

## THE BOLICK REPORT



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### Cuba: Faith, Resilience, and Hope in Difficult Times

In October 2025, I traveled to Cuba for the first time, met and worked with some of the kindest, most thoughtful, prepared, and resilient people I've ever encountered.

I stayed in a church in the center of Havana. This church is named after William Carey, the pioneering Baptist missionary who said, **“Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God.”** It is a bustling place, with activities all week and guest rooms for visitors. It is a church that is running with that vision of William Carey.

The purpose of my visit was to introduce and train local leaders in the **Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs program**, which has served churches in Latin America for many years. I met with seminary and church leaders to explain the theoretical and theological foundations of the program and to share research showing how it **strengthens girls' social self-efficacy in challenging environments**.

I led eight-hour workshops in Havana and Matanzas. In spite of a severe epidemic of Dengue fever, many leaders participated in the workshops. Their commitment to and compassion for the girls in their communities is an example for all of us.

One of the most meaningful moments of the trip occurred when a pastor's wife invited us to meet the girls from her

church. I had the opportunity to share my testimony and hear about the realities these girls face in their daily lives.



during this difficult time.

Please join me in praying for our brothers and sisters in Cuba—for a resolution to the crisis, and for the well-being of all the Cuban people

### A Personal Update

Many of you know that I am now serving part-time with **International Ministries as a global servant and regional consultant in Ibero-America**. I am now teaching full-time at the **School of Public Health at Texas A&M University** nine months of the year.

It has been incredibly meaningful to bring my experiences from *Talita Cumi* and Latin America into the classroom. Doors are opening for students to travel with me to Latin America to serve. I plan to bring a small group of students to Nicaragua in October.

Thank you for your continued support of Dwight and me. Because of you, girls across Latin America are discovering that their lives have value and purpose; women in churches are discovering their gifts in helping young girls begin a lifelong journey of being formed in Christ.

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