

More than 500 in attendance
151 visitors 19 baptisms
At the Barinas, Venezuela Church of Christ
Sunday, Dec. 09, 2018.



Nineteen people are baptized in Barinas, Venezuela, Dec. 09, 2018.

This photograph, and additional ones, were sent to Antonio that day. When Antonio asked **Gregorio Sánchez**, evangelist working with the Barinas congregation, if the **10,000 tracts** sent by us had anything to do with the number of visitors and baptisms, he replied: **“Absolutely,”** explaining that hundreds of tracts had been distributed Saturday, Dec. 08. To the Lord all praise and glory for His powerful gospel!

Report by Dewayne, Rita and Antonio Shappley

Dec. 10, 2018



The Barinas congregation meets in a theater. Capital of the state of Barinas, the city has a population of about 360,000. Due to the present situation in Venezuela, many of the 600 member Barinas church are in need of food, medical supplies and clothes. 19 boxes of supplies, including some 40,000 tracts, prepared at the West Broward church building, Plantation, Florida, are scheduled to be delivered there in January, 2019. **David Sosa** is another evangelist working with the Barinas church.

CD's being produced

4 CD's of Antonio's hymns in Spanish. 1 of an excellent sermon, "Citizenship in Heaven," in Spanish, by Jesús Germán, of the Gurabo, Puerto Rico church. 819 shipped. About 300 on hand.



Left. The **CD duplicator** is the machine between the two printers. It makes 7 copies in about 3 minutes. Each blue and white spindle has 100 blank CD's. **Right. Front.** The five CD's, each with its own distinctive label and envelope. **Back.** Stacks of packs of five CD's each. I attach the labels and insert the CD's in envelopes while the duplicator is making copies. Can also have the printers functioning at the same time. Additional titles are projected. We have the equipment for audio recording, and I have recorded two short messages. This is the initial step of adding much more audio material to our Internet site, as well as making it available on CD's. Always relying on God's grace and guidance.

Park Gardens Church of Christ, San Juan, Puerto Rico. For their "Open House" evangelistic outreach project, Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, brethren of this congregation requested we prepare tracts and CD's for them. A total of 8,945 tracts and 128 CD's were sent, almost all copies with local data included. Expenses were covered by the church. 100 attended the activity, 11 being visitors. Distribution of the tracts continues. The Park Gardens Urbanization is where we first began work in Puerto Rico, May 2, 1966.



Bro. José Dávila, pioneer preacher in Venezuela, says brethren there enthusiastically make use of literature to evangelize. These photographs show they do, indeed, have the spirit! Were it so everywhere.

The following document on "**Venezuela benevolence,**" a project under the oversight of the elders of the West Broward, Plantation, FL Church of Christ, was prepared by Antonio and is being sent as an E-mail to churches of Christ in the US. The 32 boxes in one of the pictures have already arrived at their destinations in Venezuela. Eighteen days is the usual time delivery takes. If your congregation has unassigned benevolent funds, may we humbly suggest the very serious and ongoing needs of brethren in Venezuela.

May your holiday season be a safe and happy one, with many blessings from Above. With sincerest gratitude for your continued support and prayers,

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Venezuela Benevolence



The [West Broward Church of Christ](#) in Plantation, Florida would like to raise your awareness of benevolence work that is needed in Venezuela and respectfully requests that your congregation consider a donation to help continue benevolence there.

My name is Antonio Shappley, and I have the honor of serving as a Project Manager in our [Venezuela Benevolence Mission](#). On behalf of our Elders, I would like to raise your awareness of the mission, and request your consideration to help fund more good works there.



Any level and type of funding would be greatly appreciated by the brethren in Venezuela, whether a one-time contribution towards benevolence, or a commitment to help on a longer term basis.

The Church of Christ has more than 150 congregations in Venezuela. Most Ministers, Evangelists and Elders are severely hampered in their work for the Church, due to lack of funding for transportation, food, and evangelistic material. Some of our brethren are malnourished and most of the sick cannot afford medications, due to inflation of more

than 1,000,000% this year, compounded by mismanagement of the country overall. Since October (to God be the glory!) our congregation has been able to send more than 7,500 lbs of aid, including 200,000 evangelistic tracts, 200 water filters, and more than 40 large boxes of clothing. We have a database of more than 70 ministers and evangelists of the Church, and a reliable way to get funding into their hands, for them to purchase medications, pay for transportation, and food for their congregations and needy members of the community. Due to our location in South Florida, we have access to shipping companies at a rate of \$15 per cubic foot, delivered to all but a few remote areas of Venezuela, and more than 130 boxes have been delivered so far without incident. For \$100, a box can be delivered to feed a family of 4 for two weeks, along with several hundred evangelistic tracts to help that family spread the Gospel of Salvation to their community. So much more could be done if the funding for this ministry were to increase. So far, it's all been done through special contributions

by our congregation and a few others in the South Florida area, in addition to two congregations in Puerto Rico.

Would you please consider funding this benevolence mission to Venezuela? A commitment of monthly funding would be best, but if such commitment is not possible at this time, one-time contributions will be a great blessing to the work.

For more information, please refer to:

- [this document](#) by the Elders of the West Broward Church of Christ,
- [this video](#) in English that describes the situation and how we are addressing it
- [this video](#), similar to the above, for Spanish-speakers,
- [this document](#) for copy & paste to social media accounts and help spread the word.
- [this photo album](#), with more than 2,000 photos sent directly from Venezuela by the ministers that are helping so many there. New photos are uploaded weekly.



Please contact me or reply to this email for more information. The two Elders who are leading this mission are available via email as well: **Russ Garner** (russ.garner@yahoo.com) and **Michael Hursey** (mhpalaw@bellsouth.net).



God bless the efforts of all in His Kingdom,
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Upper left. Quantities of tracts for evangelism. 200,000 already sent to Venezuela. **Upper right.** The water filter this young couple holds is vital for their health and the child they are expecting. **Middle left.** That new wheelchair belonged to a ninety-year old neighbor of the Shappley's, in Tamarac, FL. When she passed away recently, the family gave the chair to us and right away it was shipped to Venezuela for fourteen year old Alejandra Rodriguez who is unable to walk on her own. **Middle Right.** Church children enjoy an activity made possible by contributions through the West Broward Fund. **Lower left.** A mother and child suffer from malnutrition and lack of medical attention. **Lower right.** Brethren meet on a basketball court. They hold packets of tracts sent by us. (These notes added by Dewayne.)