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Where was I the day the world stood still? I was getting together last minute preparations for a trip into Cuba. The September 11th attacks took us all by surprise and drastically altered life as we know it. Needless to say, my flight was canceled, airlines were not flying and I could not go. Immediately, Carol and I called for a public prayer meeting and that evening, approximately 130 folks gathered. We continued to pray every night throughout the week. We cried out for our nation, the loss of innocent life, we cried out in repentance, and for God's protection and justice. We even had a couple of folks invite Christ into their hearts.

We were created for such a time as this, to reach out and point our shaken nation to God. Take time now, listen to your neighbor who is praying with an open and broken heart, and lead them to the God who loves them. Isaiah 60:1-3 speaks to the church today...

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)



My Cuban coworker, a superintendent and pastor of the Methodist church in Cuba sent me an email expressing his sympathies and grief for our nation. It was very comforting to receive emails from our international brothers and sisters who not only love God's children, but also our country. Never have I felt so proud to be an American. Never have the words liberty and freedom sounded so sweet.

Please pray that I receive permission from the U.S. government to minister in Cuba and that the Cuban government will grant me a religious visa in this time of heightened security. Please pray for my safety as I continue to travel abroad to preach the Gospel and open Bible Schools though out the Spanish speaking world.

Your Fellow American and Brother in Christ,

In ¿ Carol

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Our heroes, Firemen and Police of New York and Washington, D.C. (Photo from Reuters)

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