



### Interesting Facts About Veracruz, Mexico

+ The name Veracruz was given to this port after Hernan Cortez landed here on April 22, 1519, which was Good Friday.

+ Veracruz is the largest metropolitan area in the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

+ Veracruz is the most important port in Mexico.

+ Nine days before Ash Wednesday, Veracruz hosts the carnaval, a festival similar to Mardi Gras.

+ The Veracruz aquarium, built in 1994, is the largest and most important in Latin America.

+ During the pre-Hispanic era, four indigenous cultures inhabited the area of the state of Veracruz: the Huastecos, the Otomies, the Totonacas and the Olmecas.

## May the Lord Bless your Holiday Season!

We pray that all of you had a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. As the Psalmist reminds us, “O give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.”

We give thanks to God for the ordination of Neftali Garcia that took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. Neftali will serve at Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in Mexico City. He will serve at San Pablo as Pastor Alvaro Lopez is retiring. Pastor Lopez had served faithfully at San Pablo for 35 years. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Dan preached at Iglesia Luterana Buen Pastor yesterday. All the Lutheran churches in Mexico City have resumed their sanctuary worship services; the members who attend are abiding by the health norms that are in place during the pandemic. The missionaries and national pastors continue to record worship services that are streamed via Facebook for those who cannot attend the services in the sanctuaries.

The seminary Fall semester is winding down and will finish up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The seminarians have worked very diligently and are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas break. Dan is also in the process of correcting the assignments of several Guatemalan deaconess candidates. Thanks be to God for these future kingdom workers.

Mexico City continues to be in the red phase of the Covid pandemic. Yet the word of the Lord continues to march forward.

Neftali Garcia (front row and center) with the national pastors and missionaries who participated in his ordination service.





We Pray For

- + The current academic semester at our seminaries that is coming to an end.
- + The ministry of newly ordained national pastor Neftali Garcia.
- + The future deaconesses of Mexico and Guatemala.
- + The farmaceutical companies as they try to develop a vaccine for the covid virus.
- + The many people in Mexico who have lost their jobs due to the covid virus.

We Give Thanks For

- + The electronic media that makes the transmission of the worship service possible.
- + The prayers and financial support of our donors that make the mission in Mexico possible.
- + The faithful ministry of pastor Alvaro Lopez, who is retiring after 35 years of service at Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in Mexico City.

## Personal Notes

We continue to pray to God for good health. So far, we have avoided the contagion of the Covid pandemic. Dan’s regional study conferences have been put on hold until further notice. Nonetheless, the Word of God continues to prevail and fortify God’s church here in Mexico and in all parts of the world.

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, deacons, and deaconesses 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 supporting the mission in Mexico as you are able during the present crisis.



May the Lord bless your Advent and Christmas seasons!

*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*

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