

Brief Report

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1,257 baptisms

were reported by **evangelists**
and **congregations** in **Venezuela**
for the **year 2019**.

Supplies and funds sent to evangelists and congregations in Venezuela

Usage and Fruits of Tracts

Since August, 2018...

45,478 pounds of medical supplies, food, protein, water filters, clothing, Bibles, tracts, booklets and books have been sent to churches of Christ in Venezuela.

Of **tracts**, approximately **600,000**.

Packing done in Room 109 of the West Broward Church of Christ facilities, W. Broward Blvd, Plantation, Florida.

\$80,000 made available through the elders of the West Broward Church of Christ, have been transferred to evangelists and medical personal in Venezuela.

Data by Antonio Shappley, who maintains extensive, detailed records on all that has been sent, when sent, to whom, when received, etc.

Uses and effectiveness of the tracts being sent can be determined to some degree through the following statements made by some brethren in Venezuela.

José Franco, State of Apuré, Venezuela

“I inform you that the tracts you have sent have been a great blessing. Last year, we carried out evangelism in urbanizations, among family members and friends. We gave out tracts and studied in homes with those who gave us the opportunity to teach. The result was a great blessing for the body of Christ. In years past, only 5 were baptized, on average. But, in the year 2019 there were 22 baptisms, for the glory of God.”

Alvaro Bermudez, State of Zulia, Venezuela

“With regard to the tracts, they are effective in identifying the doctrine of the church, thereby avoiding our being confused with denominational groups, and they also accelerate the instruction of new converts.”

Eduardo Mujica, State of Portuguesa, Venezuela

“The tracts have been very good for us, with positive results. We stamp our identify and telephone numbers on them. We have received calls to go and study with people that have liked the subjects of the tracts. They are a very useful tool for those of our congregation who evangelize. At the present, we are having some visitors who have been contacted through the tracts.”

Clemente González, State of Aragua, Venezuela

“In our case, the tracts have been very helpful and we always distribute them in our evangelistic works, as well as through a tract rack. Last year, we had 14 baptisms. We distribute the tracts throughout the year in evangelistic trips every 15 days and in gospel meetings, of which we had three.”

Gustavo Salazar, State of Sucre, Venezuela

“For those of us in the church here, the tracts have been very useful for evangelism. It would be very costly for us to obtain printed material like this. Since you began sending the tracts, they have been very effective in gospel meetings and in activities of the church. Some are for those already converted, and are very much needed. We had a recent baptism that was the fruit of the tracts, which complemented the preaching we did. The man had some of the tracts we had given him. We then had a meeting with him, and he began to ask questions regarding subjects taught in the tracts. He had been a Catholic all his life.”

Jorge Carvalho, State of Sucre, Venezuela

“The tracts have been a great blessing for the expansion of the gospel wherever they have been taken. The information they contain is very clear and simple. Due to the high cost of producing a tract in Venezuela, I dare say they are the only Biblical material the churches in Venezuela have been able to use to share the Word of God with the unconverted.”

Enrique Moreno

“The tracts are producing very good results. They are being used in evangelistic activities and as studies for the congregation.”

If we project that the tracts sent played a roll in the conversion of 10% of the 1,257 baptized last year in Venezuela, that would be 126 souls they helped find the road of salvation, and begin to travel it.

Since your contributions make possible the printing of the tracts, booklets and books (For example, McGarvey’s Commentary on Acts, in Spanish), you, thus, participate in the evangelization of Venezuela and the edification of the converted. We are all grateful, every day, for your vital collaboration.

Dewayne

Attached are 4 photographs of baptisms in Venezuela. The fifth is of the Barinas congregation, with an average of about 500 attending on Sunday mornings.



