

*Pastors for Peace solidarity
activists tour eastern provinces of
the island*



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Havana, July 21 (RHC)-- Members of the XXXIII Caravan Pastors for Peace, from the United States, toured on Thursday historical sites in the eastern province of Granma, protagonist, along with neighboring

Santiago de Cuba, of the attack on the Moncada garrison 70 years ago.

The extensive program of the visit began in the city of Bayamo at the Antonio (Ñico) López Park Museum, followed by the birthplace of the Father of the Homeland, Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, and the unique Wax Museum, the only one of its kind in the country.

According to the provincial press media, other members of the group of Americans went to the Bartolomé Masó municipality and toured the General Command of the Rebel Army in La Plata.

The members of the Pastors for Peace Caravan will complete a program of activities that includes meetings with the inhabitants of communities of relevance for the national history.

The day before, the project in solidarity with the Caribbean island paid homage to José Martí in Dos Ríos, site of the town of Jiguaní where the Cuban National Hero fell in combat against Spanish troops on May 19, 1895, reported the Cuban News Agency.

A wreath was laid at the base of the monument that perpetuates the memory of José Martí there by the caravanists, who were entertained by pioneers of the area who recited verses from Martí's works.

The executive director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, to which the Pastors for Peace Caravan belongs, Gail Walker -daughter of Lucius Walker, founder of this last project-, expressed the high honor of being in the place where Martí fell in combat.

Earlier, Gail Walker received the Tea Incendiaria, symbol of the city of Bayamo and the highest award granted by the Municipal Assembly of People's Power in that territory.

Walker expressed her deep gratitude to the people of Bayamo and Granma and said that she received the recognition on behalf of all the Caravanistas. He emphasized that the solidarity movement demonstrates every year that the Antillean island is not alone.

Some 30 people make up the XXXIII Pastors for Peace Caravan, of which 50 percent are visiting this country for the first time. The group includes representatives from 11 states of that nation and members from Spain and Canada, according to the Granma weekly La Demajagua.

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