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## Newsletter



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# MINISTRY TRAINING IN CUBA

Note: *The following article was written by Kirk McAfee and published in A.I.B.I. News.*

With the recent news about the easing of travel restrictions to Cuba by the Obama administration, many have commented about how those changes must be making our work in Cuba significantly easier. Such is not the case! The recent changes made regarding Cuba affect only Cuban-Americans who have family on the island. All regulations and restrictions for

American citizens who are not Cuban-American remain in place. This means that a travel license is still required from the U. S. Department of Treasury to travel legally and conduct religious activities in Cuba. And that is just the U. S. side of things! Cuba has its own list of regulations, one of which is a religious visa for all who are entering the country to work with Cuban churches. All the proper documentation or this visa must be submitted sixty days before travel in order for it to be granted. Thus far, *AIBI* has been able to comply with all require-

ments from both the U. S. and Cuban governments. We maintain a valid travel license from the U. S. government, which must be renewed on a yearly basis in the month of July. Also, our regular travel to Cuba in the months of May and October for the purpose of conducting ministry training events is well known by



**Arthur Puente, Rudy Wray, Kirk McAfee and Roberto Pino on Cuban Beach**

the Cuban Department of Justice, which grants permission for the events we conduct, and by the Cuban Department of Religious Affairs. The precedent of regular activities we have established with these government offices, as well as the transparency that we have maintained, have generated for us a certain amount of respect within the Cuban government. Of course, we firmly believe that God has played no small part in all of this.

Our most recent trip to Cuba was the first week of May, 2009. Arthur Puente and Rudy Wray spent three days teaching a group of men on the subject of The Organization of the Church. At the same time, Kirk McAfee taught an intensive course on the Minor Prophets to a group of 14 ministers. Our next trip is



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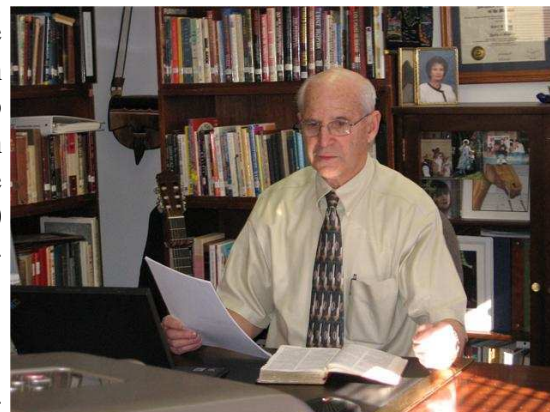
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## VIDEO CONFERENCING

May and June have been busy months. In addition to my 10th trip to Cuba (See article on page 1) I have had the pleasure of teaching 60 Spanish speaking students from video locations in Arlington, Virginia, Miami, Florida, Naples, Florida, Houston, Texas, La Palma, El Salvador, Quito Ecuador and Lima, Peru. The very fact of being able to teach in all those countries from my house in Gresham, Oregon is something that I continually give thanks and praise to God for. During the months of March through May I taught a course on 1st and 2nd Timothy and Tutus, and am now finishing up a course on 1st and 2nd Corinthians. My next course will start in August, a course that I am always excited to be able to teach, *The Book of Revelation*.



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scheduled for October when we will present studies on Expository Preaching (seminar) and the Major Prophets (course). We have

already begun to prepare for that time together. AIBI's primary contact or special liaison with the Cuban churches is

**Roberto Pino** (pictured above with his wife, **Milan**) of the *10 de octubre congregation* in Havana.

Roberto and Milan have been Christians for ten years, during which time they have experienced enormous changes in their lives.

They are both involved fulltime in multiple ministry projects, Roberto as a fulltime evangelist and instructor in the Bible institute and Milan as an executive secretary or the 10 de octubre congregation. Keep this couple before the Father!



**Roberto and Milan Pino**