

## Chapter 15

# The Bibles

The Bibles were imported from Bogotá, Colombia, and were leather bound books with the proper paper for the Cuban climate. There were no maps or concordances, just the Word of God as translated in the New Living Translation in Spanish. Every pastor got a separate study Bible.

One pastor in particular, when presented with the Bibles, took the Bible I handed him and held it between his thumb and forefinger like some pastors do when they are preaching. This was not unusual except we had a question-and-answer session with him in his sanctuary while waiting on the meal to be prepared. It lasted for about half an hour. In that time, he held the Bible in his hand as if it would disappear if he let go! He didn't relinquish it until he joined us for dinner.

His church was very well maintained and was the center of social life for the community as are most churches in Cuba. There were almost nightly events at the church, and according to the pastor sometimes the people wouldn't leave until after midnight. Just think what God is going to do with the new clean water and Bibles.

Americans do our one hour duty on Sunday morning at church and call it square with God!

Just think what a few dollars' worth of Bibles is going to do in the life of the Cubans around this church. We have a unique opportunity to get involved with a Christian ministry in America's back yard!