

# VENEZUELA UPDATE



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## MORE URGENT PRAYER NEEDED

The correspondence from Pastor Paez in the last few days has been heartbreaking. I couldn't help but think of Job after he had lost everything, even his health, and he found himself sitting in an ash heap with no apparent hope or help in sight.

Pastor Paez describes the situation they are currently living in like this:

"To the unsaved eye the situation in Venezuela is hopeless. People are losing all hope of things ever improving. We are hearing of suicides more often, even teens and children are taking their own lives. Something unheard of before in our society. I believe things are going to get even worse. Without the aid we are receiving from Canada and some US churches, we would be in very bad shape! We are definitely sustained by the grace of God and the provisions from His hands."

Covid infections and deaths are constantly increasing across the country. There is no reliable data to determine accurately what is happening in Caracas or elsewhere. The lockdowns are continuing which keeps the population under a great deal of stress. God alone knows where all of this will end.

Physically, Pastor Paez has been sick much of the last two weeks. One of the issues has been kidney stones which have created a lot of pain. Pray for the physical health of our fellow soldier. On the spiritual and emotional side, the burdens are increasingly heavy. He mentioned when he sees the great trials of the people in the church family, he simply breaks down weeping at times over their pain and suffering.

A verse comes to mind-- Galatians 6:2. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." The greatest need by far of our brothers and sisters in Venezuela is for us to be burden-bearers at this time. Only God is able to sustain these dear people who seem to be going through unending suffering and trials. Allow the Lord to touch your heart and find a quiet place to pray daily for these hurting people. Only God in His Grace is able to sustain them and meet their every need.

In our next update, we will share with you how we were able to purchase oxygen equipment and prescription drugs to send to Venezuela.

For now, please pray for Pastor Paez and the people there.

Pastor Unger