



### More Interesting Facts About Mexico

- + Hernan Cortes conquered the Aztec empire for Spain in 1521. It was then renamed as Nueva Espana (New Spain).
- + Mexico began a revolt against Spain in 1810 that resulted in its independence.
- + México has a diverse climate. The two extremes are tropical and desert.
- +Mexican art is fascinating. The best-known Mexican artists are Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivero.
- +Did you know that Chocolate came from Mexico? Thank you, Mexico!
- +Other food ingredients that come from Mexico originally include corn and chilies.
- +Mexico has more Spanish speakers than any other country in the world. The United States has the second largest number of Spanish speakers.

## Greetings from Mexico!

The summer vacation is ending, and Dan is getting geared up to teach his courses that will begin next week. His students hail from five different Latin American countries: The Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. We give thanks to God for these future pastors as they continue their preparation for the pastorate. This semester he will be teaching courses on the Synoptic Gospels and the Lutheran Confessions.

During the first week of August we attended the Latin American missionary family study retreat. Dr Reed Lessing who serves as the pastor at St. Michael's in Fort Wayne, Indiana served as our presenter. His theme was from Exodus 33:14: "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest." We give thanks to Dr. Lessing for a great presentation. The three of us also give thanks to all the Latin American missionary families for the fellowship that we enjoyed.

Vicar Neftali Garcia is doing a great job at Iglesia Luterana Buen Pastor. Remember him in your prayers as he continues in his vicarage. Neftali is originally from Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas state. His hometown shares the border with McAllen, Texas. His father, Isaac Garcia serves as president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico and pastors the Iglesia Luterana Betania in Rio Bravo.

**Dan(left), with vicar Neftali Garcia(middle), and national pastor Alvaro Lopez(right). This picture was taken at Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in Mexico City.**





We Pray For

- + Pastor Alvaro Velasquez who will be undergoing a second back surgery soon.
- + Kathy's parents as they adjust to their assisted living facility.
- + Our vicars: Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia.
- + More mission partners for our mission in Mexico.
- + The pastoral candidates who will be starting their studies during the upcoming semester.

We Give Thanks For

- + The fellowship that we experienced at the Latin American missionary retreat.
- + The faithful service of vicars Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia
- + The prayers and financial support that make the mission in Mexico possible.
- + The national pastors and deaconesses that are in formation.



## Personal Notes

Along with his teaching duties, Dan continues to help at San Pablo while Pastor Alvaro continues to recover from his back surgery. Ana is also helping in the Sunday School and participating in the youth group.

Kathy's parents have now moved to an assisted living facility. They had lived in their previous home in Sterling Heights, Michigan for over 30 years. Please keep them in your prayers as they adjust to their new living arrangement.

Our mission continues 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 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 you during this summer!

*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*



**The missionary children singing at the closing service of the Latin American missionary study retreat. They did a great job!**



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