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Bernardo Pitaluga is one of Felix Torres' oldest and closest childhood friends. Since Felix moved from Havana to his family's land in *Nuevo Mundo* in his twenties Mr. Pitaluga has visited many times. Over the past 20 years he has developed many meaningful connections within the *Nuevo Mundo* community.

He is also a founding member of the street theatre collective *Giganteria Ambulante* with whom he has gone to work and perform in the *NM* community as well. He is an accomplished percussionist, performer, artist, teacher, and actor.

Mr. Pitaluga is BACCA's *Project Director* and *Community Liaison* in Cuba, helping with everything from research and the procurement of myriad materials, to community outreach in *Nuevo Mundo*. He has been involved in every aspect of this multi-faceted project and is an instrumental member of the organization as he facilitates objectives that can only be realized from within the island. His current wages come from tips that his collective receives in the streets of Havana. Each member of the collective shares an equal part of daily earnings, and his monthly earning may range anywhere from \$12 to \$80. Supporting his family on this income is hard. Even more problematical is surviving off this salary while working for BACCA which involves regular travel from Havana to *Nuevo Munda*, a full day's journey across the island.

We are seeking funding to be able to afford Mr. Pitaluga a monthly stipend that he may work with us comfortably without straining himself and his family. His plan is to move to *Nuevo Mundo* where he will establish a honey bee colony—a very lucrative business in Cuba as honey is one of Cuba's large exports to Canada. BACCA will support him until he is able to sustain himself from the honey business at which time he will continue to work with the *Ecolonia Nuevo Mundo* project as BACCA's Director in Cuba. **Please help us get Mr. Pitaluga and his family on steady ground, so we can get this project off the ground!**

