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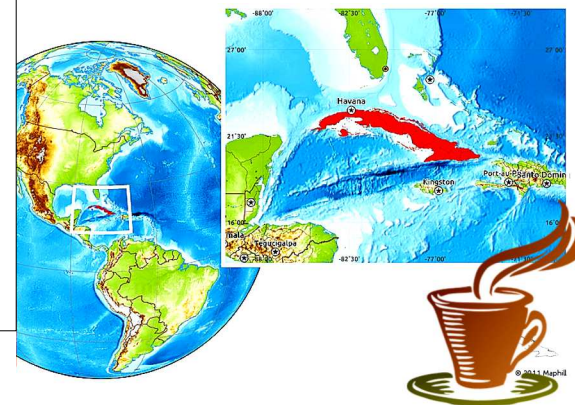
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Issue 54: Cuba, Coffee, Christ

**Cuba
Coffee
&
Christ**



"Wait a minute!" you say. "Isn't Cuba a communist nation? Communists don't believe in God. They don't know Christ. And if Cuban coffee is special, I didn't know that. So what do you mean, Cuba, Coffee, and Christ?"

Come with me and let me explain.

In the middle of communist Cuba is the city of Santa Clara. A man named Luis lives there. For many years he had been a communist party member. Communism didn't give Luis the peace in his heart that he wanted. That made him angry inside.

One day Luis walked into a small, crowded

coffee house along a narrow street in downtown Santa Clara. Luis didn't look friendly when he walked in to the coffee shop that day. But there Luis found friendly people who talked to him about Jesus and listened to him. In a few weeks, Luis gave his life to Christ. In Jesus he found the peace he wanted.

The coffee shop is ugly and small. It needs paint and repair, but it has what nowhere else has. The shop has good Cuban coffee and accepts everyone. They say, "It's a happy place where things like style, tattoos, hair, and ear rings don't matter. It has music we like, a place to chat, meet new people, and be cheered up."

Who made a coffee house there?

It was some young Christian artists, musicians, doctors, engineers, and others. They know Jesus and wanted a place where they could tell other people about the Savior. They know that most people in Cuba are

afraid to go to church, and even if anyone did go, they would get bored. In those churches, people have no way to safely ask questions or talk like they can in the coffee shop.

The coffee house gave Luis the safe place he needed. It does the same for others, too.

Luis is older than most of the coffee house visitors. The downtown streets of Santa Clara are alive with over 25,000 university students.

The students have discovered a new love for coffee. They often pop in to that crowded little coffee shop. There, a group of



courageous young people talk about Jesus Christ to whoever comes in.

Paul told King Agrippa what God said to Paul:

Complete Paul's testimony with words from the list.
Every circle must hold an S and every square must hold a P.

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"Now get ☐ and ☐ on your feet.

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The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

Once a king named Agrippa asked the apostle Paul why so many people were angry, saying Paul had broken the law and should be put in jail. Paul said all he was doing was what God told him to do. That is, teach the Gospel. God had told Paul,

“Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. ... I am sending you to (the Gentiles) to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins ...” Acts 26:17-18 NIV

A man named Eugene H. Peterson put the Bible into words that are easy to understand. He called his book “The Message.” This is how he wrote Acts 26:17.

“I’m sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see the difference between dark and light, and choose light, see the difference between Satan and God, and choose God. I’m sending you off to present my offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in me.”



The Coffee House team in Santa Clara, Cuba, is doing what God told the apostle Paul to do. How are they doing that? (Hint: Communists don’t believe in God. It is like they are blind to the truth about Him.) **Write your answer here:**



The Coffee House Team

It is a good place to spread news about Jesus. Santa Clara has a big influence on the country. Years ago communism took control of Cuba in Santa Clara, and from there communism spread to the whole nation.

These days, in that small coffee house in Santa Clara, many people have become followers of Jesus, just like Luis did. In fact, the coffee shop leaders have started small house churches to help the new Christians. They plan to start many more.

The coffee house team carefully studies the Bible so they can learn to serve Jesus better. A missionary and an

older wise Cuban Christian are helping the team do those things. The Cuban helper says, “My father died for Jesus' sake because of Communism. We need to help these young people be strong in Jesus, too, no matter what.”

The coffee house group says, “Pray for us.” **Will you?**

Picture a Cuban boy or girl your age. In a few years both of you may be in college. You know Jesus now, but he or she probably doesn’t yet. Pray that God will help the coffee house to stay open for years and tell that grown-up boy or girl about Jesus. **✠**

This true story is based on a report by World Team missionary Paul Thompson.

DO YOU KNOW?

Cuba – The Largest Island In The Caribbean

- Cuba is famous for two things – its cigars and its sugar.
- Huge plantations grow tobacco and sugar cane, which are processed into cigars and sugar, and shipped around the world.
- Cuba was among the first islands conquered by the Spaniards after Christopher Columbus discovered it.
- United States troops helped gain Cuba's independence from Spain in 1902.
- In 1959, Fidel Castro and his communist revolutionaries took control of the country. Cuba has been a communist country ever since.
- Many animals live here which are found nowhere else in the world, such as the bee hummingbird. This tiny bird is only 2 inches long.

CUBA

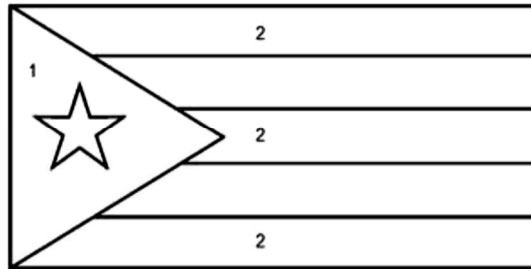
Capital: Havana

Language: Spanish

Population: 11 million

Fun Facts:

- Cuba is the largest of all islands in the Caribbean. The country also includes more than 4000 other much smaller islands and cays.
- Baseball is the most popular sport
- Sugar from sugar cane is Cuba's main crop



Color the Cuban Flag

1 = Red 2 = Blue



In a traditional Cuban meal the food is not served in courses, instead all the food is served at the same time.

Use crayons or colored pencils. Markers will soak through to the other side of the page.

About Cuba - Geography Hidden Word Game For Kids

Read the sentences below. Find the missing words on page 4, red section.

Write them in the empty spaces and find these hidden words in the puzzle!

[Words might be hidden horizontally, vertically and perhaps even back to front and diagonally...!]

1. In 1959, _____ and his communist revolutionaries took control of the country. Cuba has been a _____ country ever since.
2. Huge plantations grow tobacco and sugar cane, which are processed into _____ and _____, and shipped around the world.
3. Cuba is the largest island in the _____.
4. _____ troops helped Cuba gain independence from Spain in 1902.
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7. Cuba was among the first islands conquered by the _____ after Christopher _____ discovered it.

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Question: What is the most popular sport in Cuba?

Answer: Most Latin American countries love soccer, but **Cubans love baseball**, which was introduced from the U.S.

