



**More Interesting Facts
About Mexico's Christmas
season**

+ Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inns") is a Mexican celebration during the nine days before Christmas.

+ Las posadas begins December 16 and ends December 24.

+ This festival symbolizes the journey made by Mary and Joseph before they reached the stable inn where the infant Jesus was born.

+ Mexican homes have a nativity scene and the hosts of the Posada act as the innkeepers.

+ Carols are sung from house to house until they reach the home or church that has agreed to host the party.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We pray that all of you had a Merry Christmas celebration. The message of the Christ Child gives light to a world that is enshrouded in darkness. May the church continue to serve as a beacon of light in all parts of the world.

Dan helped pastor Alvaro Lopez with the Advent and Christmas celebrations at Iglesia San Pablo in Mexico City. The candlelight Christmas Eve service was very well attended. We give thanks to all the members for their participation in this event.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to share: During the second week of December, Pastor Luis Coronado of Iglesia Fuente de Vida in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela was murdered. Dan taught Luis several courses during our time as missionaries in Venezuela. We remember Luis as a faithful and compassionate servant of the Lord. Please remember the family of Luis and his congregation during these moments of sadness.

During the first week of December the three of us attended a deaconess conference in Mexicali. (Mexicali shares the border with Calexico, California) Deaconess Danelle Putnam and Dan team taught the course whose theme was, "Ministry Under the Cross." All enjoyed the learning and fellowship that took place at this conference.



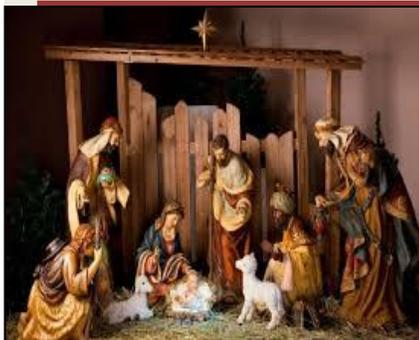


We Pray For

- + The family and congregation of Pastor Luis Coronado.
- + Ana's appointment with her neurologist.
- + Our vicars: Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia.
- + More mission partners for our mission in Mexico.
- + The proclamation of the Christ Child throughout the country of Mexico.

We Give Thanks For

- + The Christmas celebrations throughout Mexico.
- + The faithful service of vicars Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia
- + The prayers and financial support that make the mission in Mexico possible.
- + The missionaries who serve the Lord in all parts of the world.



Personal Notes

Dan finished up his fall academic semester and is preparing for the next semester that will begin in January. He will be teaching two courses: Pastoral Theology and the Lutheran Confessions.

A week ago, we visited San Miguel de Allende. We had lived there in 1984 when we were studying Spanish. The city has grown a lot since we were there in the eighties. We had a great time visiting the historic sites.

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 partnership with the mission in Mexico.

May the Lord bless you abundantly in 2020!

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



Children dressed to celebrate the Mexican Posada



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