



Venezuela

QUICK FACTS

POPULATION: 26,023,528

LANGUAGE: Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects

RELIGIOUS GROUPS: nominally Roman Catholic 96%, Protestant 2%, other 2%

OPENED FIELD IN 2005

HERRIN FAMILY ENTERED FIELD IN 2005

HERRIN FIELD MINISTRIES:

- Discipleship
- Leadership Development Training
- Pastoral Training
- Teaching
- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)
- Seminary Professor
- Education

For more information about the Herrin family, visit their web site at: www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/herrin.

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The Herrins had been married 15 years when they packed their bags and moved with their three children to Cabudare, Venezuela. Jon now works with the Seminario Wesleyano de Venezuela. He serves as a professor, teaching classes in the seminary to prepare the next generation of pastors to serve the local church. Jon also leads workshops in Methodist churches around the nation to teach pastoral and leadership development skills.

In addition, Jon is developing a discipleship program within the Methodist Church that is designed to both disciple Christians as well as train them to disciple others. The program is structured so that people meet for eight weeks and go through the discipleship program themselves. After they are finished, they each lead their own discipleship group. Under this system, people are always discipling others and together, they are growing in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

Jeanne leads English as a Second Language (ESL) projects with local groups and national businesses, as well as works with children's and youth ministries in local churches. In addition,

she is helping to develop a greater emphasis in missions in the congregations with which they work. Their children, Jesse, Megan, and Andrew, attend local schools and have quickly become fluent in Spanish. All three children are involved in the children's ministries Jeanne leads, as well as serve as translators for short-term mission teams visiting the area.

Although the Herrins admit there have been some tough times as they made the transition from living in rural, north Georgia to a populous city in another country, they love their life and the Venezuelan people. They have been able to fulfill a long-time desire to serve overseas as missionaries since God laid the call on their lives decades before.

Since 1960 to present, the number of evangelicals in Latin America has doubled. This statistic is especially significant to world evangelization efforts. As the unreached and under-reached areas of the world are becoming increasingly unreceptive to North American Christian workers, Latin Americans, like those being trained by the Herrins, will likely be used of God to help reach the remaining unevangelized parts of the world.