

# Mexico



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## Mexico Fact Sheet

Officially known as the United Mexican States or Mexico is a federal republic that borders the southern United States, Guatemala and Belize. With an estimated population of over 120 million, Mexico is the eleventh most populous country of the world. It is also the most populous Spanish-speaking country in the world. The country is made of 31 states and the federal district known as Mexico City; the most populous city in the world. Drug cartels are a major concern; having left over 60,000 dead and as many as 100,000 members. The country has both a Meso-American and Hispanic history. It has also had a turbulent relationship with the United States and Guatemala. Mexico is a growing nation that is still discovering its true and unique identity. This search often manifests itself through religious identity (both animist and Catholic) and the inevitable accompanying anti-Protestant sentiment. Evangelical Christians are only 8.3% of the nation, but the Church is growing. Pray that Mexicans of all ethnic backgrounds might find their ultimate identity and destiny in the love of Christ and the purposes of God. God is at work through the following:

### CORNERSTONES

- Evangelism - Each year, five short term mission teams visit Mexico through SEAPC for the purposes of evangelism.
- Church Planting - Through the SEAPC Friends network in Mexico, 32 centers for prayer have been established. These centers support church planting efforts in each of the 32 states of Mexico.
- Disciple Making - SEAPC-Mexico has three centers for disciple making: Oaxaca, Monterrey, and Mexico City through partner ministries.
- Leadership Development - SEAPC hosts leaders from Mexico globally for the purpose of leadership development. Ten leadership training seminars are sponsored annually by SEAPC within Mexico.

### PLATFORMS

- Parenting - SEAPC founders, Mark and Ellie Geppert, have supported the needs of orphaned or abandoned children in Mexico for over 40 years and are currently developing child sponsorship opportunities in several locations.
- Education - Through ministry to teachers in Oaxaca state, SEAPC has begun the development of comprehensive education tools for public schools.
- Healthcare - International medical teams visit Mexico annually through SEAPC and are currently focused on eliminating childhood leukemia.
- Economic Development - SEAPC-Mexico is currently researching and praying through opportunities for in-country business development.

### SEEDBEDS

- Management - SEAPC-Mexico is led by Pastor Carol Missik, Pastor Hector Zetino, Pastor Bulmaro Valle Martinez, Pastor Isaias Acosta and Pastor Alejandro Orella Grenada.
- Development - SEAPC-Mexico is currently functioning on a \$50,000 annual budget.
- Accounting - Independent annual audits are provided locally. SEAPC is independently audited annually by Wessel & Company.
- Communications - Monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting is made available to all contributors.

### FRIENDS FOR PRAYER

Pastor Carol Missik, Pastor Hector Zetino, Pastor Bulmaro Valle Martinez, Pastor Isaias Acosta,  
Pastor Alejandro Orella Grenada