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Leader of Ghost Church Revival in Cuba Coming to Canada

BRAMPTON, ON. – May 28, 2015 – The Cuban government continues to try and stop the growing church from spreading in their country. While Christianity is more accepted in Cuba now than in the 1990's, the government still does not allow the building of Churches. Being a Christian in Cuba is still considered to be taboo, and many have been forced into meeting in what has become known as ghost churches. These are tent or house churches that can be erected and made to disappear quickly. Victor Manuel, one of the leaders of this ghost Church movement is coming to Canada from May 29 - June 6 to speak on how the Church continues to grow despite persecution.

“This is the harvest time in Cuba! This is an opportunity,” says Victor Manuel. “Tomorrow may be different, come and join us!” A previously struggling alcoholic, Victor’s life was changed while attending a gospel service with his grandparents. His life was forever changed when the evangelist said, “if you are born once, you’ll die twice. If you are born twice, you’ll die only once.”

Victor will also be able to speak on how the new Churches continue to fight against false teaching. While much of the country currently identifies as Roman Catholic, the widespread belief in Santeria throws the actual number of Catholics and Christians into dispute. Victor and the Baptist Convention of Eastern Cuba continue to train evangelists that operate in the towns and villages of Eastern Cuba. In 2014, they have started 606 Church plants that have ministered to over 40,000 children. Their goal by 2020 is to have planted 1,000 churches in a country that continues to engage international interest. With the potential of a change in stance from the United States, Victor and his

team continue to stay true to the mission of Christ, despite the potential for false teaching that is beginning to enter the country.

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