



### Interesting Facts About Guatemala

+The **currency of Guatemala**—Guatemalan Quetzal—is named after the beautiful Quetzal bird. In ancient Mayan times, the feathers of this bird were used as currency.

+There are **more than 30 volcanoes** in Guatemala, out of which three are active.

+ The **export of coffee** is the country's biggest business. Almost 50% of Guatemalans are employed in agricultural activities.

+The country is also the **world's leading producer of Jade**.

+Guatemalans consume **a lot of corn**, beans, and rice, which are served alongside meat and fish.

## Have a blessed Epiphany season!

This month has been a busy one and a blessed one as well. This last week Dan travelled to Guatemala to be part of a deaconess conference. Over thirty women attended the conference that took place in Zacapa. Dan team taught the material with Deaconess Danelle Putnam who serves God in the Dominican Republic. During his time there Dan also had the opportunity to meet several of the Guatemalan national pastors. We thank God for the enthusiasm and commitment of these Guatemalan deaconesses and pastors. Furthermore, we thank them for their hospitality!

Mexican national pastor, Alvaro Lopez, who serves at San Pablo Lutheran Church in Mexico City, is now recovering from back surgery and Dan has been officiating the Divine Services at San Pablo while he recovers.. Please keep pastor Alvaro in your prayers.

We give thanks to God that missionary Jonathan Naumann has recovered from his heart attack and has returned to the Dominican Republic. Welcome back to the mission field, Cheryl and Jonathan!

On March fourth Dan will begin to teach a class on Latin American Church history. This course will be taught to our seminarians who are enrolled at the seminary in the Dominican Republic. Dan will teach the class from Mexico City using the ZOOM application.

The Guatemalan deaconesses and pastors who participated in the deaconess conference. This event took place in Zacapa, Guatemala.





### We Pray For

- +The Lutheran Church of Guatemala.
- + Mexican national pastor Alvaro Lopez as he recovers from surgery.
- + The ongoing theological education for the present and future national pastors in Mexico.
- + More mission partners for our mission in Mexico.
- + The upcoming Mexican Lutheran Synod convention.

### We Give Thanks For

- + The return to the mission field of Jonathan Naumann after his recovery from a heart attack.
- + The Guatemala deaconess Conference.
- + The prayers and financial support that make the mission in Mexico possible.
- +The national pastors and deaconesses that are in formation.



## Personal Notes

Kathy and Ana spent a month with Kathy's parents in Michigan. The polar vortex hit them during the time while they were there. Nevertheless, they had a great time with the family. They are now back in Mexico.

We thank God for the missions in Mexico and Guatemala 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 and Guatemala 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.

May the Lord bless your upcoming Lenten worship!



*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*

Dan with Byron Paz(left) and Ignacio Chan(right). Byron serves God as pastor in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. Ignacio serves God as the president of the Lutheran Church of Guatemala.



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