

July 11, 2026

IN THIS ISSUE

- Interview with the Provincial Father, Alfredo Infante
- Report and accountability: Centro de Acopio UCAB.
- Fe y Alegría remains active in the face of the emergency.

OFFICIAL FIGURES**Human Toll****Confirmed deaths:** 4,118**Injured:** 16,740**Displaced persons:** 17,907**Infrastructure and Seismicity****Recorded aftershocks:** 1,076

Buildings affected: 856 with damage.
 190 homes with **total collapse**.

OTHER SOURCES

The United Nations (**UN**) issued a call to raise nearly **\$300 million** to assist **1.3 million people**, and the Pan American Health Organization (**PAHO**) warned that the health emergency **"is far from over"**.
 Source: <https://news.un.org/es>

Provincial Father Alfredo Infante: "the only power God has is the power to create and give life, not to destroy or punish"

In a recent interview conducted by the Communications Director of the Emergencia 2026 campaign, Juan Salvador Perez, Father Alfredo Infante, provincial of the Jesuits in Venezuela, shared profound reflections on the perception of natural disasters and the image of God in times of crisis. The interview took place at the collection center of the Society of Jesus, located at the Coloso de Ignacio, following the devastating earthquakes of June 24.

Father Infante addressed a recurring question among those affected: "Why did this happen to us? Is it divine punishment?" In his response, the priest emphasized the need to dismantle the image of a punishing God. "That perception comes from a magical-religious worldview and a judging God that does not correspond to the God of Jesus," he stated.

Infante emphasized that the God he believes in and preaches is one who accompanies, serves, and defends human dignity. "The only power God has is the power to create and give life, not to destroy or punish," he added, underscoring the importance of understanding a God who invites us to build, not to destroy.

This conversation arises in a context where the suffering of the innocent is palpable and where communities seek answers and spiritual comfort. Father Infante's message focuses on offering a hopeful perspective, reminding us that spirituality should be a source of strength, not fear.

The interview with Father Alfredo Infante offers a reflective look at how to approach tragedies from a spiritual perspective, promoting an image of God who accompanies and strengthens in difficult times.

More from this interview at <https://unidosenlamision.org/>





Fe y Alegría remains active in the face of the emergency

The Popular Education and Social Promotion Movement Fe y Alegría remains deployed and active, providing initial support to affected staff at the 25 prioritized educational centers following the two earthquakes that struck on June 24. Through this deployment, the institution offers fraternal listening, extends an unconditional helping hand, and structures a solid response across the spiritual, emotional, and material dimensions.

The organization has prioritized attention at 25 educational centers that reported levels of damage following the seismic event, located in the states of Carabobo, Miranda, La Guaira, Aragua, and the Capital District (Caracas).

This difficult situation has affected the lives of 1,398 workers, including teaching, administrative, and maintenance staff, as well as 12,351 families of students enrolled in these schools.

In this regard, Fe y Alegría reports with deep sorrow that the emergency has claimed the lives of 26 students—an irreparable loss that grieves the entire movement. Additionally, a total of 15,332 students belonging to these 25 prioritized centers currently have their school activities interrupted, making educational continuity and academic rescheduling one of the institution's most urgent challenges.

Report and Accountability: UCAB Collection Center

Following the earthquakes of June 24, 2026, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (UCAB) activated a Collection Center on June 25 as an immediate response to the emergency.

Requests Handled: 444 requests were managed during the period from June 27 to July 3, 2026. Of these, at least 80 corresponded to the UCAB community.

Volunteers: More than 500 volunteers participated in the operation, with over 300 people attending per day.

Units Distributed: Approximately 39,089 units of supplies were distributed, equivalent to about 161.9 metric tons of aid.

Vehicle Dispatches: Approximately 229 vehicle dispatches were documented for aid distribution.

Geographic Coverage: Aid was distributed across four states: La Guaira, Caracas, Miranda, and Aragua, reaching more than 130 destinations.





Workshop: La Misión es Venezuela

On July 10, 11, and 12, representatives from various social organizations of the Society of Jesus in Venezuela met to plan the next steps of the Emergencia 2026 plan. Fe y Alegría, Colegio San Ignacio, Fundación Centro Gumilla, Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados, el Centro de Reflexión

y Planificación Educativa, la Fundación Santa Inés UCAB, and Unidos en la Misión. All the tools and capabilities of each group working for those affected by the earthquakes of June 24. A joint perspective built on the strengths of each institution, because "**la misión es Venezuela.**"

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

To join the global **Emergencia 2026** campaign and support those affected, we invite you to visit <https://unidosenlamision.org/emergencia2026/>. On this portal you will find all available channels to make your contributions quickly, safely, and transparently through our Jesuit network present around the world.