

## **MEDICINES FOR VENEZUELA March 2018**

### **REPORT**

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(translated by James Tino)

#### **More than thirty-three thousand pills were donated to Venezuela in the first trimester of 2018**

The quantity sent to Venezuela between February and March of this year was 33,570 tablets which benefitted 298 women and 134 men, for a total of 432 patients who received treatments through this third shipment of medicine.

In comparison with the previous shipment (October 2017), this delivery doubled the number of people who were helped. “For us, being beneficiaries of the mission that you are carrying out is of vital importance to us as various families have seen loved ones die, powerless to provide the medical dosage that would prolong their survival or improve their health”, writes Juan Vielma on behalf of the congregations of **ILUVE** (Iglesia Luterana Venezolana), centered in Barquisimeto, capital of Lara State.

Ali Savery, a member of Santa Trinidad Lutheran church in Caracas, pointed out how initiatives like this one - created to relieve the ongoing crisis afflicting Venezuela - have transcendent results. As an example, he cited the case of Mariana Motilva, a member of their christian community who needs a daily dose of Ácido Valproico. Thanks to this Project, Montilva now has various pills: “She has only half of her brain. For this reason she has to take this medicine in order to be able to sleep,” Savery added.

Meanwhile, from Mision Cagua in Aragua State, Yenny Gamboa highlighted for us the importance of receiving a package containing the doses that many in her congregation need in order to treat their illnesses, such as Adua Di Patrizio, 81 years old and diagnosed with Alzheimer: “She was very aggressive and much affected by her illness due to the scarcity of treatments, and thanks to what she received she is now peaceful and under control,” Gamboa reported.

Those who received medicines considered this commitment to sending pharmaceuticals as the way our eternal Father answered their prayers:

“I am a single mother with three children under my responsibility, I suffer from Parkinson’s disease, which prevents me from working. I maintain my children by selling ice cream, ice, soft drinks. My parents are

elderly, they also help me. I want to say thank you because you took me into account to help me with medicine, which I have to take every day for life.” **Moraima Oviedo, La Epifanía. La Caramuca, Barinas.**

“Today I want to give thanks to God for his mercy, and to you His instruments of love, making it possible for this help to come to our country. May God bless you richly.” **Elsy Machado, La Paz. Caracas, Distrito Capital.**

“We give thanks to God every day for such a beautiful labor of love for your neighbors.” **Zugeimar Aranguren, Cristo es Amor. Barquisimeto, Lara.**

“We give thanks to God for the work that you are doing for us your Venezuelan brethren. In truth this has been a great blessing for the congregation.” **Abel García, Cristo es el Camino. Barcelona, Anzoátegui.**

“Brothers, from our hearts we give thanks for such a noble gesture which is important due to the adverse conditions we are living in.” **Briceida Ventura, Cristo Rey. Maturín, Monagas.**

“We feel blessed for having the privilege of counting on your help.” **Angélica Colmenarez, Nueva Vida en Cristo. Yaritagua, Yaracuy.**

“Thanks for the effort you have made. We can assure you that your great assistance will be well-noticed by our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Laura Restrepo, El Paraíso. Barquisimeto, Lara.**

“We encourage you in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, to continue on and may our Lord continue to produce in your hearts not only the desire but also the way to go forward, and may His mercy abound in you, your families, and your projects. Many thanks for everything, we love you with the love of Christ.” **Congregación de La Ascensión. San Félix, Bolívar.**

“To the team of professionals who helps to connect to the donors, to those who classify and pack (the medicines), to everyone may God bless you for all the effort the process implies. You are saving lives.” **Luz de Ernst, La Epifanía. La Caramuca, Barinas.**

On this occasion, the packages were delivered to the capital city and to 9 of the 23 states in Venezuela. The map below shows the number of congregations in each state that received medications. (NOTE: *Venezuela prohibits sending medicine from one state to another from within the country. All medicine shipments must originate from outside the country and go directly to the beneficiary.*)



The scarcity of cash money, the reduction in public transportation services and the high levels of personal insecurity which keeps the population on edge are some of the factors which those who receive assistance must battle with in order to obtain the donated goods. However, all complications lose their importance when they get word that the packages from Chile have arrived.

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# Cristo es Amor

Barquisimeto, Lara



**Cristo Rey  
Maturín, Monagas**







**La Epifanía**  
**La Caramuca, Barinas**



# *Corpus Christi*

## *Barinas, Barinas*





**Cristo es el Camino**  
Barcelona, Anzoátegui



**El Paraíso**  
Barquisimeto, Lara





# Misión Cagua

## Cagua, Aragua







Requests for medicine are made in accordance with a list of 25 products which was designed by GLO-Chile, in order to provide treatment for the most common afflictions (the 25 products are available without a prescription in Chile.). At the same time, we also respond to special medical conditions which are accompanied by a doctor's prescription.

Already, many people have expressed their concern for when the next shipment will arrive because their health depends on this program. In addition to medicines, we also supplement each package with hygiene products such as shampoo, toothpaste, or soap.