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VENEZUELA: IMPACT REPORT

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For years, we have watched as Venezuela has descended into chaos, plunging millions of precious brothers and sisters into economic hardship, political unrest and unbearable living conditions.

Through our friends at Vereda Church in Mexico City, we were introduced to a church on the Colombia-Venezuela border called Iglesia Cristiana Para la Frontera: Christian Church For the Border.

Strategically positioned in Cúcuta, a few hundred yards from what has been named the Bridge of Desperation, Frontera Church serves hundreds of Venezuelan women, men and children each day.

Pastor Chris led a team to visit the church in March 2019 and shared a sermon from the bridge, inviting Ecclesians to travel from Houston to Cúcuta, assist in ongoing relief efforts and help these brothers and sisters by carrying their bags and praying for their difficult journey.

In true Ecclesia fashion, we also threw a block party at Frontera, complete with a 10-piece band and gourmet burgers for over 4,000 people. This was the first time in years that most of these friends had eaten meat of any kind.

In the weeks that followed, more Ecclesians took the opportunity to travel down and serve at the border alongside our partners at Frontera and Operation Blessing.

In November 2019, Pastor Chris returned to Cúcuta along with a group of Ecclesians to serve and pray at the border. As the group washed the feet of these weary travelers, we heard more overwhelming stories - medical needs, counseling needs, trauma and malnutrition.

But we also reunited with friends, such as our sister Alexandra, who in March was at serious risk of losing her leg due to infection. We had arranged for Alexandra to travel to Argentina to receive urgently needed surgery and care, and when we reunited with her in November, her joy lifted our spirits.

Any humanitarian crisis is overwhelming at every turn, humbling at every level. But we believe that God has given us a unique burden for these precious brothers and sisters, and a calling to support Pastor Mauricio and his wife Isabelina of Frontera, both of whom are serving tirelessly and faithfully.

Ecclesia, please continue praying with us as we seek God's guidance in responding to this ongoing crisis.

MINISTRY INITIATIVES

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IGLESIA CRISTIANA PARA LA FRONTERA

Renovations and Community Support

Building Improvements	\$8,000
Contract Labor	\$8,500
TOTAL	\$16,500

Food Assistance

Kitchen / Dining Space: (150 meals/day)	\$8,000
Mar 2019 Block Party	\$8,000
Nov 2019 Block Party	\$9,000
Grocery Assistance	\$12,000
Infant Nutrition Center	\$22,500
TOTAL	\$59,500

La Carpa de Esperanza (Tent of Hope) *Serves approximately 1000 migrants/week.*

Facility Improvements	\$1,200
Grocery Assistance	\$1,000
Shoes	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$3,200

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Alexandra Ortega

Emergency knee surgery in Argentina, in addition to 3 months' living expenses

TOTAL	\$4,500
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Snidey Family

Family of five with an ill son. Investment for mother to make dolls to sell, in addition to rental and food assistance.

TOTAL	\$500
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TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Vehicles

Transportation for volunteers and migrants from the border into Colombia, and Frontera specific needs

Vehicle 1	\$12,000
Vehicle 2	\$10,000
Vehicle 3	\$10,000
Maintenance & Upkeep	\$4,000

TOTAL	\$36,000
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TRAVEL

Transport of Ecclesia staff, volunteers and supplies from Houston to Cúcuta, Colombia, Mar 2019 and Nov 2019

TOTAL	\$15,800
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RESOURCES & SUPPORT

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VENEZUELA FUND

TOTAL REVENUE: \$135,300

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$136,000

TOTAL SUPPLIES COLLECTED: 3,200 lbs

Donations of powdered baby formula, nutrition bars, shoes, socks and suitcases

Ecclesia, thank you for these meaningful expressions of empathy, advocacy and love.

THE CRISIS IS ONGOING

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to support continued relief efforts, including partnership with Frontera Church, meals and grocery assistance, medical treatments, shoes and protective clothing for long journeys on foot.

To make a donation, please visit ecclesiahouston.org/venezuela

God bless you, Ecclesia.

