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Fundación Gotas de Amor - RIF: J41116642-1

Barquisimeto, VENEZUELA



To: *Our friends and partners*

Project: Self-sustaining Feeding Program.

Fundación Gotas de Amor (Drops of Love) was formally born in the year 2016 in the city of Barquisimeto, Venezuela as a family project serving dozens of children in the urban community of La Ruezga with food and clothing which was a great need due to the economic crisis that was being experienced at that time in Venezuela, a crisis that even today continues to hit hard.

During all these years we have maintained Food Programs focused mainly on Children, Older Adults and people in vulnerable conditions, both in the community and also providing support to Christian churches in vulnerable areas. All this through the grace of God, our own resources, and donations from others in the past years.

We are very grateful for all the help that many of you have given us - you who we consider important allies in this fight to bring Justice and God's Love to those most in need.

Currently we are only holding feeding days on Saturdays and Sundays, this with our own resources, in a local Church in the community of El Tostao west of Barquisimeto, thus reaching 40 to 60 children, distributing 80 to 120 meals weekly.

On this occasion, we have the fervent desire in our hearts to go one step beyond in social work. We want to implement a Self-Sustainable Feeding Program which initially allows us, on the one hand, to provide Food to hundreds of people in different places, and on the other hand, to sell food at prices well below those currently available in supermarkets, thus generating a double Win-Win benefit allowing hundreds of other families to acquire these foods at excellent prices and this in turn generating a source of income so that the Foundation can offer sustainability over time to the Feeding programs.

The current situation of the country, the volatility of inflation, and the latent threat of re-experiencing situations like those experienced during the years 2016-2018 forces us to think ahead and thus imagine what would happen if the dictatorship closed the ports and customs? What would happen if the national reserves of Gasoline and Diesel were exhausted? Currently (March 2021) there is a shortage of Diesel in the country, which could generate a paralysis of the transport of food at the national level, producing this shortage and rise in prices.

For this reason we wish to develop this self-sustaining program so that no matter how adverse the internal situation of the country becomes, we can continue to provide God's love reflected in Works for those most in need.

We also want to start bringing aid to the Central Hospital of Barquisimeto, thus covering part of a great need that came before our eyes a few weeks ago due to having our children hospitalized. In this hospital they bring patients from different states of the country since it is the only one in the Western region of Venezuela that has certain important specialties and equipment, despite not having laboratories.

There is a great need that unfortunately becomes visible to us only when we experience it firsthand!

On the outskirts of this hospital, hundreds of relatives of patients spend the night on the sidewalks, this is because most of them are people from villages far from the city, people without resources to pay for a hotel room, and inside the hospital they do not allow relatives to stay overnight. These people suffer the nightly onslaught of the weather and the pain of hunger. We want to help them!

Our range of action will initially be developed as follows:

- Increase of days/week to attend to the children of the El Tostao community. We will go from providing food on Saturday and Sunday, to providing the same benefit also on Tuesday and Thursday, with a goal to soon cover the entire week.
- We will distribute 200 Arepas (national food) at the Central Hospital of Barquisimeto on Wednesday and Friday, and on Saturday night. As well as blankets and some medical supplies that we can get.
- Selling food at excellent prices which will allow us to recover investment and reinvest the proceeds in order to generate sustainability for social aid programs.

We wish to be able to develop this project and in this way continue to show God's Love through actions as the Word of God teaches us in the Book of James, Chapter 2 verses 14 to 17:

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says that he has faith and does not have works? Can faith save you? And if a brother or a sister is naked, and they need maintenance every day, and one of you says to them: Go in peace, be warm and be satisfied, but you do not give them the things that are necessary for the body, of what take advantage of? So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead in itself. "

To start this project, we are initially needing the amount of \$400 USD, which will be allocated to the acquisition of the following necessary food items:

- 12 packages of Corn Flour, 20 kg each (\$ 260)
- 2 packages of Sugar, 20 kgs each (\$40)
- 2 packages of Ham - about 10kg (\$60)
- 4 boxes of Margarine - 3kg (\$40)

For the collection of these initial funds, we thought of using campaigns on the GoFundMe portal, but unfortunately, as we do not have an SSN, we are unable to consider that option. That is why we turn to partners and friends like you who have always supported us so that in the measure of your possibilities you would be able to help us to make this dream come true, which undoubtedly comes from God.

We appreciate in advance all the help that you could give us for the development of this project that is destined to have a very positive impact on hundreds of families by the grace and work of our beloved God!

Wishing that the blessing and Peace of God always cover your hearts!

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