



### Interesting Facts About the Gulf of California

- +The French explorer Jacques Cousteau once described the Gulf of California as the 'world's aquarium' because of its extremely diverse marine life.
- +The largest animal in the world - the blue whale - uses the Gulf of California as its breeding grounds.
- +The smallest porpoise in the world and also the most endangered is found only in the Gulf of California. It is the vaquita.
- +Migratory species that make their way to the Gulf of California include the blue whale, the California gray whale, the humpback whale, the killer whale, the leatherback sea turtle, the Humboldt squid, and the manta ray.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

We pray that all of you had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day celebration. At the same time let us remember that we should give thanks to God each day. Here in Mexico the church of Buen Pastor has the tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving. This tradition was started by the ex-patriate American community many years ago and the present Mexican congregation continues with this same tradition. Our Thanksgiving celebration at Buen Pastor took place at 7 pm. A great time of food and fellowship was enjoyed by all! We thank the people at Buen Pastor for hosting this event.

On December first, the newly elected Mexican president, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador will formally be inaugurated. We pray for this newly elected president as he assumes the responsibility for his office.

Our vicar from Bolivia, Vladimir Mendoza, is scheduled to arrive in Mexico during the month of December. He is presently working on his visa documents at the Mexican embassy of Bolivia. Dan will be supervising his vicarage. The vicar will work with the three congregations that are in Mexico City. We look forward to Vladimir's arrival to Mexico and we pray that the Lord will bless his vicarage abundantly.

This next week Dan will be travelling to Tijuana, Mexico to help at a deaconess training conference. This conference will be led by Danielle Putnam, a deaconess who serves in the Dominican Republic. We give thanks to Danielle for her willingness to serve throughout Latin America.

The regional representatives of the Latin American Lutheran Hour at their conference that took place in Mexico City. The countries represented: Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Guatemala, Panama, Nicaragua and Mexico.





### We Pray For

- + The newly elected Mexican president who will assume office on the first of December.
- + Missionary Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann as he recovers from a heart attack.
- + The upcoming Advent and Christmas season.
- + More mission partners for our mission in Mexico.
- + Our future national pastors who are in preparation.

### We Give Thanks For

- + The Thanksgiving Day holiday.
- + The upcoming deaconess conference.
- + The prayers and financial support that make the mission in Mexico possible.

## Personal Notes

At the present time we are getting prepared for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. The Christian church thereby proclaims the coming and the birth of the Christ Child to all peoples and to all nations.

We thank God for the mission in Mexico as we build up existing congregations and provide Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members.

Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Mexico. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for your support of the mission in Mexico. God's richest blessings to all of you!



*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)*

*Soli Deo Gloria  
Daniel, Kathy, and Ana*

One of our families of Iglesia Luterana Buen Pastor enjoying their Thanksgiving meal. Giving thanks to God transcends all cultures!



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