

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Venezuela

General Information

- Population: about 29 million.
- On the northern coast of South America. Venezuela's territory covers around 916,445 square kilometers (353,841 sq mi).
- Venezuela is considered a state with extremely high biodiversity, with habitats ranging from the Andes Mountains in the west to the Amazon Basin rainforest in the south, via extensive llanos plains and Caribbean coast in the center and the Orinoco River Delta in the east.
- Venezuela has been one of the world's leading exporters of oil and has the largest oil reserves.

Challenges

- The culture of Venezuela is a melting pot, which includes mainly three different families: The indigenous, African, and Spanish.
- According to government estimates, 92% of the population is at least nominally Roman Catholic, and the remaining 8% are either irreligious, Protestant, or a member of another religion.
- The Venezuelan Evangelical Council estimates that evangelical Protestants constitute 10 percent of the population
- In February 2013, Venezuela devalued its currency due to the rising shortages in the country.
- Shortages of items included toilet paper, milk, flour and other necessities. As of November 2013, Venezuela's inflation has also greatly increased 54%.

Prayer

- Antonio López once had a successful career as the captain of a Venezuelan oil tanker. Today he delivers something of eternal value--the Good News of Christ. Sent out by Jesus is the Way Baptist Church in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, López serves as a Venezuelan Baptist missionary to the Warao people.
- A staple crop in the Venezuelan Andes, coffee grows on many of the hillsides in these mountains. "The Gospel isn't being preached up here. It's not even being heard," says IMB missionary Forrest Bohlen. He and his wife, Becky, are trying to change that through their outreach among Andean farmers in and around Canaguá, Venezuela.

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