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## Bringing Hope to a Devastated Country

Silvia & Yenny



In the last six years I have watched my country be destroyed. We see the lack of food, water, and gasoline, the basic necessities, the doctors in the hospitals working without gloves, many times without electricity. Due to contamination many patients have died, says VBB partner Yenny from Venezuela.

The Word of God says in Isaiah 61:1-2

"The mighty Spirit of Lord Yahweh is wrapped around me because Yahweh has anointed me, as a messenger to preach good news to the poor. He sent me to heal the wounds of the brokenhearted, to tell captives, "You are free," and to tell prisoners, "Be free from your darkness." I am sent to announce a new season of Yahweh's grace and a time of God's recompense on his enemies, to comfort all who are in sorrow,"

And that is exactly what Vision Beyond Borders has done for years. The Lord has used this ministry to bring hope into Spanish speaking countries like Venezuela and Mexico and others in Latin America by sending the Word of God free of charge to thousands of people. His Word has reached hospitals, bringing Christ to doctors, nurses and patients; It has reached the prisons and also the military, into the most dangerous and difficult to enter areas, and to the top of mountains where there is no road access. We have seen lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and this fills us with joy. God is faithful and even though in the media we only hear what man has done to destroy countries like Venezuela, the Lord has not forsaken His people.

The pastors and our brothers in Christ have not stopped praying. They have seen how the hand of God has protected them. There are many Christians in Spanish speaking countries that don't have Bibles because they are difficult to obtain or because the cost is very high or access to them is not allowed.

A couple of months ago a pastor from Latin America asked us to pray for his ministry in ten prisons. In two of them they kept a record of one person coming to Christ daily. For this reason the guards began to destroy their Bibles. He wrote: "Please pray for this, since it is very difficult to acquire Bibles and those that are given to the brothers in the prisons, they're breaking them. It was not enough to break all the Bibles, they are also dispersing them throughout the prisons of different provinces away from their families. The broken Bibles have been rescued, and we're going to try to repair as many we can."





2 Timothy 4:2
Preach the word; be prepared
in season and out of season;
correct, rebuke and encourage
- with great patience and
careful instruction.

Another pastor who lives in this Spanish-speaking, communist country, told us that he was a thief by trade with a disordered life because of drugs and alcohol among many other things. One day he stole a purse from a woman. He never imagined that inside the stolen bag there would be biblical material, which completely changed his life. He is now pastor of a church of 60 people. The Word of God has the power to change people and transform nations if only people could have access to it.

Another testimony that touched hearts was that of Pastor Lugo, from Venezuela. In his congregation only he and one member of the church had Bibles. His heart was filled with sadness when he saw how they passed the Bibles one by one to read the Word of God. Then he said to his congregation: "Today when the service is over, we'll be making a cry to God for Bibles." They were praying until very late that night. The next morning, a VBB contact in charge of distributing the Bibles knocked on Pastor Hugo's door, he was speechless for a few minutes, with tearful eyes he told how had been praying that night for Bibles. GLORY TO GOD! Thank you Vision Beyond Borders for bringing hope to many countries.

May God allow us to live passionately to invest in the Kingdom and to bring the Word of Life to the last corner of the earth.

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