



**IF A CANADIAN BUSINESS CLOSES ITS DOORS** during a lockdown, what are the consequences beyond the “inconvenience” of being unable to shop there? For business owners, this could be critical. But Canada at least has some safety nets such as *CEBA* and the *Bridge Loan Grant* to provide financial aid. But what about those beyond Canadian borders?



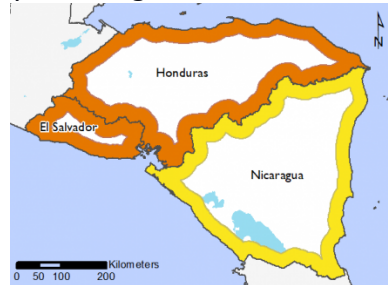
With North America severely limiting travel to other countries and prohibiting many businesses from operating, *these lockdowns create an international ripple effect plunging other countries into crisis.* For example, in Honduras, some

factories manufacture parkas that Canadian companies import to sell. If Canadian stores are unable to sell parkas, this effectively shuts down manufacturers in Honduras. Canadians go without parkas and Hondurans go without jobs – *with no financial aid from the government.*

Everyone is affected by the lockdowns. But imagine waking up hungry not knowing where you would get your next meal. Imagine having been out of work for a year or more with no financial support. Grocery stores are empty; mandatory curfews set for noon; electricity available for two hours at a time. This is the reality for countless people CEO Ministries is serving today.

*“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord,  
and He will repay him for his good deed.”*

*Proverbs 19:17*



Yet many at home and abroad have responded to those needing aid. Since the lockdowns started, with the help of partners like you, CEO has been actively providing food for 1000+ people per day. For many in

these countries, this has been the only thing that has kept them alive. And your help has gone beyond just physical food, but spiritual as well. People are being fed and they are also coming to the Lord. Read on.

### Homeless Find Hope; Drug Addicts Find Freedom: From Peru

In Peru we work a day to eat that day. So, if we cannot work, we are in grave trouble. This is especially true for the women and children whose men have abandoned them, either from desperation or drug addiction (which has been on the rise since the lockdowns). Times are difficult but it has led to opportunities to give hope. We have been distributing food bags to the poorest communities, each costing \$7.30 and can feed a family for roughly two weeks. Bags consist of rice, sugar, cooking oil, beans, tuna, and other things that can be stored without a fridge. Just this last week we were able to get food to 100 families along with a Gideon Bible with each bag.

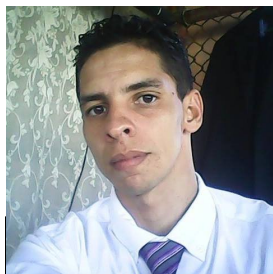


Not only are we serving women and children, but we are now helping drug addicts recover. We hand them food and a Bible, pray for them, and invite them to know Jesus in a transformational way. And many are receiving the message and hope of Christ! Hallelujah.



(men at the addiction center)

### Secret Food Centers in Cuba: Alamar Havana



With a sad heart I share the news that our beloved Pastor Willy has died from Covid. He leaves behind his wife and daughter. Please pray for them and his church. Though with this sad news I feel incredibly lucky, for my family and I also had covid and we have all recovered fine.

Many from the countryside have come to the city for better conditions. By doing so they have no registered place to stay and cannot legally buy food from government stores. Most of them





while looking for hope, are now starving. But thanks to God we have a CEO team member who has found “secret” food warehouses in Cuba. These are owned by Spain and are “secret” in the sense Cubans cannot shop there. But Canadians can – online! This partner has been purchasing food from these warehouses and having it shipped to locations where our teams can distribute it to those in need – but with great challenges.



Sometimes the only things to buy are liquor and ketchup, and there is a shortage of detergent across the country. The prices at the Spanish warehouses have gone up more than 50% in the last 30 days. For example, 1kg of ham, 10L of vinegar, 11lbs of mayo, and 100lbs of beans now cost \$275. But we are grateful to God and His Son Jesus Christ as they are with us even in the middle of the storm.

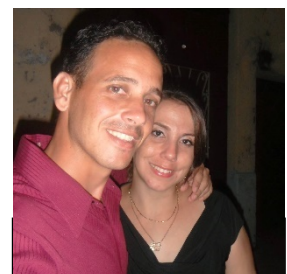
#### **Many Come to Jesus: Santa Clara, Cuba**

Praise be to the Lord! We have been joyfully handing out bags of food to many people on the streets, and we are happy to report that within May we have seen three families receive Jesus. The other weekend we were able to feed fifty-five people a famous Cuban soup that has a little bit of meat in it. This is something to celebrate as to come across the ingredients to make this soup was a miracle in and of itself. The people were very thankful and continue to praise God. Times are hard but it is only drawing us closer to God. We feel very blessed to be working with CEO serving God’s people. Blessings to you all.



#### **The Sick Receive Healing: Carlos Rojas, Cuba**

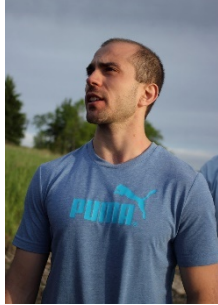
Living in Cuba is difficult but now even more so. There are mandatory curfews in many places. One must get their necessities before 12pm when they are no longer allowed to leave their homes. And there have been weeks on end where we are only allowed electricity for two hours at a time twice a day. We have only experienced measures like this after hurricanes.



But God is good. We have seen many miracles while serving the hungry and needy. Not only physically but also spiritually – many are coming to the Lord. Our teams have been serving those who live alone such as the elderly and those with mental illness. We have also been working helping single mothers and those out of work because of the lockdowns.

# MISSION PERU

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## BIG HEARTS PRODUCE BIG VISION

Once you stepped outside your room, the heat sucked the air right out of your lungs. If you were brave enough to walk barefoot, you would soon find yourself hopping from foot to foot to the rhythmic sound of “sizzle and pop.” It was this day that I would meet Yudiel Vazquez; a giant sized pastor of a small sized church in the crazy and dangerous city of Havana Cuba. Over the years we have worked together with Yudiel from serving the poor, to hosting marriage conferences, to finding sponsor homes for youth escaping the clutches of witchcraft.

Yudiel and his wife Tamara had felt the call of God to Peru for some time, and in pure obedience and sheer impossibility (if it were not for God), uprooted their entire family relocating to Lima, one of the poorest communities known to Peru.



With one adventure after another we arrive at our next. During the next five months we will be working with Yudiel and four other pastors in five different areas serving men, women, and children in the poorest locations spread around the Lima Peru area. Many of the parents of these children are drug addicts, leaving the kids to fend for themselves on the streets. This often leads them into gangs and inevitably becoming drug addicts themselves. The programs consist of Bible classes, discipleship, feeding programs, and more. The monthly goal to manage all five projects equally is \$1500. Please pray as the Holy Spirit prompts you and support as the good Lord enables you.

## Adopt a Church

Pray about committing the next five months to dedicating a monthly gift to the five projects in Peru. Thank you for your prayer and support. Thank you Jesus!



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