



*The nations of the Americas are undergoing incredible changes — some painful, some exciting. But through it all, God is moving. And lives are being changed.*

## God is Moving among Venezuelan Refugees

At the current inflation rate, 97 percent of the population of Venezuela will be starving by the end of 2018. Shelves in the stores are nearly empty, and what is available is too expensive to buy. Half the hospitals are closed. People who need specialized medicine must flee the country or they will likely die.



*A team ready to help the refugees.*

Each day, five thousand Venezuelans leave their homeland. Surrounding nations are struggling to meet these refugees' needs. Over six hundred thousand have arrived in Cúcuta, Colombia, which is ill-equipped to handle this volume. Former professionals are selling cigarettes on the street to earn a little money.

Despite all of this, God is at work. Churches are miraculously feeding hundreds of people twice a week on about \$100. The gospel is being shared in transient camps, and many are coming to Christ. Plans are underway to plant one hundred new churches, despite limited resources. Even Venezuelan Christians who have left their homes are starting churches, carrying out the Great Commission, despite having left everything behind.

“And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47 HCSB).

**1 FRANCE.** France is a very difficult ministry location. It takes a long time for many of the French to feel comfortable even talking about faith. Pray for Baptist workers as they seek places of ministry.

**2 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** Pray for those who've heard the gospel in Megan's\* neighborhood to come to faith.

**3 AMERICAS.** Priests in an Amazon River village are adamantly opposed to the indigenous people hearing the gospel. Pray that the people will be able to hear the truth and put their faith in Christ.

**4 DEAF PEOPLES OF WEST AFRICA.** New Christians in this area face hostility, isolation, and persecution when they follow Jesus. Please remember them before the throne.

**5 AMERICAS.** Pray for the work among the Han Chinese in Lima, Peru. Over one million Chinese

have come to Peru seeking work and freedom.

**6 SOUTH ASIA.** Pray for South Asian Muslims who are interacting with God's Word through mobile phone apps. A new Bible correspondence app will provide an opportunity for those who are seeking truth to ask questions of local teachers.

**7 AFGHANISTAN.** Mike\* is a local Christian whose sister is struggling with mental illness. Ask for her holistic healing, and pray for her salvation.

**8 AMERICAS.** Pray for UBLA (the Latin-American Baptist Union) and its work in Central and South America. Pray for good working relationships with IMB missionaries as well as other local ministries.

**9 EAST ASIA.** Pray that Korean and Chinese Christians will continue to catch a vision for international missions and be sent out to make disciples and plant churches.

**10 AMERICAS.** The situation in Venezuela is dire. Pray for the government officials to accept the

aid that has been offered. Pray for those who cannot leave to have sufficient food and medical resources. Pray for those who have left to find asylum, work, and a new life.

**11 CAMBODIA.** Please pray for some mature Christians who are training churches. Ask that those they teach will desire to fulfill the Great Commission by equipping their church members.

**12 LAST FRONTIER.** Pray for some new Christians who must decide whether or not to be baptized publicly. Ask that they will experience God's peace, power, and love.

**13 AMERICAS.** In Cuba, thousands are coming to Christ as a result of strategic evangelistic events across the country. Pray for the pastors and their churches to be able to disciple these new believers.

**14 INDIA.** Lift up new Christians in villages where there is difficult opposition. Pray that the Lord will break down strongholds and plant reproducing churches in both of these villages.

**15 AMERICAS.** Pray for a new church start in Acambay, Mexico, which is a partnership with Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Cristo Viene and Sojourn Church of Louisville, Kentucky. This area of Mexico has little evangelical presence.

**16 SAUDI ARABIA.** Ask that Saudi Arabian women will hear how valuable they are to God. Pray that they are able to encounter the gospel.

**17 UGANDA.** Intercede for a new missionary family who has recently arrived in Uganda. Pray that they will not feel overwhelmed but will be open to new ideas and eager to participate.



Chinese women studying God's word.

**18 AMERICAS.** Many of our missionaries in the Americas are working with people experiencing marital difficulties. Moreover, it is often very expensive to obtain the necessary documents to be officially married, so many, even in the church, opt for common law marriages. Please pray for the churches to have wisdom and grace to deal with these situations.

**19 GREECE.** Praise the Lord for a Greek pastor who has a vision to develop small groups and leaders that can lead to church plants! Pray that God will give him and his team wisdom as they seek God's will.

**20 AMERICAS.** Pray for the Naka people of Brazil. In a recent meeting with tribal leaders, one said, "I know that it was God who sent you to us. In this last year, there were thirty-three suicides among our people. We are losing our youth . . . our people are going to die off. God sent you to us for the salvation of the Naka people. We want to hear the message that you have from God and we want to hear it now!" Please pray that we will be able to communicate the hope they can have through salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**21 SOUTHEAST ASIA.** Mara\* has heard the gospel many times. But she still refuses to put her faith in Jesus. Please pray her heart will be courageous enough to trust Christ.

**22 BHUTAN.** Pray for Nepali and Indian Christians who are planning to travel to Bhutan to minister. Ask that they will find opportunities and open doors to encourage and train fellow believers.

**23 AMERICAS.** In 2017, the IMB missionaries to the Americas identified 103 peoples and places to be engaged with the gospel by the end of 2020. Pray as leadership



*A group of locals study the Bible with a missionary in Brazil.*

continues to strategically engage these. Pray for partnerships with national churches, US churches, and other mission agencies.

**24 JAPAN.** Pray that Christians in Tokyo will find ways to connect with their neighbors and share Christ in the midst of the city's busy pace.

**25 AMERICAS.** Baptist seminaries in Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, and Colombia are using multiple strategies to train national Christians to go out as pastors and missionaries. Pray for these programs to teach effective methods of cross-cultural evangelism and discipleship.

**26 ANGOLA.** Please pray for laborers to come and work in Angola. Ask the Lord of the harvest to open wide the country of Angola and send laborers into this land.

**27 DEAF PEOPLES.** Andrea\* is the only Christian in her family. Pray that her husband and in-laws will see her good works and desire to know more about this Jesus she follows.

**28 AMERICAS.** Pray for Adonai Gemeinde, an Iranian and Afghan church of over one

hundred members (all converts from Islam) that is led by a Brazilian-Austrian couple. They are facing interpersonal problems and cultural misunderstandings. Pray for the peace of God as our IMB missionaries and the Baptist Convention of Austria seek to help them work through these issues.

**29 KAZAKHSTAN.** University is an important time for students. Pray that Christian students will be a strong witness on their campuses, and that many will hear the news of Christ.

**30 MALAYSIA.** Pray for one group of new Christians meeting weekly in Kuala Lumpur. Ask that they will continue to be amazed day after day by God's majesty and magnificence, his care and kindness. of Christ to transform lives.

**31 THAILAND.** There are only a small number of Christians among the Thai-Malay people. Ask that they will have the boldness to share their faith with others. Pray that they will be aware of the presence of the Lord and that they will gain access to God's Word.



Shoppers in Chinatown.

## New Possibilities in Peruvian Chinatown

Take a walk down the streets of Lima's Chinatown and you will find spiritual darkness. Shops and stalls are filled with Chinese spices, cookware, fruits, and vegetables, but also with idols. There are temples to numerous deities in the few blocks of "Barrio Chino."

The Chinese population in Peru is the largest in Latin America and very few are Christians. Many own Chinese restaurants known as chifas. The Gateway City Team in Lima is striving to reach these with the good news that will bring them not only eternal life, but daily hope.

Because many of the Han Chinese do not speak Spanish, language classes are one way to gain access to these hard-working men and women. Chinese churches from the US are sending Mandarin-speaking teams to partner with IMB missionaries in Lima. Pray for open hearts to receive life everlasting.

## AMERICAS

EVEN WITH THEIR RICH HERITAGE OF MISSIONS, THE AMERICAS ARE HOME TO MORE THAN 550 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING WITHOUT JESUS. HELP US EXALT CHRIST, EQUIP THE CHURCH, AND EMBRACE THE NATIONS.

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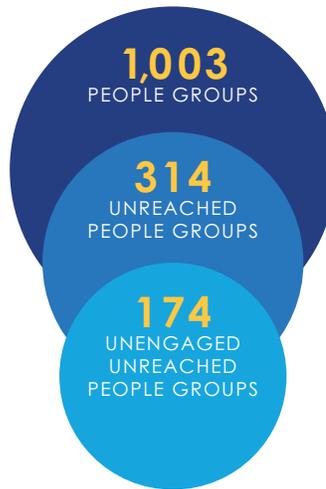
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