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HELPING PEOPLE IN VENEZUELA: Food, health, and restoration after the earthquakes A RESPONSE OF FAITH, COMPASSION, AND ACTION



This is a personal note from Rayfell...

A tragedy in a place I call home

On June 24, 2026, Venezuela was struck by two powerful earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5. La Guaira—the coastal region where I was born and raised—was the hardest-hit area.

6,300+ lives lost	16,700+ people injured	≈18,000 left homeless
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For me, this tragedy is deeply personal. I am Venezuelan and originally from this very area. It is where I grew up,

Before the earthquakes, **Shaliah Church** held its gatherings and ministry activities in the apartment of its pastors, José Rafael and Grendy. The disaster affected that location, leaving the congregation without a stable place to meet. Yet the church has not stopped serving. It continues to support medical outreach, distribute assistance, feed the children, pray with families, and share the hope of the Gospel.

Our desire is to help this church—a faithful, long-time ministry partner in evangelism and discipleship—establish a safe, permanent place to worship and a base from which they can continue sharing the Gospel, discipling believers, and serving families throughout their community.

where part of my family remains, and where many of the churches and communities I know are located. After the earthquakes, I traveled to Venezuela to stand with those affected, understand their needs firsthand, and work alongside local churches.

A crisis within a crisis

Although many churches, organizations, volunteers, and individuals are working to help, the number of people affected is overwhelming. The disaster struck a country already facing deep economic hardship. For many families, affording food, medicine, transportation, and housing was already difficult before the earthquakes.

During our trip, we encountered realities that illustrate this vulnerability, including the case of a retired teacher whose monthly retirement income was approximately \$2.50—an amount comparable to the price of a small bottle of water in some places. *The earthquakes did not create all of Venezuela's need; they dramatically deepened a need that was already there.*

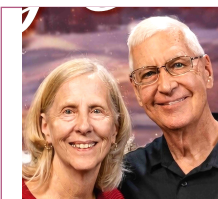
Our first priority: food and health

Our first priority is to continue helping in two essential areas: food and health. We are working alongside local churches that know their communities and that, even after being affected themselves, continue to serve.

- Distribution of food and basic necessities.
- Medicines and medical supplies.
- Support for community medical outreach.
- Direct assistance coordinated through local churches.



Donation information is below. Please designate your gift “VENEZUELA CHURCHES.” Every dollar designated in this way will go directly toward meeting the greatest needs, with funds administered through trusted ministry partners on the ground.



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