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immediately saw him for who he is — a deeply spiritual man with a servant's heart and impeccable integrity. I have had the privilege of traveling with him in Cuba and observing him in action. Under his leadership, wherever he serves, there is awesome fruit for the Gospel. Due to security reasons, at this time, we cannot disclose details of our engagement in Cuba, but suffice it to say, in 1995, there were app. 400 evangelical churches on the island — today there are more than 4000!

On the front page is a brief introduction to who Jorge Urrea is. The centerfold article is a summary of his heart's vision — a burning passion for the unsaved, for orphan care, and the welfare of God's people. Jorge and his family are self-supporting servants of the Lord. Please memo any gifts to them and/or their ministry as follows:

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SOUTH SUDAN — CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 9, 2011

Together with our Bridge partners around the world, we congratulate the South Sudanese people, especially the Levi and Kuj Families, and rejoice with you as your celebrate your very first Independence Day! May God's favor and blessings be upon you and your new nation!

FROM R.K.'S CORNER

Do you know some of the characteristics of a true Biblically-based apostle? He is gifted in leadership, yet serves everybody in humility and love. He operates in the roles of evangelist/pastor/teacher as needs arise; he plants churches, brings forth ministries through the raising up of new leaders while equipping present believers, and then — he blesses others with his fruit, and entrusts his work into the hands of others, praying they will become more successful than himself; while he moves on to a new place in need of pioneer work. He rejects recognition, and refuses title and honor "Apostle—me? No way — I'm only a servant of the Lord" is his honest response at the mere suggestion he might be one.

I dare to state that Jorge Urrea, whom we present in this issue, embodies the qualities described above. Steve and I met Jorge in person in our home in 1995. For several years we had already headed the Mission Task Force of our local church to help the leadership choose qualified indigenous individuals and ministries to sponsor in the mission field abroad.

A few years prior, Ed Negron, our church's Hispanic pastor had obtained a State Department license, permitting him to bring relief aid to Cuba. There he came to know several pastors whom he engaged in the distribution of the aid; among them was Jorge Urrea. When Steve and I met him in person, we

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The Bridge Report

JORGE URREA — FROM CUBA TO THE NATIONS WITH THE GOSPEL!



Jorge Urrea was born fifty years ago in Guanajay, a small town near Havana, Cuba. He never knew his father, and hardly his mother, as she left Jorge in the care of his grandmother to be raised, as poverty forced her to move elsewhere in search for employment. Jorge often accompanied his grandmother, a devout Christian, to an evangelical church where he found solace from bullying and rejection from his schoolmates.

At age 14, in an encounter with Jesus, Jorge was filled with the transforming love of his Heavenly Father, and his wounded heart began healing. God's compassion and love translated later into a ministry toward the rejected and fatherless—the orphans of the world! He is presently involved in bringing relief aid to orphanages in Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru.

Educated as a technical electrician, he soon realized he was called to full time ministry, so he enrolled in a two year evangelical Bible College in Cuba where he met and married Magdalena, his right hand partner in life and ministry. They returned to Jorge's home town and planted a church. Soon, he found himself embracing the young church leaders throughout the island with his heavenly Father's love and care, while training and equipping them. When funds and resources began flowing in from our local church and The Bridge, Jorge began traveling extensively cross-island, seeking to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the evangelists and pastors living in the most remote regions to help equip and encourage them in their ministries.

In 2003, Jorge was invited to live in the United States. After a brief stay in Atlanta, GA, he moved with his family to Miami and started a church "to raise up passionate workers for the Gospel". Jorge and his family have not been tainted by the wealth surrounding them. He, his wife and children live a frugal life-style, while they together help each other in the ministry of embracing the very least with God's love!

JORGE URRRA — FROM CUBA TO THE NATIONS WITH THE GOSPEL OF LOVE TO THE VERY LEAST!



Jorge Urrea preaching in Costa Rica



Cuba: It takes \$300 to adapt home into church building!

God's most important and powerful agency on earth, is undoubtedly the Church, served and lead by men and women guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ said, *"And I say also unto thee that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

Matthew 16:18

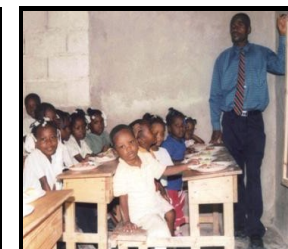
I feel much honored, and it is a great blessing to me, for the last 26 years, to have had the privilege of serving my Lord and his Church in full time ministry. I have no illusions about the weak-spots of the Church. I know her flaws full well, because the Church consists of imperfect men and women which includes, not only church members, but Directors, Executive Pastors and Presidents. But when we allow the Holy Spirit to empower us to do things right, there is nothing in this world that compares with the glory of the true Church — the Body of believers!

Today's Pastors who are leaders in the churches ought to be thankful, realizing that there is no greater privilege than being about the Lord's business on this Earth. The pillars and strength of Truth are not finances, buildings, or programs, but the direct participation in the transformation and restoration of lives by the power of the Holy Spirit and the impartation of the Word of God given to the church of Jesus Christ.

As a Pastor, I am grateful and honored that the King has entrusted men, women and children of faith into my care to teach them, equip, guide, and direct them, and then release them into their call and ministries of the Church. Alongside with thanksgiving, I have fear — the fear of God that I do not come short of His grace. My passion is to make my life count for Him, as I reach out and make a difference for God's Kingdom in my community, my city and my nation. My deepest desire and moti-



Haiti's Jan 2010 earthquake left 230,000 people dead, 1.2 million homeless, 5 mill. affected. \$5.2 bill was collected for the victims - \$1.6 bill has been spent!...? Jorge ensured every penny of our donations went to the needy!



vation is to serve the Lord with excellence and joy every day of my life!

The church has a sovereign destiny to fulfill — to impact this World with God's love and power, and to demonstrate His greatness and glory. That is accomplished when thousands of imperfect men and women come to into the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God (Jesus), being transformed to a perfect man, to the measure of the height of God's fullness. Ephesians 4:13

Every day I look to God to guide me in providing resources to help, encourage, and strengthen the members of the Church so that they may grow fruitful with His help and in turn serve Him with all their hearts.

"If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship in the Holy Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same

love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:1-2

Finally as a Pastor, I want to minister continually with the gifts that abide in me. We are not owners of our gifts, we are stewards who must be faithful and remain firm in our calling as God's servants. I do not like to be given the title of an Apostle. Rather, I desire to live by the simplicity of the Gospel and continue to return to the passion of my first love which I experienced when I first met my Lord. Far from getting away from Church, we pull in with God's people and make sure that everything we do, supports our purpose of edifying the Body of Christ and preparing God's people for the work of service. I do not look at the Church from afar and observe the glorious march at a distance, but I am embedded and an integral part of that triumphant march that takes us to the path of our Heavenly Home!

July 2011, Jorge Luis Urrea



Jorge is helping orphans in an Indian orphanage with relief aid.



Orphaned "Crystal Kids" in the Dom. Rep. dying from living on toxic waste dumps, which has caused their bones to turn liquid (left and below).



Cuban children smile - having been given their very first Bible (right).

