

***Thanks!***

Michelle would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have been so supportive of her and her work in the past. None of this would be possible without your prayerful support. Her prayer is that you have been blessed by your support of her and in your own ministries.

Michelle is currently looking for additional commitments of monthly support for the work in Caracas.

Matthew 28:19-20...

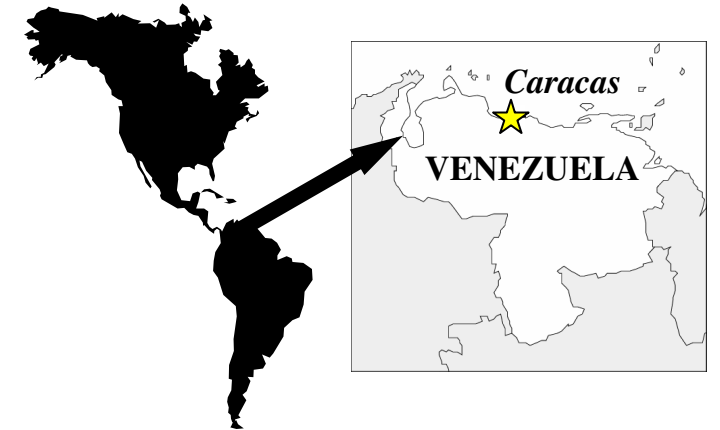
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Please help fulfill the great commission by committing to:

- Pray daily for the work in Caracas, Venezuela
- Financially support Michelle and her work
- Reach out to the people in your own community

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about Michelle’s work. If you would like to be added to her mailing list, please contact her father, David Goff at david\_goff@compuserve.com or 9836 S. Keenan St., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130, 303-583-5925. Donations can be mailed to the Westside Church of Christ, 4527 Freedom Dr., Charlotte, NC 28208.

***Making a Difference –  
in  
Caracas, Venezuela***



***Future Plans  
for  
Michelle J. Goff  
January 2003***

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Michelle's direct involvement in missions began with her first campaign to Maracay, Venezuela, in the summer of 1996. From that time on, Michelle has used her Spanish and shown her love for the lost wherever the work has carried her. She has had the opportunity to work in Atlanta, Georgia; Almaty, Kazakhstan; Bogotá, Colombia; Caracas, Venezuela; Cozumel, Mexico; Denver, Colorado; Irkutsk, Russia; and Valera, Venezuela.

### ***The Future***

With these experiences and a passion for the Latin American culture and people, Michelle has continued her involvement in Venezuela and Colombia.

At the beginning of April 2002, she returned from a six-week survey trip to Venezuela. There were several goals for this trip or questions that needed to be answered:

- Is Caracas where God wants Michelle to be?
- Who are the current leaders in Caracas and who might be able to move there to help with a new work in the east?
- How can other members/church leaders in other cities be involved in this ministry?

After returning, Michelle has made plans to move to Caracas, Venezuela, in January 2003.

### ***Financial Needs***

Working Fund	\$21,750
Salary	\$19,000
Moving Expenses	\$5,000
Total Need (~\$3400/mo.)	

### ***Goals and Plans for Caracas***

The Bible Correspondence Course School has been the principal source of contacts since the inception of the work in Venezuela. It is presently not functioning. Michelle will be coordinating the re-structure and revitalization of the Bible Correspondence Course School out of the Caracas office. While working in the office, Michelle also will serve as a Bible teacher and leader for the women and children in a one-on-one or small group context

The other principal goal is to help establish a vital work in the eastern part of Caracas. There is currently a small group of Christians meeting in Michelle's future apartment in Chacao (east Caracas).

### ***Why East Caracas?***

1. the need
2. the receptivity
3. ability – not everyone can work there
4. the desire to make a difference

### ***Who will Michelle be working with?***

**José Quiñones** is the preacher at the El Silencio congregation in Caracas. Michelle has spoken at that congregation in women's conferences twice and has worshipped with them at other times. The church office is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of that building in downtown Caracas. Michelle will work from that office and from her apartment.

**Elías Elcure** is a brother from Barquisimeto who moved to Caracas in April 2002 to work full-time with the church in the east.

**José Rogelio and Teresa Perez** are recent graduates of the Sunset School of Preaching in Quito, Ecuador. As a married couple with training and experience, they both will be an invaluable asset to our team.

**Daniel and Mary Mata** are another experienced couple with three children. They have been working with the congregation in Puerto Ordaz for about ten years. They are still prayerfully considering the decision to work with us.

**Jose Bello** preaches for the congregation in Catia (far west Caracas) and has helped with the Tuesday afternoon Bible studies in the east.

**Those to come...** There is currently no "North American Team" targeting Caracas, but there are many others who are interested in this work and are prayerfully considering joining the current team in Caracas.

The relationships with these Venezuelan leaders, which have already been established in Caracas, and the experience Michelle has had working with other congregations throughout Venezuela have provided Michelle with a good foundation, strong backing, and solid leadership with which she will be able to work. The connections and relationships established across the nation in the past have provided a network, which has served also to unify the works in Venezuela.

May God be praised for what He is able to do through Michelle and for your help with this ministry.