

## GradCru Filter of Hope Mission Trip: Cuba

March 3-9, 2019

### WHAT:

- To install water filters to provide clean water for families in metro Havana, Cuba.
- To communicate with those families the gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- To expand our vision for furthering God's kingdom and develop our abilities to communicate the gospel effectively.

During U-M's 2018 Spring Break, the GradCru/Michigan Cru team completed our first trip to Cuba where we had the privilege of installing filters in 53 homes and sharing the gospel with 86 adults. To God's glory, 39 prayed to receive Christ!



### WHO:

We hope to assemble a team of up to 30 members of graduate and undergraduate students who are involved with GradCru and Michigan Cru at U-M, and other friends. We are partnering with "Filter of Hope" (FOH), which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) based out of Alabama. FOH coordinates many Cru and church teams to multiple locations throughout Central America and the Caribbean.

Website: [filterofhope.org](http://filterofhope.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/FilterOfHopeH2o](https://www.facebook.com/FilterOfHopeH2o)

### WHEN:

During U-M's 2019 Spring Break, leaving Sunday, March 3 (~6:10 am) and returning Saturday, March 9, 2019 (departing Havana ~6:30 pm). Flight departure times are tentative.

### DETAILS:

Fly from Detroit Metro Airport (with one stop) to Havana, Cuba. All in-country needs will be provided by local Cuban's hired by FOH, including:

- Accommodations: privately owned short-stay apartment buildings within close walking distance of each other.
- Food: Three excellent meals daily prepared by local Cuban cooks at a central location.
- In-country Transportation: to/from airport and to/from all filter distribution housing areas.
- In-country Cuban Guides/Translators: FOH partners with evangelical Cuban churches to provide guides and translators.
- Medical Insurance: in-country medical care and medical transportation back to U.S.
- Visas: For U.S. citizens, Visas are bought (\$75) the day of departure at the Detroit airport. Non-American team members need to contact their own national consulate regarding travel requirements to Cuba.

### COSTS:

\$1,500 to \$1,800 per person (estimated, due to flight costs) which includes: roundtrip flights, in-country costs, 5 filters, and an administrative fee. All funds for this trip can be developed from donors and administered through the "Managed Missions" website (think GoFundMe for Christian mission trips). All donors will be issued an income-tax deductible receipt. Any donated funds over our trip goal are held for future GradCru/Cru mission trips.

### PREPARATION:

- Hepatitis A and Typhoid immunizations are recommended by the CDC and WHO for travel to Cuba. (Walgreen pharmacies is one walk-in provider.)
- Become well familiar with the one-page sample FOH contextualized gospel presentation that will be provided to each team member.

### SCHEDULE:

Day 1: Sunday, Mar 3 — Travel to Cuba, Get Settled, Preparatory Meeting

Day 2: Monday, Mar 4 — Church, Filter Distribution/Gospel, Debrief

Day 3: Tuesday, Mar 5 — Filter Distribution/Gospel, Debrief

Day 4: Wednesday, Mar 6 — Filter Distribution/Gospel, Debrief

Day 5: Thursday, Mar 7 — Filter Distribution/Gospel, Debrief

Day 6: Friday, Mar 8 — Fun Day (e.g., visit the historic capitol city of Havana, relax at beach, other options).

Day 7: Saturday, Mar 9 — Pack, Good-byes, Travel Home

- Filter distribution will be done in smaller teams of 5-6 plus one Cuban neighborhood guide and one Cuban translator. Expect 6 hours each day distributing filters and spending time with Cuban families to share the gospel. The entire team will meet together in the evening for a time of debrief, sharing, prayer, and Q&A.

