

# What Is a Camp Worth?



Picture pastoring a church or starting a church where *every* person lives under relentless stress and crises. Where children in the congregation go to bed hungry. Where adequate medical care is scarce or non-existent. Where a carton of 30 eggs uses most of a minimum wage. Where 40% of church membership has emigrated recently leaving the sick and elderly, children from unchurched families, some youth, and a miniscule 5% tithing adults. Now picture the opportunity to spend a slow-paced week at camp with others from around the country, renewing old ties, receiving pastoral care, playing dominoes, visiting, experiencing spiritual renewal, receiving training, rest, encouragement, and fellowship to return replenished to the daunting ahead.



This was the experience in 2017 of 750 Venezuelan pastors (counting families) and 700 Venezuelan home missionaries (counting families) thanks to the Venezuelan Baptist Camp, *Campamento Bautista Campo Carabobo*. Sadly, the camp suffers critical deterioration. Built with Southern Baptist offerings and gifts in the mid-80's, the camp has a decades-long history of serving Venezuelan Baptists from every walk and organization, as well as the surrounding community. Today the camp cabins need maintenance, paint, electrical work, water system maintenance, bathroom revamping, new mattresses, and work on the roofs. Care-taker Piñero lives in a house with the roof falling in to such a degree that he has had to support sections with poles. Baptist Global Response (BGR) is helping revamp the electrical work and water system. You can support this work by going [here](#) to contribute. The rest remains without funding. Venezuela has the highest inflation. Her people cannot even fund their most essential needs. They do not have money for the needed camp maintenance. If in addition to gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 100% of which goes to directly support IMB missionary work around the globe, you wish to join the IMB in our effort to help the camp, you can do so by making a contribution [here](#). Please enter this Project ID in the "Missionary Name and Location" box: **G48H-VEN - Venezuela, Americas Affinity.**

See camp conditions shown in photos, below:





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