



Mexico

Although Mexico has the second-largest economy in Latin America, prosperity is still elusive to a great majority of its people. Natural beauty, from its volcanoes to the tropical jungles in the south, is breathtaking, but many of Mexico's large cities have shanty towns on their outskirts, and the rural villages are often neglected. The magnet of higher wages north of the border motivates many of its poor to make the risky attempt to sneak into the US, but in recent years the number of immigrants returning to Mexico has been greater than those leaving.

NEEDS

The gospel's truth is veiled to the Mexican people. Eighty-two percent of the population considers itself Roman Catholic, and the majority have little to no knowledge of biblical truth. Most are followers of the Virgin of Guadalupe. She is seen as a mediator to God and more accessible than God or Jesus. Even though they know that Jesus died on the cross for sins, Mexicans are taught they must earn their way to heaven by doing more good than evil.

A few missionaries began entering Mexico before the 1900s, but the government did not allow many Christian workers into the country until the late 1950s. Six percent of the population claims to be evangelical Christian, including Pentecostals and Charismatics, but the number of sound, biblical churches is very small.

HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- Missionaries are needed for church planting teams.
- Nearly all Mexicans want to improve their English so ESL classes are a great tool for serving and outreach.
- Christian preschools and elementary and high schools are effective outreaches.
- Biblical counselors are needed to help people find God's answers for their problems.
- Seminary professors are needed to train pastors and church leaders. Village instructors and coordinators for pastoral training in rural areas are also needed.
- Music teachers can help churches and serve and reach out to communities.



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