



Interesting Facts About Chiapas, Mexico

- + Chiapas is Mexico's southernmost and eighth most populous state.
- + Many are indigenous. Over 25 percent (or more) speak one of Chiapas's Mayan languages.
- + From Chiapas comes 24% of Mexico's hydroelectric power, 24% of its crude oil, and 47% of its natural gas.
- + Chiapas is one of Mexico's leading producers of coffee, corn, cattle, and cocoa.
- + 53% of the population cook with wood.
- + This particular state has the highest rate of illiteracy in Mexico (22%).

Blessings on Your Lenten Season!

Our Lenten season here in Mexico City began with an Ash Wednesday service that was celebrated at San Pedro by national pastor Benjamin Quezada. The ashes remind us of our own mortality and our need of repentance.

A new semester of Formacion Pastoral Hispano, a theological studies program, is now underway. The courses offered are: 1) St. Paul and the Psalms. 2) Introduction to the Old Testament. These courses will help form our national pastors. They are given on line.

Omar Garza who is presently in the "Formacion Pastoral Hispano" program, is in the process of taking his last course before ordination. He presently serves in Matamoros, Mexico and is scheduled to be ordained on Pentecost day of this year. Omar has worked very diligently in his studies and in his local parish. May the Lord bless his ministry abundantly!

Mexico City was hit by an earthquake on the 16th of this month. We thank God that there were no fatalities. Many regions of Mexico City did suffer from power outages and lack of water however. Much of the water here in Mexico City comes from wells. Therefore the water goes out when the electricity goes out. At this point in time everything is now back to normal.

The national church has now begun a project to help some of the families that were affected by the earthquake that hit Mexico City on the 19th of September. The project is taking place in an area of the city called Xochimilco. This act of mercy has been made possible by support from Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran Hour Ministries. We thank you for your support of these organizations.





We Pray For

- + A blessed Lenten season for all.
- + Pastoral candidate Omar Garza who is scheduled for ordination on Pentecost Sunday.
- + The LCMS missionaries who serve throughout the world.
- + More mission partners for our mission in Mexico.
- + The Schlund family as they serve the Lord during their furlough time in the states.

We Give Thanks For

- + Our mission partners.
- + Our Lenten worship services.
- + The prayers and financial support that make the mission in Mexico possible.

Personal Notes

Kathy and Ana went back to the states for a couple of weeks. During their time in Michigan, Ana renewed her visa and Kathy was able to spend some time with her family. A tremendous amount of snow greeted them during their visit. They are now back in Mexico safe and sound. We give thanks to Kathy's family for their hospitality!

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 missionaries 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. Thanks be to God for Omar Garza and his upcoming ordination. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We pray that all you had a blessed Ash Wednesday celebration. Blessings on your Lenten season and thank you for your prayers and financial support.



Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

*Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel, Kathy, and Ana*



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