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to Venezuela in a time of great need.



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This QR code will take you directly to our Facebook page, where we will update you on the situation in Venezuela with photos, videos, and personal stories.

At least 4,333 people were killed and 16,740 injured in the back-to-back quakes on 24 June that flattened entire districts in the coastal state of La Guaira. Although rescue teams have halted searches for survivors, family members continue to scour the ruins for their loved ones in the hope of giving them a dignified burial. More than 55,000 people remain unaccounted for.

Authorities report 80 operational transitional camps supporting the displaced population. People living in these camps, some in small tents, have no home to go back to. Our son-in-law, Rayfell, is from Venezuela, and his father pastors a church in the hardest-hit area. Rayfell just returned from spending two weeks there. The following are some of his reports from his time there.

Where pain runs deep, it is our duty to bring hope. It has been incredibly difficult to keep up with updates and share what is happening here in Venezuela; time is short, and the weight of wanting to do more is heavy on my heart. Every day brings a new challenge. We focus our days on visiting survivors, praying for comfort, and helping friends who are far away feel connected to the places where their loved ones once lived and lost everything. Two days ago, I traveled to Caracas to buy some food supplies. While checking out, the cashier looked at me and said words that shook me to my core: "I understand you completely... my three nephews and my sister-in-law are still under the rubble." In this corner of the world, every single person you cross paths with has a heartbreaking story of grief and loss. The atmosphere is heavy, but that is precisely why we are here: because in the midst of the worst storm, it is our

calling to be the voice that speaks of faith, comfort, and the unconditional love of God. Physical rebuilding will take time, but the restoration of the soul begins today.

Yesterday, we managed to bring a **medical outreach** to one of the most vulnerable sectors in the area. By God's grace, we were able to treat a large number of patients and ensure that each one received the medicine they so desperately needed. After the medical consultations, we set up a **clothing drive** where they could pick what they needed, and we shared a meal with the local children; **always sharing the word of faith and hope of our Lord Jesus.** The reality we are currently facing is extremely critical: hospitals are either collapsed or severely overcrowded, pharmacies are closed, and transportation is completely unpredictable. If access to water was already a challenge in these communities, the shortage is now absolute. Seeing a child's smile and a mother's relief amid so much hardship reminds us why we cannot stop. Let us continue to be the helping hand that is so desperately needed.

Worship Amid the Ruins: A Faith That Won't Collapse. In moments of deepest anguish and pain, the Church cries out to the Lord for mercy and peace in the midst of the storm. Yesterday, Shaliah Church held its Sunday service in the building's parking lot. The brothers and sisters arrived little by little; their faces reflected the profound fatigue of the physical and emotional burden they have carried. Yet, with grateful hearts, each one glorified God for His protection during this tragedy, while everyone united in prayer for their missing family members and

friends. Some could not attend, like 29-year-old Liliana Vargas. She lived alone in an apartment lent to her by her uncle. Liliana was stepping out of the elevator on the 12th floor when the earthquake began. As she walked toward her door, the second shockwave struck with devastating force. She told me she held on with all her might to the first thing she could grab, and right before her eyes—less than five steps away—she watched the entire section of the building containing her apartment collapse into nothingness. Liliana is epileptic and suffers from frequent seizures, a medical condition that makes it difficult to secure stable employment. Today she is homeless, moving from couch to couch, spending one night here and another there just "not to be a burden," in her own words. Tonight, she stayed at the same place where I am sheltering.

In times like these, we understand that no effort is too small: every detail counts, every collaboration makes a difference, and every prayer sustains us. We do not walk alone; your generosity and faith are the driving force that enables us to keep working in the field. May God multiply every act of love you show!

"Daddy, are all the kids happy?" asked one of Rayfell's sons when he returned home. After seeing the death and devastation up close, after realizing that many of the children sleeping outside near you each night are now orphans, how would you have answered that?

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