

Request for help

I have been to Santiago de Cuba in July and encountered Cuban people for the first time. All I knew of Cuba were the few images and news items on television and the picture of Che Guevarra on many youngsters walls. I came to the shocking discovery that the common Cubans lived in very impoverished circumstances. They are very friendly, work hard for a few dollars and are not in a protesting frenzy. I had a very good time there and especially a man named Luis Armando Zamora Garcia proved to be a great help. Not only did he drive us to our venues and made sure we came home safely, he also went out of his way when my mother fell ill.

He gave me his address and a cd with music of a band he produces and after my return to Suriname we managed to keep contact by phone. Other sources failed and that makes communication difficult but we manage.

Two weeks ago he had a disturbing message. His car has broken down and as it is his sole source of income he is very worried about how he is going to support his family. He has young children and a wife to support plus he is the motor of his family so he desperately needs a new car.

I wished I had enough money myself to help him with that but I don't and the little that I can give can't seem to reach him. First my letter to him didn't reach him yet after 2 months and I mailed him boxes with goods which may not reach him either. Then I am trying to send him some money but it is almost impossible due to political embargos and disagreements.

Please can you help me help my friend Luis because it has nothing to do with politics if a friend is in need. acodfried@sr.net for more info