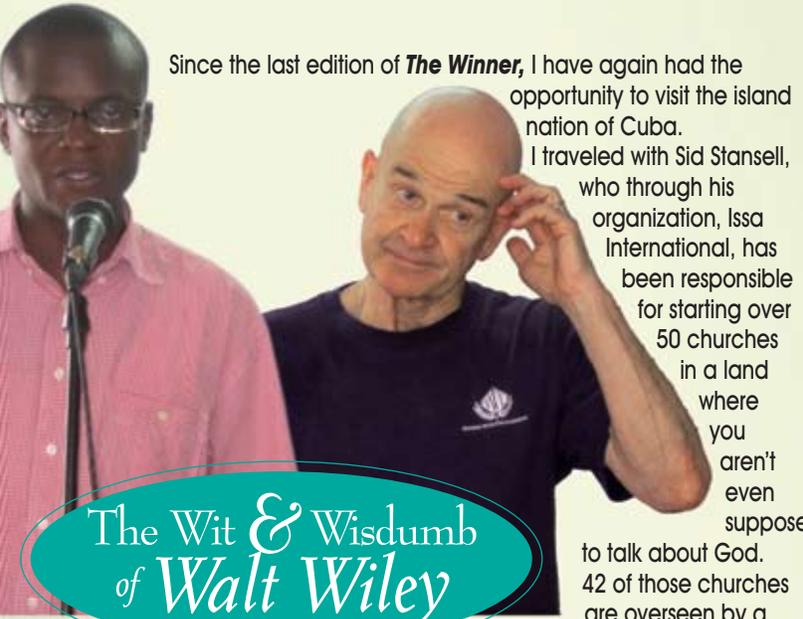


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*The Wit & Wisdumb
 of Walt Wiley*

Since the last edition of *The Winner*, I have again had the opportunity to visit the island nation of Cuba. I traveled with Sid Stansell, who through his organization, Issa International, has been responsible for starting over 50 churches in a land where you aren't even suppose to talk about God. 42 of those churches are overseen by a 33 year-old named Ernesto. It's really quite amazing!

Sid, along with Ernesto and a host pastor in Havana, had organized a three-day conference for the pastors of many of those churches, and I was invited to join Sid to share with them. Allow me to reflect on what we did, what I heard, and what I observed from that experience:

1. Strangely, none of those in attendance spoke English, and since my Spanish is limited to two phrases ("Pardon me, where is the bathroom?" and "You can tie your horse over there."), we had to

work through an interpreter. His name was Dino (pictured with Walt), and he was from Suriname. Go figure!

2. They had nice printed schedules for the conference which stated we were to start at 9 a.m. I discovered that was more of a suggestion than an edict.

3. If the pastors didn't seem to care when we started, they cared even less about when we ended. As long as we would talk they were content to listen. They were like sponges.

4. They don't have anything. Really, they don't! Go ahead, take a minute and look around at all your stuff—they don't have any of that. The host pastor's "house" consisted of a 14x8 open room that served as a bedroom for him and his wife and their 2 boys as well as a 'kitchen.' Want some running water? No problem! Step outside the back door and you'll find a hose. And believe it or not, all 45 who attended were fed right there for 3 days.

5. The Cuban Christians have an unbelievable fervor for learning more about God's Word and an even greater fervor for sharing it with others.

6. And get this! They seem to be content and happy with their station in life and appear to be optimistic about the future. What was that Paul said to the people of Philippi? "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

While there I challenged them with 4 points from our new seminar, *Standing Out in the Crowd*. When I finished the host pastor, Racial Sanchos, wrapped things up with this challenge to those in attendance, "Go from here and put those 4 points into practice. And if you fail it is not because of God or Cuba ... it's your fault." At least, that's what Dino told me he said.

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a Leader
Here*

by Walt Wiley

Where we've taught



1 It was Walt's privilege to speak to the executive staff of the Coakley & Williams Hotel Management Corporation in Springfield, VA. Pictured with Walt is Michael Nerlinger (l), senior v.p., and Gary Williams (r), president.

2 Walt addressed the President's Club Award Brunch honoring the top sales people at Grand Home Furnishings in Roanoke, VA. Walt is picture here (l-r) with Alan Ziegler, v.p. of customer service, George Cartledge, president, and James BoneCrusher

Smith. **3** Joining Walt in speaking at the Grand Home Furnishings event was former WBA Heavyweight Boxing Champion—James BoneCrusher Smith. He and Walt do a little sparring.

4 Patti and Walt shared at the marriage retreat sponsored by Frazer Memorial UMC of Montgomery, AL, held at Eufaula's Lakepoint State Park, AL. Some of the group assembled for this picture.

5 Here are Walt and Patti speaking at the marriage conference at America's Keswick Conference Center in Whiting, NJ.



1 Grace Adventures, a recreational and vacation camp in Mears, MI, invited Walt to speak at their annual men's retreat. Pictured are some of the men who attended.

2 The Charlotte Checkers Hockey Team is part of the American Hockey League.

They have a successful team and a good chapel program for the players overseen by Tim Donelli. Walt is pictured speaking at one of those chapel meetings.

3 Nappanee Missionary Church of Nappanee, IN conducted their annual 4-day all-church conference. Walt was

there to share "Effectively Handling All That You Have."

Not pictured: Walt was invited to speak to a Sprint sales group in Charlotte.

Not pictured: Once again, Walt was honored to speak to the employees of Joe Gibbs Racing.



1 This year's Self-Storage Association annual convention was held in Charlotte, NC. Mike and Janice Burnam and others organized a prayer breakfast and invited Walt to speak.

2 Here is Walt speaking at the Southwestern Conservative Baptist Association men's retreat at Prescott Pines Camp in Prescott, AZ.

1 Walt was invited to present the graduation commencement speech at the Hickory Grove Baptist Christian School in Charlotte, NC.

WWE IN TURKEY AND GREECE

Where we'll be teaching



Pictured standing in front of the ancient library in Ephesus, Turkey are the 38 people who accompanied Winning With Encouragement on a pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece in April. The majority of the travelers were part of Church at Charlotte in Charlotte, NC. The group was led by Walt and Patti Wiley and Church at Charlotte's Senior Pastor Jim Kallam and his wife Suzi. Jim also serves on the Board of Directors of WWE.

The group traveled over 2,000 miles in the two countries and enjoyed memorable times in Istanbul, Ephesus, on the island of Patmos, retracing Paul's second missionary journey including Philippi, Kavala, Thessalonica, Corinth, and standing atop Mars Hill in Athens. Perhaps a few travelers summed it up well by saying, "It was a fabulous and lifelong memorable pilgrimage to some incredible New Testament origins. I look forward to future journeys," and "This trip will positively impact my appreciation for both Paul and John's books in the Bible for the rest of my life."



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WALT GOES TO CUBA

It was Walt's privilege to be invited to join Sid Stansell, president of Issa International, for a 3-day conference for house pastors in Havana, Cuba. Through Sid's efforts numerous house churches have been formed and through that ministry hundreds of Cubans are being reached. Pastors and leaders of those churches gathered for the conference in a small, hot room for about 6 hours each day. Pictured are some of the people who attended. The tall guy up front



who doesn't look Cuban is Sid Stansell. Also, pictured above are the tour hosts, the men who made it happen. (l-r): Sid Stansell of Issa, Ernesto Lastree—who oversees many of the house churches, Racial Sanchos—his church hosted the conference, and Dino Demitof—our interpreter.

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
July 1-9	WWE's Alaskan Cruise Out of Seattle, WA		
July 16-22	Camp Spofford Spofford, NH	SOC	WW
July 30- Aug 6	Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference Muskegon, MI	GEN	WW
Aug 10, 17, 24, 31	Central Church of God Charlotte, NC	SOC	WW
Aug 12	Monte Vista Christian School Watsonville, CA	GEN	WW
Aug 26	Church at Charlotte TOT Time Teachers Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Aug 29-31	Church at Charlotte Staff Retreat Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Sept 18	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	GEN	WW
Sept 24-29	FCCI International Conf. Key Biscayne, FL	GEN	WW
Oct 6-7	ACSI Teachers Convn. Sacramento, CA	SOC	WW
Oct 16	First Baptist Church Longwood, FL	RK	WW
Oct 21-22	El Camino Baptist Ch. Tucson, AZ	MAR	W/P
Oct 28- Nov 7	WWE's Israel Pilgrimage		
Nov 10	Hickory Grove Baptist Ch Widowed Persons Ministry Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Nov 13-17	Score International Baseball Conference Dominican Republic	GEN	WW
Dec 2-4	Long View Ranch Men's Retreat Mosheim, TN	GEN	WW

EVENTS KEY:

GEN – General MAR – Marriage Seminar
RK – Raising Kids is a Piece of Cake
SOC – Standing Out in the Crowd

SPEAKERS KEY:

WW – Walt Wiley W/P – Walt and Patti Wiley



Our WWE-O-Gram is sent out periodically to friends on our email list. It doesn't ask for anything; it just includes stories, humor, encouragement, and occasional updates on the ministry.

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