

# CUBA 2010 - Senior Concert Band Trip

Grade 11

This past week has been an amazing experience and I have learned so much about music, and about life in general. I am sure most of us have read about poverty in textbooks and we know what to expect in countries like Cuba. However, once we were in Cuba, everything seemed more real. It was depressing to see the living conditions of the people, though it wasn't surprising. Most of the people there have nothing, yet they seem content with themselves and enjoy life as it is. At our 'parties' in Cuba, we had a lot of fun even without watching movies or playing video games. I felt that people in Cuba had a very different perspective in life than us. As long as they had enough food and water, decent shelter and people to love, they were very happy. Whereas many people in Canada spend time worrying about buying the most expensive brands of clothing and keeping up with the latest gadgets. I would love to go back to Cuba one day and bring more donations or even go volunteer. It's a great feeling to know that you've helped a family in some way. Overall, Cuba has taught me to value the things I have in life more than I used to. I was also very interested to see their love of dance and music, especially since the arts aren't valued as much in Canada.