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SERVING THE LORD IN MEXICO AND GUATEMALA

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### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MEXICO

- + What today is Mexico City was the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan.
- + Mexico was under Spanish rule for more than 3 centuries: between the 1500s until 1821.
- + Indigenous people make up 21.5% of the population.
- + Tourism is a major contributor to Mexico's economy.
- + Family plays a significant role in Mexican society.

### HAVE A BLESSED 2022!

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto all of you from God our father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that all of you had a blessed New Year's celebration. Without a doubt the COVID virus continues to present many challenges to the members of our churches and to all the world's population. Yet the Lord sustains us with his promise, "...I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Amid this crisis however the church continues to proclaim the Word of God and serve as a beacon of light to the entire world.

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of one of our national pastors, Abdiel Orozco, who served our sister church in Guatemala. Thanks be to God for his many years of faithful service. We remember his family, church members, and friends during this time of loss. "...Well done good and faithful servant..." (Matthew 25:23)

Dan just finished up his Exegetical course and is now teaching a course on the Lutheran confessions. The seminarians in his class hail from 5 different Latin American countries. We give thanks to God for these future pastors who will serve the Lord throughout Latin America.

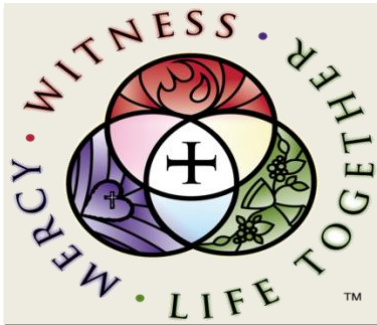
The national pastors continue to stream the worship services and Bible studies through the ZOOM application. The churches in Mexico that do have worship in their sanctuaries are requiring masks and are marking the pews so that the people in the sanctuary maintain a certain distance. Let us continue to pray that this pandemic will end in all parts of the world!



one FAITH,  
one LORD,  
one BAPTISM.

National Pastors Benjamin Quezada and Neftali Garcia with the Sunday School children at the Lutheran Synod of Mexico's mission congregation in Tapachula, Mexico. (Tapachula shares the border with Guatemala)

## Personal Notes



### We Pray For

- +The family and friends of Guatemalan pastor Abdiel Orozco, who mourn his passing.
- +Our daughter Ana as she makes the transition to the United States.
- + The many people affected by the COVID pandemic.
- + The upcoming Lenten season worship services.
- +Mexican national pastor Luis Moreno as he continues to recover from brain tumor surgery.

### We Give Thanks For

- + Ana's transition to the United States.
- + The new deaconesses who will serve their respective countries in Latin America.
- + The new national pastors who are in formation.
- + The generosity of our partners in mission who make the mission in Mexico possible.

Dan continues to undergo tests for his vision problem. He has undergone a great number of exams and we hope to have an answer soon. Thank you for your prayers. Ana is now living in the states and is now working and studying to be a medical assistant.

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 pray that the Lord Blesses you abundantly in 2022!



*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*

Pastor Isaac Garcia visiting Pastor Luis Moreno before pastor Moreno's surgical procedure. We give thanks to God that all went well!



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