

Brief Report

From Dewayne, Rita and Antonio Shappley

June 16, 2020

A window on evangelism and benevolent work
in Venezuela during the coronavirus pandemic

The **Church of Christ** in the city of **Carúpano**, state of **Sucre**, **Venezuela**

Data taken from a report sent by evangelist Miguel Andarcia.

June 10, 2020



Carúpano is a city of about 185,000. The red indicator shows its location on the Venezuela, Caribbean coast, west of the island of Trinidad.

Farther west is **Puerto La Cruz**, where thousands of pounds of medical supplies, food, clothing, water filters, protein supplements, Bibles, tracts, etc., have been shipped and distributed to 25 congregations in the area through a pharmacy where Sister Priscilla Presilla is the manager. She makes it possible for needy Christians to receive medicines as available, while evangelists of the area see that all other supplies are distributed and used wisely.

All this work has been done, and continues, through the **Venezuela Relief Fund**, overseen by the elders of the **West Broward Church of Christ, Plantation, Florida**, 12550 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33325.

Caracas is still farther west. In the extreme upper, left corner is the island of **Aruba**, where Dewayne and Rita did evangelistic work from 1962 to 1965. At that time, Aruba was one of six islands making up the Netherlands Antilles. It is now an independent entity. Three congregations meet there.

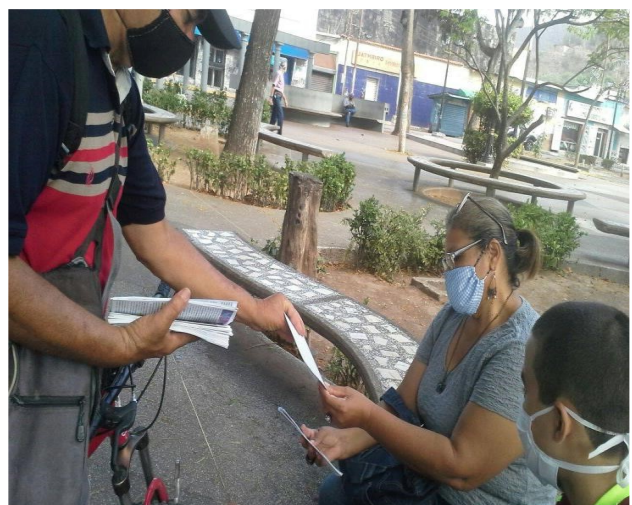
Extracts from a report by evangelist Miguel Andarcia

Because of the quarantine, due to Covid-19, we are meeting in different sectors of the city.

We have been evangelizing, giving classes twice weekly. Two weeks ago, a new congregation was established. It now has 7 members. One of the seven in the picture below is a visitor.



Above. Going out to evangelize. Evangelistic works on different days in different places. Evangelization in Canchunchú La Planta, where a future, new congregation is planned.



Above. Evangelization in Plaza Colón

The **tracts** the brethren in these photographs are using were printed by Antonio and Dewayne in Coral Springs and Tamarac, Florida.



Left. Evangelist Miguel Andarcia and his son.

During this month, we have been visiting different sectors of the city, where brethren are meeting, to share with them the Word, so that they will not be discouraged by this quarantine. We have visited 6 of the 11 sectors. The city of Carúpano has a population of about 180,000.

The medicines received in the boxes have been used to help neighbors, families and all the brethren

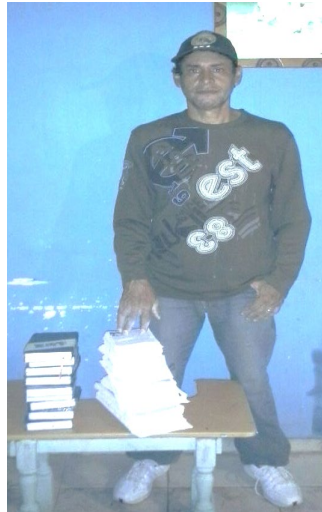
of the church.

The **printed material** received in the boxes has been distributed to congregations and brethren, in some sectors, in need of them. For example:

Below, **left.** Oscar Pereira, in Canchunchú La Cantera.

Center. Enrique Moreno, in Canchunchú, Carúpano Street.

Right. Aristóteles Rodríguez.



The **books** are **Bibles** in Spanish. We have sent many hundreds to churches in Venezuela. Healing Hands, of Nashville, provided them.

The report from Bro. Andarcia continues.

Our plans are to establish **three new works**: In the Canchunchú Sector, in Tío Pedro, and Tocoa.

We have a benevolent project called **"The Good Samaritan,"** we would like to expand. Through it, we have helped many families and institutions, such as a home for the elderly

where we have taken food and medicines. We would like to improve this project by creating a **small pharmacy**. My daughter, Cristal, her fiancé, and my wife are in charge.

Another project is to continue construction on the meeting place and make it more secure. We have been robbed twice, losing all our fans and the water filter.

One of our most urgent needs is **food** for needy brethren. In the congregation there are many single mothers, elderly and unemployed.

Another urgent need is to find, after the quarantine, some **fans**, for this is a very hot area and it is quite uncomfortable to be in the meeting place without them. The space where we meet does not have much ventilation.

The **Bible material** you send us is **most beneficial**. It would be so good if you could send us material for children.