

## EVALUATION

The integrity of this project will be based on the success of completing the strategic planning component. Throughout the five-year project, local leaders and LifeWay team members will review the four-part projects every six months to determine progress toward the numerical and subjective goals. As needed, adjustments to the process goals will be made as local conditions warrant.

## FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Strategic Ministry Planning	\$ 35,000
Teachers Training	\$ 10,000
Ongoing Open Bible Study (Includes 5 years paper & ink for resource production)	\$843,600
Biblical Discipleship Process	\$ 43,050
Travel & Lodging	\$305,000
Food for participants	\$ 43,000
Staff & Office Cost	\$100,000
Contingency (5%)	<u>\$ 28,500</u>
Five-Year Total	\$1,408,150