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Partners... Sharing the Gospel In the Mexican Frontier A WELS affiliated mission ministry



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Green Bay, WI to Mahahual Mexico 2860 Miles

Average Temperature HI 90 Low 65

Mahahual Cruz de Cristo

In grateful response to the love of our Savior, our mission is mostly run by volunteers.





#### A beautiful piece of God's Creation

Cruise ship passengers and other tourists and expat "snowbirds" enjoy the balmy beach breezes.

Our logo is the Costa Maya lighthouse

## Mahahual itself is a poor community

The "casitas" are small, solid homes

Many live in tiny shelters



## Angela and her restaurant named "Saulo"





## Let the light of Jesus shine!

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe – Shrine in Mexico City



Mayan God - Quetzalcoatl



We are the only Lutheran presence on the Yucatan Peninsula





## Outreach to Mahahual

Letting the light of Jesus shine to the people of our community Cruz de Cristo Iglesia Lutherana a "sidewalk church"

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#### Pastor Valleskey

• Where do you put an organ in a temporary "sidewalk church"? You don't!

• God gifts his workers with talent.





## The Holy Spirit at Work in Baptism

- Up to 50 children have been present in one worship service
- 5 children baptized in one service in June, 2019

#### **Confirmation Class**

Pastor Valleskey teaches the older students to prepare them for confirmation.

At the same time Education Director Christopher Dean teaches the younger children in Sunday School. He is assisted by capable adults from the congregation.



#### Vacation Bible School

• A great time to invite your friends!

• Mission groups from schools such as St. Mark Lutheran Church in De Pere, WI and Wisconsin Lutheran College come down to help, teach, and have fun with the children.







## Christopher Dean Director of Education

- Christopher graduated from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN
- Teaches –

Adult English classes Literacy classes (in homes and at church) English for kids ages 8 – 12 Introduction to technology

- introduces basic computer skills
- helps children learn via tablets



## Community Outreach Classes

#### Reading, Writing and Math



## Meghan Mortensen Activities Coordinator

- 2019 Volunteer (stipend)
- A registered nurse from Green Bay, WI
- She creates and manages activities which will build relationships with the Mahahual community.
- She organizes events and projects to use the talents of volunteer individuals and groups who come to serve.





Community service – cleaning up the beach!

## A little love is served with the Friday Evening "soup kitchen"



## Food relief for Covid "Dispensas"

Pastor Valleskey cuts mosquito netting

#### **Grateful hearts for food packages**











# Outreach to the Surrounding Area

Letting the light of Jesus shine to those in easy driving distance

Our Goal: Spread the Gospel to the entire Yucatan Peninsula





## Covid Relief food delivery to Xcalac



## We tell them about Jesus



## Our new site for church, ministry building with classrooms and an apartment



## New Church and Ministry Center

God willing, the new facility will be completed in 2020!

- Church
- Classrooms
- Apartment(s) for workers
- Outdoor sheltered fellowship area

"A launch pad for outreach"



#### New church and ministry facility

- God willing, the outer structure will be completed by the end of 2020.
- We pray this facility will be the springboard for Gospel outreach to Mahahual and out into the Yucatan!



Most of the interior, including windows, altar furniture and pews, will be built and finished off by congregation members and volunteers from the area and from the US.



## It's the People







#### Thank you for helping to keep the Gospel Light shining! Partners in Costa Maya Ministries







## Thank you!

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