



Camino Tours Invites You To Discover...

FASCINATING EXCITING
MEXICO CITY
THE CITY OF PALACES

May Average Temperatures: 27°C/12°C (81°F/54°F)

Precipitation: 16.6mm

People: Friendly

Tacos: ¡Deliciosos!

Over 150 museums, 2 of the world's top 15 restaurants, almost 700 years of history, and one of the world's biggest and oldest urban parks. There is a lot to discover in this vibrant city in movement! But most of all – God is at work here!



Discover... Baptisms!

Wouldn't you love to join us for a baptismal service – to see this visible testimony of God's gracious salvation? We were excited to see 21 people baptized in March – 5 from the Path of Life Bible Church in Las Palmas!



Discover... A Church in Movement!

They used to call Mexico City the "Capital in Movement", but lately we've felt like the church in movement! We're thankful that we've found another place to rent – **the Andasadi Party Gardens**.

The property has two places we can meet at, depending on the other activities the gardens have scheduled. We bought a small tent for a children's Sunday School room.

On the last Sunday in April, because of a large event, we had to meet at another location yet again.

Andasadi is great in some ways – more room, for example. But less ideal in other ways – nowhere to store anything, and not always available. Of course the "place" is only a tool for making disciples. But we are praying for a more permanent place – please pray with us!



Children and Teachers in a Special Presentation on Resurrection Sunday at Andasadi.

WHY IS MEXICO CITY "THE CITY OF PALACES"?

Mexico City got its traditional moniker from Prussian explorer and scientist Alexander von Humboldt. He was struck by the city's lavish architecture. Many impressive castles and palaces are visited by tourists today, such as the National Palace (home of the government) and the Chapultepec Castle, the only royal castle in the Americas.

Discover... Spring/Summer Events!

There are too many special activities coming up to mention! But here are a few:

- Friends from **South Calgary Chinese Evangelical Church** and **Stillwater Community Church** (Rowlett, TX) visiting in May to catch a vision for the ministry here.
- Biblical Counselling Conference, with guests from **Lighthouse Community Church** (Torrance, CA).
- A wedding for a couple from the church in Las Palmas!
- Short terms teams in June, July and August, involved in baking classes, construction, VBS ministry, and more!

WHAT IS "MEXICO CITY"?

You ask such difficult questions! The capitol of the country – the federal district – used to be called just that – "Distrito Federal", or "DF". The greater metro area, spilling over into 3 states, was "Mexico City". Ixtapaluca is one of the city's municipalities, but not part of the federal district.

Recently, DF "rebranded" as "Mexico City" (CDMX). The larger "Greater Mexico City", is the Metropolitan Zone of Mexico City (ZMCM). Because there is no specific governing authority over the ZMCM, individual municipalities work together with state and federal authorities to make the city work. Confused yet?

Upcoming Changes

As we mentioned last time, **Camino Global** and **Avant** will be uniting into one mission. You can read more details at www.avantcamino.org.

This is still in the works – **nothing has changed for us yet**. We will probably have more to tell you in our next letter – so stay tuned!

Discover... God's Word in Mexico!

It has been a great encouragement lately to hear people so thankful that we actually study the Bible – in context – verse by verse. And as we study Hebrews, or the 10 Commandments, or even do premarital counselling, God is bringing growth to us and to His Church through His Word. So much to discover in its pages!

Grace & Peace,

Jim & Shari
Hannah, Nathanael

Notes of Praise

- For the **continued growth** in the church in Las Palmas!
- For those from here and from Canada and the USA who are **sharing in the ministry** in the next few months!
- For our loving, caring **God** who is always **present** with us!

Notes of Prayer

- Pray for **Hannah and Nathanael** in the intense last weeks of school.
- For **energy and times of rest** – the next few months are very full!
- That God would give **special wisdom** as we continue to face many changes all around us.