

## Part IV

Recommendation: View the many pictures in this report under a strong light.

### Water filters for pure drinking water! The “Venezuela Water Filter System Shop”!



“I am evangelist Amilcar Silva. Brother, take a good look at this water filter system. So simple! Hey! Our good brethren at Healing Hands International have sent us a thousand of these. Let’s get to work and make a bunch. Here is yours, brother. Now, put it to work! Here you are, brothers and sister. One for each family. Now, use them so you and your loved ones will not get sick from drinking contaminated water. Wash your dishes and clothes in purified water. This little apparatus is good for an indefinite amount of water purification if maintained appropriately by back-washing! Weighs only ounces. **We could use thousands more!**”

One brother in Venezuela did a video on how to set up the simple system. Scores and scores of photographs have been sent showing people receiving and using the filters. A truly valuable blessing! **Right:** Contaminated water above, filter, pure water flowing into the bottle!



### Some recipients of the highly potent, soluble Protein mixture provided by Health Genesis



## Clothes, including very special Headbands by Irelis Shappley



First, in the top row, four little girls at the **Razetti Cancer Institute for Children**, in Barcelona, state of Anzoátegui, show off their special Headbands made by hand by Antonio's wife, Irelis. Then, seven little tikes compete with them. The last little lady on that row, the first on the second row, and, down the line, the fifth, are more interested in showing off other fashions.

Neither are the older ladies and gents to be outdone, for they sent many photographs, of which we selected only six. Looks like they had a ball searching for and trying on pieces suitable to their tastes!

A sizeable amount of clothing in good condition, some of it new, or like new, has been sent. Most was compressed by using a vacuum cleaner to suck all the air out of the heavy-duty, plastic bags in which they were shipped, inside the double-walled boxes. That way, much more clothing will fit in a box.

This type of "Construction Quality" bag has also been used inside the boxes for most of the food, medicines, supplements, literature, etc., shipped.



Evangelist Amilcar Silva, right, with three adults and two children who are receiving clothes, Bibles and food.

## Medicines, Vitamins and Supplements for the Sick and Afflicted



Supplements, over-the-counter medicines and even some prescription medicines have been obtained from different local sources and shipped, in comparatively large quantities, for suffering people in Venezuela. 10,000 extremely expensive pills that kill intestinal parasites (one does the job) were provided by Healing Hands International. **2<sup>nd</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> photo:** 3,800 doses of antibiotics were shipped by Healing Hands. Standing among the boxes received are part of the medical team in Puerto La Cruz, next to the hospital administrator, in white. **Next.** The contents of bottles are divided and put in small bags for individual use. **Last, a powerful, soluble protein mixture** was developed by Bro. David Bozdogan, deacon of West Broward, and shipped, as a donation, for the malnourished in Venezuela. Enough for the equivalent of **9,600 complete meals!** Package design and packaging all done by Health Genesis, a company established by David and his wife, Irena.



A hospital staff receives and administers prescription drugs and antibiotics for cancer patients and



others afflicted by diverse conditions. The paralytic daughter of an evangelist receives a new wheel chair sent to her.



According to communications received from not a few brethren in Venezuela, hospitals, clinics and doctors often simply do not have the medicines needed for operations and treatments. Not even hygienic supplies for procedures. Nor sanitary supplies to insure safe operating facilities and treatment rooms. Patients must find for themselves what would normally be available onsite. If they are physically unable to do it, then, they must depend on relatives and/or friends. If they are fortunate enough to find what they need, they will probably have to pay black market prices, and that will be impossible for the many who do not have the money.



The new wheelchair for Alejandra Rodríguez, daughter of an evangelist, was obtained by Rita, in Tamarac, Florida, when an elderly neighbor died without ever having used the chair. Antonio had it all packed up in a special shipment, and, to the left, is the happy Miss Alejandra when she received the two packages containing the dismantled chair. Her video-taped "Thanks" to Antonio and Rita even now brings tears to my eyes, it was so moving.



**Above: More recipients of the highly potent, soluble Protein mixture provided by Health Genesis**



Bags of the Protein mixture are seen in this box received and opened in Venezuela.



A woman is baptized in a reservoir for water in Venezuela.

## *Evangelism using tracts and conducting Bible studies*

### *Tracts, booklets, books, Bibles and CD's received in Venezuela*



We have 27 tracts in Spanish, 15 in English, 4 books in Spanish and 5 CD's available. Sending only material in Spanish to Venezuela. **Top row, left:** Eighteen different titles are visible, about equally divided between mostly doctrinal and mostly motivational. We recommend giving at least one of each to every recipient. **Top row, right:** Tracts arrive in excellent condition when packed in a heavy-duty plastic bag, and are shipped thus in a double-wall box. **Lower row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left:** They also arrive in very good condition without the protection of a bag. **Next:** Three of the four books included in some shipments. **Last:** Spanish-language, large format Bibles, with a few tracts, face down, in the box in which they were shipped. These came through Healing Hands, Nashville.

### *Preparing Tracts for Distribution*



We offer to print local data on tracts and can do that easily by just adding it to any tract. The tract is then saved as a file for the designated place and reprintings can be quickly made when desired. However, we are not yet printing tracts in that way for churches in Venezuela, perhaps due to the general unrest in the country and possible change or loss of meeting places. Too, quantities of tracts sent to any one congregation may be shared with neighboring congregations. Though adding local information to large quantities of tracts is no small task, volunteers can make it work, and scores of them can make considerable progress in a couple of hours. Preprinted labels and rubber stamps are of great help.

Left, a couple has their work cut out for them. Next: This young woman is occupied in the same task. Next: Just about anybody from an older child on can do the job, and this young man is doing his part. Last: So is this young girl.

### Distribution of tracts



Left: A stand with a diagram of the gospel on top and tracts below. A young Christian with his Bible open answers some question or explains some teaching to the interested gentleman who holds tracts he has received in his left hand. Next: Brethren distribute tracts in a commercial area. Next: A Christian lady gives tracts to a young girl. Next: The brother in the red shirt has several titles he can share with these contacts.



Top left: A brother shares tracts and the gospel with three in a neighborhood. Next: In front of a meeting place of a Church of Christ, a sister gives tracts to passersby. Next: Hard times for a frail young man in threadbare jeans, but there is hope. Medicines or supplements for the body and messages for the soul hold the promise of better times ahead, prayerfully. Lower left, first two: An evangelist gives tracts and Bibles to dwellers in a tropical, jungle-like area. Next: Another distressed young man with Tylenol in one hand and a tract in the other. Many, many photos show that people who receive food, medicines, supplements, water filters, clothes, etc., also are given tracts. Next: A young fellow receives tracts. Believe it or not, a lot of people, even the young, still read! That **“Nobody reads anymore, so why give out tracts”** is a very successful ploy of the Devil. Last: Distributing tracts in outlying areas. Makes one feel good and useful! Just about anybody can distribute tracts. Why do many church leaders disregard their value?

*Evangelization through Open-Air Bible Studies*



The number of photos like these five showing Bible studies and meetings out in the open is impressive.

*Hundreds of People Confessing Christ and Being Baptized in Venezuela during the Nine Months Covered by this Special Report*



We have received scores and scores of photos of baptisms. Multiple baptisms in occasions. Previous page. **Top row, left:** Eleven in a pool. **Next:** Fourteen in the sea. **Next:** A young lady in what appears to be a canal. **Bottom row, left:** In a large, concrete reservoir. **Next:** In a very large tub. **Next:** In a beautiful stream. **Next:** In a round, smaller reservoir for water.



**Upper, left:** Abel Rojas is baptized. His name is on the first two photos. Baptized in a barrel. Glad the baptizer sent the second photo so we could be sure Abel did, indeed, rise up to walk in newness of life! **Next:** I still have my doubts as to whether or not the baptizer really could baptize this young lady in a barrel, but, certainly, he must have. **Next:** A woman in a shallow, clear stream. **Next:** Two in the crystal, clear waters of a stream. **Lower, left:** One in a boulder strewn stream. **Next:** Seven in the azure blue sea. **Next:** A young man in a mountain stream. **Next:** Eight more come out of the sea where they have been baptized.

*A Few of the Evangelists and Congregations in Venezuela*



In the fourth quarter of 2018, evangelists from about **14 states of Venezuela** met in **Barquisimeto**. Being informed of the date for their scheduled meeting, the window of opportunity to get quantities of tracts and other literature to them, in time for each to take a portion back to the area where he works, was rather tight. We proceeded promptly to make a shipment and the material did arrive in time. **Above, right:** The brother with a cap on has packs of tracts in front of him.

**Right:** An evangelist and his family.



**Upper left:** This congregation says, with its sign, "Let Us Shine in the Darkness," primarily, no doubt, in the context of spiritual light and spiritual darkness, but, perhaps also, an allusion to the widespread blackouts plaguing Venezuela, in addition to other dire problems. **Lower left:** One side of the theater where the 600 member Barinas, Venezuela congregation meets. The locations of the other two congregations are not known to us. It would be wonderful if all the photos came with relevant information, but that is not the case.



**Seven more congregations.** Locations not identified. **Frist row, right:** A brother takes a selfie of himself and the congregation. **Second row:** Back and front views of the same meeting place. In the first photo, the congregation has followed the shadow of the roof, moving their chairs to the left of the roofed area. Natural air-conditioning. **Third row:** A church of Christ meets here, in this tropical, jungle-like setting of Venezuela. **Fourth row, left:** A congregation meets in a narrow, long space, with high, windowless, concrete walls and no air-conditioning. They look plenty relaxed and happy. No high maintenance and utility bills!