



### Interesting Facts About Baja California

- + Baja California, Mexico is the second longest peninsula on earth.
- + It is longer north to south than the state of California.
- + The official language is Spanish with many indigenous languages spoken.
- + The Tijuana border is the most crossed international border in the world.
- + Almost 75% of the population lives in two cities located at the border that is shares with the United States.
- + The only two-lane paved road that connects the north with the south was completed in 1973.
- + Highest point is 'pichacho del diablo' that has an elevation of 10,171 feet.

## HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Greetings to all of you in the name of the Lord. Without a doubt Christmas preparations keep us busy as we buy gifts, plan our meals, and prepare for the family get togethers. Yet the prophet Isaiah points us to the true source of Christmas joy: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." (Isaiah 9:6) The Christ Child imparts light to a world enshrouded in the darkness of war, pestilence, and lack of love. Accordingly, the church proclaims the joy of the Christ Child to all of the nations.

The fall academic semester at Seminario El Reformador in the Dominican Republic ends on December twenty-second. Both the seminarians and the professors are very busy as they prepare for final exam week. The students in Dan's Homiletics and Greek classes have progressed very well. They represent the countries of: Cuba, Bolivia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela. We give thanks to God for these future kingdom workers.

During the month of December seminarian Hector Paneque Alvarez of Cuba was ordained into the Holy Ministry. The Rev. Ted Korey, mission coordinator for Latin America, presided at the service. Pastor Hector will be a great blessing to the people of Cuba,



The seminarins wish you a Merry Christmas!

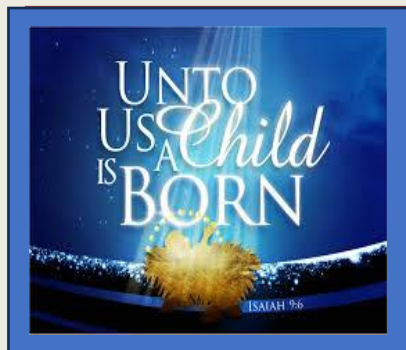


#### We Pray For

- + The tying up of our loose ends before leaving for the Dominican Republic.
- + Our seminarians as they prepare for their final exams.
- + Peace throughout the world.
- + Safe travels during the Christmas season.
- + Our transition to the Dominican Republic.

#### We Give Thanks For

- + The culmination of another semester at the seminary.
- + The prayers and financial support of our donors that make the mission in Mexico possible.
- + The seminarians in all parts of the world.



## Personal Notes

We plan on returning to the Dominican Republic on the eighth of January. Between now and this date we have many loose ends to tie up here in the states. Ana will remain in the states as she now works at a hospital as a medical assistant. We pray for Ana's success as she embarks on her career.

We thank God for the mission in Latin America. Your support provides 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 thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America as you are able during the present crisis.

May the Lord bless your Christmas Season!

*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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