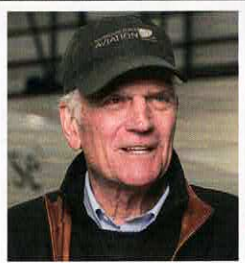




# RUSHING RELIEF TO A SHAKEN VENEZUELA



Dear Friend,

**BACK-TO-BACK EARTHQUAKES ROCKED NORTHERN VENEZUELA ON JUNE 24**, with the second quake recorded as the strongest to hit the country in over a century. Already strained hospitals were damaged, roads were split wide open, and hundreds of buildings collapsed. More than 3,000 people are confirmed dead, and over 16,000 are reported injured.

Thousands more are displaced, and many are still missing. They need our prayers.

Samaritan's Purse rushed to put staff members on the ground and began a series of five cargo airlifts on June 27. Our planes were the first nonmilitary aircraft to arrive and, in total, took in close to 500,000 pounds of relief.

Our Emergency Field Hospital opened on June 30 in the coastal city of La Guaira, the hardest-hit area. Our doctors, nurses, and medical team can care for more than 100 patients a day at the new hospital, which is equipped with 56 patient beds, a critical care unit, pharmacy, laboratory, and two operating rooms. We are providing life-saving surgical care, treating wounds, and reminding families that God loves them.

"Immediately upon opening our emergency department, we were flooded with patients—so many people needed medical care but weren't able to receive it," said one of our doctors. "Most of the people we've seen had trauma when the earthquake happened last week, and they should have been treated at the time, but the system was just overwhelmed."

Mariana was one of the first patients through the door. She was enjoying a quiet afternoon in her apartment when the building started swaying back and forth. Before she could find cover, a concrete wall collapsed on her. She escaped—with injuries—but had no place to go for care, so her wounds did not heal.

When she arrived at our field hospital, the team welcomed her with open arms, tending to infections, performing an X-ray on her foot, and prescribing antibiotics.

"I am truly grateful for the attention," she said, referring to both her medical treatment and our prayers. "I understand that the Lord brought you to this place to help our people."



**SERVING CRITICAL NEEDS:** When hospitals collapsed or were overwhelmed with patients, many people had no place to turn for medical care before our Emergency Field Hospital opened.

A young girl, who was in a coma because she didn't have medication to treat her diabetes, was also brought to our hospital right after it opened. She was near death but is now recovering after receiving extensive treatment from our medical staff.

Peter Holz, our hospital director in La Guaira, knows the mission is twofold. "We're here not only to help heal the physical," he said, "but we also want to share with them the love of Jesus through our work."

In addition to our field hospital, our teams are partnering with local churches to distribute clean water, blankets, solar lights, and more. One congregation is led by Pastor Eusebio. He and his family are living in a tent in the church's parking lot because their apartment building collapsed in the quake. Yet his heart was broken by seeing so many others, especially children, living on the streets. He and his congregation worshiped God in song—through tears—after receiving tarps, lights, and blankets from Samaritan's Purse.

"We felt like there wasn't going to be help from anywhere, from anyone," he said. "And then all of a sudden, you show up and you bring an answer on behalf of God, and that fills us with joy."

Samaritan's Purse already had been working in Venezuela for many years. As the country's economy went into freefall, we began serving hot meals and providing medical care in cooperation with hundreds of local churches and 15 Christian medical partners. We've served over 10 million hot meals to people in need in Venezuela since 2017. Through this outreach, churches have reported more than 70,000 decisions for Christ. In the same timeframe, Samaritan's Purse has also met many urgent needs—medical, food, education, and shelter—among the millions of Venezuelan migrants flowing into neighboring Colombia. I preached the Gospel at a festival in Cucuta, northeastern Colombia, in 2019, just at the border of the two nations.

We plan to be in Venezuela for some time to come. We want to do all that we can to help in Jesus' Name. As Scripture commands us, "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ*" (Galatians 6:2).

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May God bless you.

Sincerely,



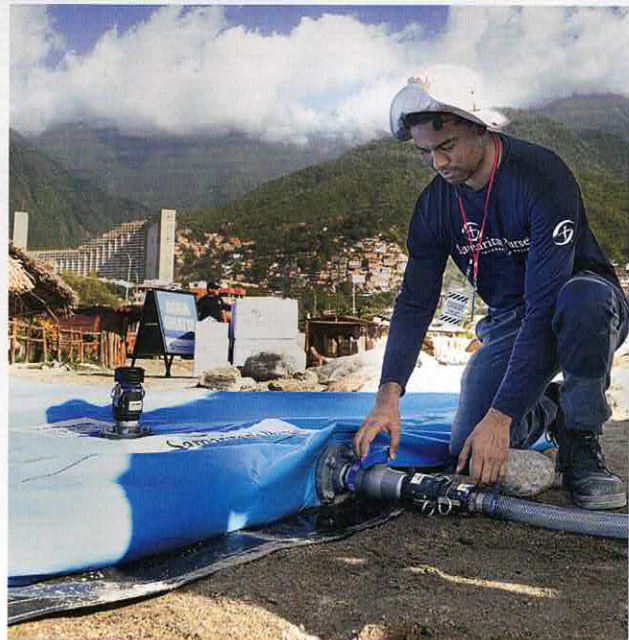
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**PROVIDING NECESSITIES:** We transported the entire hospital and medical supplies via a 767 cargo plane to Venezuela. Additional flights carried water desalination units and other urgently needed essentials.



**WORKING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE:** Serving in Jesus' Name alongside a network of local churches, our teams distribute tarps, water, solar lights, blankets, and other items.



# Urgent Flood Relief for Manitoba Families

Water poured into hundreds of homes across western Manitoba this summer. Two historic floods, weeks apart, overwhelmed the neighboring communities of Minitonas and Swan River. In Minitonas, water washed away roads, cut off power, and damaged 99 percent of the houses.

It's been a long season for these hard-working, resilient rural communities.

"I was surrounded by a lake," said 77-year-old Margaret, who lives on her own in Minitonas. "I looked in the basement, and everything is floating down there. I looked at the window, and it was like Niagara Falls."

Among the cherished items Margaret lost were her piano, piano books, and childhood Bibles, where she had recorded important dates and moments. "That really hurt me," she said. A few days later, Margaret slipped in the mud and broke her foot, leaving her unable to walk. "I didn't even know how to feel."

Samaritan's Purse quickly mobilized a team and one of our Disaster Relief Unit tractor-trailers to help in Jesus' Name. When the second flood hit Swan River in July, also reflooding many Minitonas homes, including Margaret's, we deployed another Disaster Relief Unit.

Teams of volunteers cleaned Margaret's house, tore away flood-damaged walls, and sprayed to inhibit mold growth, at no cost to her. They helped make Margaret's home safe and ready for repair.

"It makes me cry," Margaret said. "I can't afford to have someone come and do [this work]. I don't know what we would do without you folks."

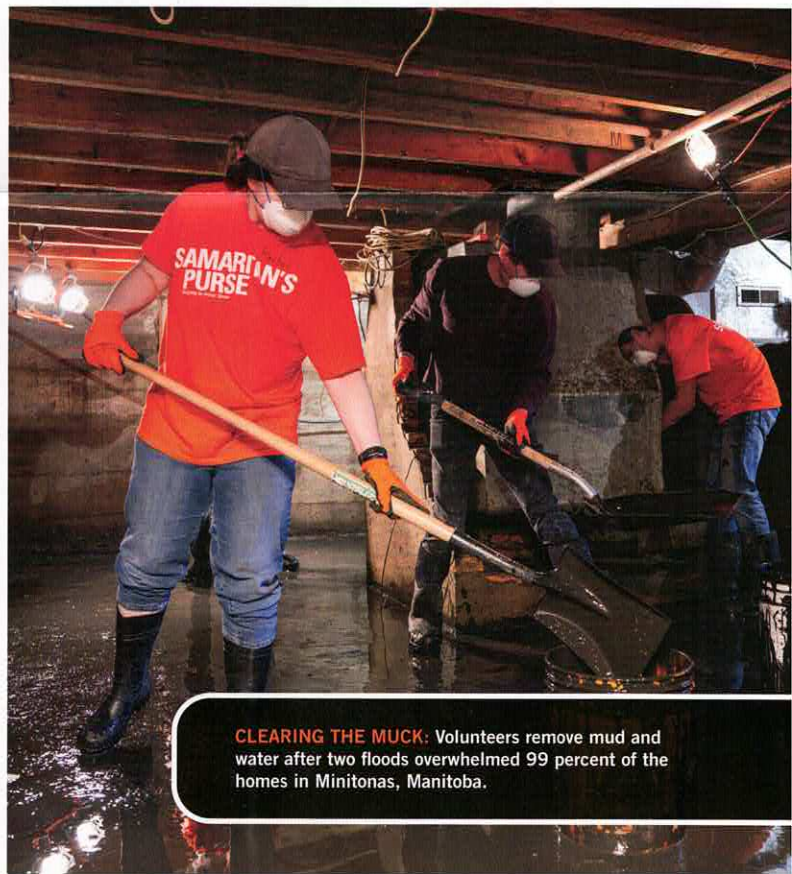
Our team finished their time with Margaret by presenting her with a Bible signed by each volunteer. It can't replace the childhood history contained in the Bibles she lost, but it is a reminder of God's timeless truth even in uncertainty. *"God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ... Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"* (1 John 4:9, 11).

As our volunteers demonstrate God's love, He opens doors to share the Gospel. Sammi, a young mom of four with another on the way, was deeply moved by the care she received.

Mold caused by the flood was invading Sammi's home and making her children sick. The team not only sanitized

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**CLEARING THE MUCK:** Volunteers remove mud and water after two floods overwhelmed 99 percent of the homes in Minitonas, Manitoba.

Sammi's house but they also stood and listened as she tearfully shared about many tragedies she has faced in her life. They prayed with Sammi and shared Jesus' love for her.

"The Samaritans showed up," she said. "They gave us a Bible, and I'm happy to say I started actually reading it. I didn't think that would be something I could do in life. It got me thinking: God, He's working every day in my life, and for my children, and I definitely feel His presence now."

The next Sunday, Sammi brought her entire family to the church Samaritan's Purse partnered with for the response. Please pray for Sammi to know His love more each day.

In mid-July, Samaritan's Purse deployed a third Disaster Relief Unit tractor-trailer, this time to Ottawa, Ontario, after Canada Day storms flooded over 5,800 homes. The City of Ottawa asked Samaritan's Purse to help 200 of the most vulnerable households, many of them seniors with mobility challenges, clean out their damaged houses.

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The needs are massive as these communities face a long road to recovery. Between the three deployments, over 400 families have reached out for help. Samaritan's Purse will remain at each site until every call is answered in Jesus' Name. Your ongoing prayers and support are critical.



**MAKING HOMES SAFE IN JESUS' NAME:**  
Sammi cradles the Bible she received from our team (above). Volunteers finish making Margaret's home safe by spraying to prevent mold (right).



## WAYS YOU CAN **HELP**

### ■ PRAY

Pray for the nation of Venezuela as they recover from this terrible disaster. Pray for Samaritan's Purse teams on the ground there now. Ask God to provide for families recovering from historic floods in Manitoba and damaging storms in Ottawa. Pray that the Lord would open doors for Canadians to know the eternal hope found only in Him.

### ■ VENEZUELA RELIEF

Samaritan's Purse is working to help suffering people in Venezuela after two massive earthquakes hit. We are operating an Emergency Field Hospital and providing clean water, among other forms of relief. As we minister, we point men and women to the eternal hope found only in Jesus Christ.

### ■ CANADIAN RELIEF

Give hope to Manitoba families after devastating floods. A gift of \$80 equips a disaster relief volunteer to serve for one day in Jesus' Name. By giving \$500, you can cover the cost of cleaning up one home and making it safe for a family. A monthly gift of any amount can help provide ongoing recovery support to a vulnerable Canadian after a disaster.



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