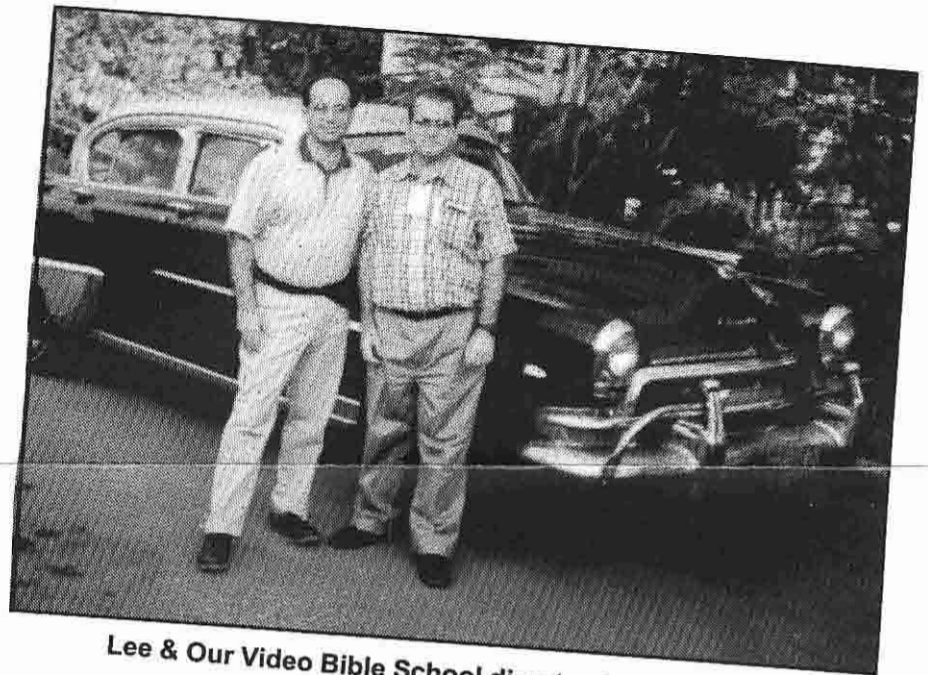


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I just happened to be in Cuba at the election of the new Bishop of the Methodist church of Cuba. One of the Methodist pastors told me that the current Bishop, Gustavo Cruz said to him that, "Lee was there in my time of need when others didn't have time for me when I was hospitalized. Lee came and ministered to me." I saw Gustavo at the National Conference. He still remains badly crippled on his right side from the stroke. He hugged me like he was never going to let go and said, "My brother I love you with all my soul". I share this very intimate moment with you not so to impress you but to share with you how much God has knitted the bonds of love and friendship with our Cuban brothers in CHRIST.

At the conference I was overwhelmed with the hugs and kisses from pastor after pastor who asked, "Do you remember me?" I did remember them because the Holy Spirit etched them in my heart. At the beginning of this year, the Lord impressed upon me to visit these leaders who are working with us and to renew our friendship. I had the wonderful opportunity to meet others whom I have never meet but are using our video Bible courses.

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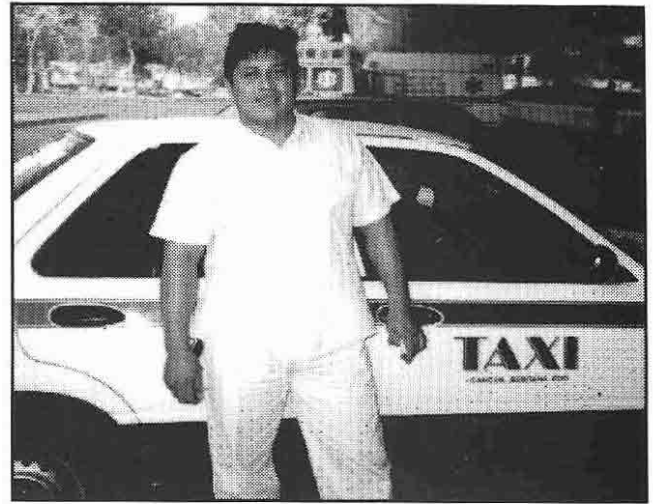
Outgoing Bishop GustavoCruz, center, to his left is incoming Bishop Perrera.

Orson Villa was incarcerated on May 25, 1995 for 2 1/2 years for not closing down his house churches in Camaguey, Cuba. In the picture to the right, he is declaring that this year, 1999, God is going to break the chains of his enemies. Orson gave this prophetic utterance at the Methodist General conference. He is ordained as an Assembly of God minister and highly respected throughout Cuba for his uncompromising stand for Jesus Christ.



Orson Villa & his wife praying at the Methodist General Conference

In the next picture, taxi driver Ernesto wanted to charge me a rather high fare. I negotiated him down considerably, and he agreed to the new rate if I would give him a "tip". Over the next 20 minutes, I questioned him about his spiritual needs and prayed with him to receive Christ. When I got out to pay the fare, He would not accept a tip. He felt he had received something of a much greater value.



Ernesto the Taxi driver

Thank you for caring enough to send me with your prayers and support so that we can reach Cuba with the Good news and make disciples throughout the Spanish speaking world.

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