

# NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! In this issue, Mission to Cuba; Pastor John Brushett Update; NL Family Ministries Update; VOAR FM Tower Update and Timeline; and more...



A Path Members Travel to Church Everyday, Cuba 2017 | Photo by Eric L. Ollila

## Mission to Cuba...

Nov. 23, 2017 | by Pastor Eric L. Ollila

During November 9-20, 2017, I had the privilege of being part of a group of 5 pastors and 4 missionaries who traveled to Cuba to present the gospel to the people in the territories of Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo.

The trip was organized by Changing People's Lives International Ministries (CPL Ministries), a not-for-profit organization that seeks to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people living in communist countries.

### The experience...

My life will never be the same. The people I met, the experiences I had, and the things I witnessed have transformed the way I think

about and relate to this world. The experience was amazing.

### The evangelistic meetings...

We met in Miami, Florida November 9, flew to Cuba and traveled to our variously assigned church districts November 10, and began holding meetings Sabbath, November 11, 2017. Meetings were held each night and ended the following Sabbath morning.

The series I presented consisted of 9 evangelistic sermons focused on the gospel of Jesus Christ and righteousness by faith.

At the location where I spoke, our lowest attendance, for the evening meetings, was on opening night, but then we witnessed a steady growth in attendance through the week. The majority of attendees would arrive



One of the Transport Trucks for Evangelism Meetings, Cuba 2017 | Photo by Eric L. Ollila



## Events

- **December 4-6, 2017** - NL Workers Meeting
- **December 6, 2017** - Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Boxes in Burin Peninsula, Marystown
- **December 9, 2017 (11:00am)** - Operation Christmas Child: "Love in a Shoebox" Christmas program at St. John's SDA Church
- **December 10, 2017 (1:00pm)** - Senior's Christmas Banquet at St. John's SDA Church. RSVP by Dec. 2.
- **December 22, 2017** - Candlelight Service at St. John's SDA Church

### Upcoming Events In Your Area?

Does your church, company, or group have any events it would like to submit to be included on the NL Adventist Calendar?

Submit to: [nladventist@gmail.com](mailto:nladventist@gmail.com)

## Update on Pastor John Brushett

Nov. 23, 2017 | NL Communications

Pastor John is currently in palliative care at his mother's home in Marystown. Pauline, Pastor John's wife, is working on getting things packed up from their home in Corner Brook and will be moving to an apartment in Marystown as soon as possible.

To further help Pastor John, the Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with help from several individuals from the local community, put on a benefit concert for

by large transport trucks-trucks that seemed more suitable for hauling farm produce than people.

Peak attendance at the small rural church was well over 200 people and held steady till the final meeting on Sabbath, November 18, 2017. On that last Sabbath, we baptized 23 individuals who had been prepared for baptism leading up to the evangelistic series.

### The lay training seminars...

On Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday I trained lay leaders and missionaries on church organization, scheduling, conflict management, and the foundation of Christ and His love in the church and how these two factors relate to authority and unity in the body.

### More to come...

I am developing a presentation to share at the upcoming December Pastors' Meetings and in the various churches around Newfoundland. During these presentations, I will be permitted to share more details about the trip, the use of your donations, the items we were able to give to the people and church, as well as some of the challenges that we faced.

### Still great need in Cuba...

There continues to exist significant need in the Cuban mission field. It has been indicated to me, by Pastor Lozano, that the doors are open for NL church members to come and visit Cuba, through CPL International Ministries [www.cplives.ca](http://www.cplives.ca), with the purpose of witnessing, first hand, of God's love into the last communist country of the Western Hemisphere. There is currently an urgent need of hiring 35 additional Native Lay

Missionaries in the eastern section of Cuba. Your interest and involvement would be greatly appreciated.



Pastor Eric Visiting Members, Cuba 2017 | Photo by Eric L. Ollila

Pastor John on Wednesday night. To see a list of all participants visit <https://goo.gl/JaSWZN>. All funds generated from the event will go to Pastor John Brushett.

## NL Family Ministries Update

Nov. 23, 2017 | by Amanda Matthews

### Visit our website...

Please continue to check out the Newfoundland and Labrador Family Ministries webpage at [www.nlsdafm.org](http://www.nlsdafm.org). There are some new additions that you won't want to miss! Also, please click on the RESOURCES link, then on photo waiver. There are lots of things happening around our great Island, in ministry, that we would love to share. Without your consent, we cannot share your pictures.

### For your information...

An NAD Children's Ministry Sabbath School Steering Committee has been formulated in response to the new curriculum being developed for use in our Children's Sabbath School programs. This Committee will have opportunity to guide the NAD Children's Sabbath School, recommend resources, and promote and advocate the importance of faith development in children. The Steering Committee has two functions: to give strategic direction and to support the project. Individuals who work directly with children and representatives from all areas of the NAD will comprise this special committee. They will help ensure and validate that the content, dynamics and approaches will be the best curriculum for ALL of our children to use. We will keep you updated on this process.



VOAR FM Tower Foundation, Nov. 21, 2017 | Photo by Brian Matthews

## VOAR FM Tower Update & Timeline

Nov. 23, 2017 | by Brian Matthews

The VOAR FM Tower foundation has been completed. Next steps include the following:

- **November, 2017:** Steel (solid round bar for tower legs) has already been ordered and is in production;
- **December, 2017:** Tower design details will be finalized (i.e. ladder, brackets, etc);
- **January-March, 2018:** Steel Fabrication (antenna shipment is scheduled for March with 1 month in transit);
- **April, 2018:** Antenna delivery to site; Commence construction (weather and crane availability are the controlling factors here)
- **April-May, 2018:** Construction timeline;
- **June, 2018:** Antenna installation and testing.

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