

MEDICINES FOR VENEZUELA

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Two hundred fifteen Venezuelans benefitted by the medicine project.

A total of 160 women and 55 men were blessed with the shipment of medications to Venezuela in 2017: 125 people in the first shipment plus 90 new beneficiaries in the second shipment. Additionally, 118 individuals received medicines in both shipments, for a total of 333 patients who benefitted from this project.

“I am very happy and thankful to our loving God for His mercy, and for using brothers like you in these times of difficulty in our country”, highlighted Elsy Machado, who wrote in representation of the congregations *Santa Trinidad* and *La Paz*, both located in Caracas.

On her side, Norelis González, from Puerto Ordaz in Bolívar state, expressed the appreciation of the members of *Fuente de Vida*, a church which received for the first time medicines through this project. “Many, many thanks for all of these blessings. We embrace you in the name of Christ”.

In the same way, Luz de Ernst, resident of Barinas and one of the collaborators of the program commented, “I am thankful for all of the effort that you are doing for each Venezuela to whom you have extended a (helping) hand, specifically in the relief of medicines. It is a horserace to run to various pharmacies and to hear in each of them, “we don’t have it”, and I am saying this based on my own experience, because I need permanent treatment due to ocular pressure.”

In the meantime, from San Felix (Bolívar), the members of *La Ascensión* made this point: “Through this medium we wish to express to you that we feel very favored to have received your donation, and we are trusting in the full confidence that we have in Christ Jesus, that He will continue pouring out on you the richest of blessings and will repay you with much success in your labors and in Christ, for this beautiful work.”

The paucity in the area of pharmaceuticals in Venezuela is a reality that those who are responsible for, have not been able to hide from the world, and for this reason a helping hand which helps to mitigate this lack is well received. “Thank you, pastor, for your commitment and dedication in leading this project with all of its challenges. Thank you”, said Ricardo Granado, leader of one of the congregations located in Monagas state.

Overall, around 59 different medications were acquired in order to respond to the requests of people who suffer from various health challenges, many related to high blood pressure,

diabetes, breathing problems, vitamin deficiencies, gastritis, arthritis, allergies of various sorts, hyperthyroidism, cancer, skin diseases, stress, infections, kidney problems, among others.

The packages were delivered in the Capital district (Caracas), and in seven of the 23 states which make up the Venezuelan landscape, resulting in 215 people who were helped up to this point. The packages, which also included various personal hygiene products, were delivered to 16 Christian communities.

Below find a map which shows the number of communities which received assistance, grouped according to state:



In addition, several of the regions sent photos in which the beneficiaries demonstrate their gratitude:

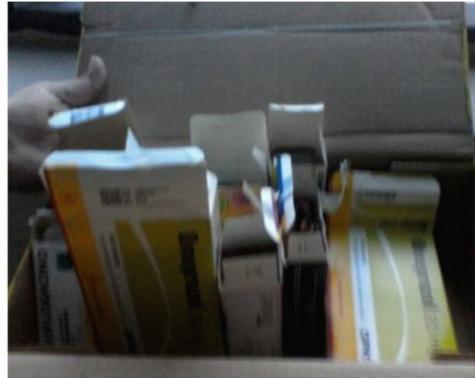


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Cagua, Aragua

Barquisimeto, Lara



Caracas, Distrito Capital





San Felix, Bolívar



San Felix, Bolívar



Puerto Ordaz, Bolívar





Many people have told us that through this project, they have been able to continue with medical treatment which has been prescribed by their physicians “for life”, and thus they pray that it can continue: “We want to thank you for your concern for us and your desire to support us with medicines. In truth, we are thankful to God for this initiative to serve us through your organization”, said Pastor Abel Garcia, who served as the spokesman of ***Cristo es el Camino*** church in Barcelona, Anzoategui state.