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FWBBC Students Minister in Cuba

NASHVILLE, TN—Four Free Will Baptist Bible College students traveled to Cuba this summer and spent 10 days (July 31-August 9) working in one of the Free Will Baptist youth camps in Pinar del Rio, according to Ron Callaway, FWBBC Missions program coordinator, who led the team. In addition to their youth camp outreach, the students received instruction in Cuban evangelism models and practices.

Mr. Callaway said, “The joy and faith of the Cuban Christians impacted our students’ lives. I believe the friendships started there will form lifetime bonds between them and the Cuban Free Will Baptist Convention.”

An invitation from the Youth Department of the Cuban Free Will Baptist Convention resulted in the FWBBC students serving five days on the campus of Los Cedros del Libano Bible Institute working with campers ages 12-15. Each FWBBC student was assigned to one of four teams of campers who competed in week-long Biblical Olympics (Theme: Book of Acts), athletics, camp work, and initiative projects.

Each student shared with campers what Christ meant to his life. Junior Christian Education major Tim Clements (North Carolina), senior Psychology major Josh Coker (Mississippi), and sophomore Pastoral Training major Zach Maloney (Kentucky) also preached at the camp or in local churches in Havana. Junior Music major Kimberly Harden (Missouri) played the guitar and sang for the campers.

Since one purpose of the trip was to acquaint students with cross-cultural adaptation, they were hosted by the Free Will Baptist Church of the La Lisa neighborhood in Havana. The local congregation provided meals, friendship, and a translator. The students spent one day walking through “Old Havana.”

The four FWBBC students expressed their gratitude for the U.S. Free Will Baptist churches and individuals who prayed for them and gave offerings so that they could experience Cuba and the friendship of the Cuban Christians.

PHOTO: (L) Zach Maloney, Josh Coker, Cuban translator Adonis, Kim Harden, Tim Clements.