

Country Leader

CUBA

Elio Martiz



Cuba's Ministry Despite the Odds

15 years ago, Elio began work with Reach Out. He reports that during 2020, with Covid restrictions, he never expected, after 3 months of quarantine, the personal, local church, and ministry team growth in the Cuban leaders and the Christian community in such a unique way. He says, "The Cuban JFYM Eagle Leaders' WhatsApp Group made an impact on the life of their 62 members. Because of that, nearly 200 Cuban youth leaders and over 1500 students were cared for in a unique discipleship environment.

The most impactful tool we used was a group of seven articles that we wrote, shared, read, and discussed. These led to building an action plan that hit the target of the JFYM principles. The articles opened the door for significant conversations, and also allowed us during lockdown to review, challenge, and adjust our ministry strategies in our 'new normal.'"

While the Cuban Leaders were called to serve during difficult circumstances (One Eagle Leader/Pediatrician, Yamira, even took care of many patients during the pandemic) they concentrated on meeting in small groups and making disciples.

Ministry in Cuba January - June 2020	
157	Youth Leaders Trained
18	Eagle Leaders Added
16	New Churches Implementing JFYM
98	Students Saved/Baptized
829	Students Being Disciplined
97	Adults Saved/Disciplined with JFYM
188	Youth Leaders Encouraged

By the grace of God, through discipleship groups, meetings, phone calls, WhatsApp, and other creative ways to do ministry, the JFYM Leaders in Cuba recorded the results in the chart above!

