



# GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME  
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM

FEBRUARY

**P**astor Magdiel shared with the employees of the Carolina Conference Office the difficulties and obstacles he faced in Cuba. Pastors receive the incredibly low wage of \$23 per month. None can afford cars, and if they did, they could not afford the fuel to keep them running. Most use a bicycle or catch a crowded bus or ride in the back of a stake-bed truck. At the end of the line, they must walk miles and miles into the country to make visits or give Bible studies.

After learning about his work in Cuba, the employees of the Conference Office contributed to an offering for the work in Pastor Magdiel's district. With the funds collected, we were able to provide hymnbooks for his churches and pay the rent on a house for an associate pastor for three years.

Sometimes, we may think that our small offering may not make much of a difference. Many times we may feel like we should not give anything because our small gifts could not possibly help; but, God has a special way

of multiplying those gifts just as He did with the loaves and fishes. Much like the disciples, we only look visually at the dollar amount of our gifts; we fail to remember that in God's hands and with His blessings, our gifts become substantial. "If given from a heart filled with love for God, these seeming trifles become consecrated gifts, priceless offerings, which God smiles upon and blesses." *Desire of Ages*, pp. 614-615.

Those who gave at the Conference Office never imagined that our small offering would provide hymnbooks and pay the rent for an associate pastor for three years! I am reminded of the words to the old song, "Little Is Much When God Is In It." With the blessing of God, our small offerings and gifts can do mighty and wondrous things. **IT IS ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM!**

— Haskell Williams, *Ministerial Director Carolina Conference SDA*



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Your testimony could be crucial in someone's life through our videos, posters, offertory readings or bulletin inserts.

Thank you for your continuous prayers.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

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