



### Interesting Facts About Guatemala

- + Instant coffee was invented in Guatemala.
- + The export of coffee is the country's biggest business.
- + Guatemala is the world's leading producer of Jade.
- + Although Spanish is the official language, there are 21 Mayan languages spoken in Guatemala.
- + Guatemalans consume a lot of corns, beans, and rice, which are served alongside meat and fish.
- + Guatemala gained its independence from Spain in 1821.
- + Guatemala City is the largest city. It is also the capital city of Guatemala.

## Greetings from Mexico!

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We thank you for your prayers. Be assured that you are also in our prayers as the pandemic continues to ravage the world. Let us remember that the Lord still reigns amid this crisis. May His church continue to serve as a beacon of light during this dark time.

The fall semester is underway, and it has proven to be a busy time for Dan. He is presently teaching 4 different courses to future pastors, future deacons, and future deacons. A new responsibility for Dan is that of helping Deaconess Danelle Putnam oversee the preparation of the deaconesses of Guatemala. Please keep these future kingdom workers in your prayers as they prepare to serve the Lord throughout Latin America.

On the ninth day of September Guillermo Leyva was ordained and installed as the pastor of Iglesia Luterana Todos los Santos, in Guadalajara, Mexico. Lutheran Synod of Mexico president Isaac Garcia presided over the event and was assisted by Pastors Benjamin Quezada and Omar Garza. This is an exciting event for the Lutheran Church of Mexico. We pray that the Lord blesses pastor Guillermo's ministry abundantly.

Some of the congregations in Mexico are now holding worship services in their sanctuaries. The national church also continues to stream a worship service on Sunday through Facebook. We thank the national pastors for the effort they have put forth in these services.

**Newly ordained Pastor Guillermo Leyva after his ordination. In this photo He is accompanied by his parents and his younger brother.**





We Pray For

- + The current academic semester at our seminaries
- + The seminarians who are in formation.
- + The future deaconesses of Mexico and Guatemala.
- + The Mexican men who have recently entered the deacon formation program.
- + 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 health workers throughout the world who are serving their fellow man. at great risk and sacrifice.
- + The ordination of Guillermo Leyva to the pastoral office.

## Personal Notes

So far, we have been able to avoid the corona virus. We continue to pray to God for good health. At the same time, we are taking the necessary precautions to avoid contagion. Thus, many of our church activities are on hold until further notice. Nonetheless, the Word of God continues to prevail and fortify God’s church.

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 Pentecost 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*



The present and future national pastors of Mexico. Two of the national pastors' wives are also present. Back row: Benjamin Quezada, his wife Mayela, Mayra Perez, her husband Samuel Perez, Guillermo Leyva. Front row: Isaac Garcia, Nefta Garcia, Job Jimenez

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