

Costa Maya Ministries is located on the Mexican Caribbean coast - about 4 hours south of Cancun in a small town called Mahahual. Here we are blessed to reach in a variety of locations with the Word and Christian service.



**Port Costa Maya**  
and  
**Mahahual**  
(Cruz de Cristo  
Lutheran Church)

## We welcome you to Costa Maya!

We are very thankful that you have chosen us to be the mission your school will help to support through the prayers, gifts and encouragement of your children! We are in the “frontier” area of Mexico, and the only Lutheran church on the entire Yucatan Peninsula, an area of 5 million people. While we are WELS affiliated, Costa Maya Ministries is a “labor of love” started in 2007 and operated by a groups of WELS lay people. By God’s grace we are growing!

This is our pastor, Pastor Martin Valleskey. He’s served our congregation, Cristo de Crux (Cross of Christ) Lutheran Church. Pastor Valleskey arrived in 2015 and brought his guitar with him. What a blessing, as we presently worship in rented space under a covered roof – no place for an organ here! But the congregation has purchased land in 2018 and is having an architect draw its first church as this is written. We pray you and your children will get to know us, your fellow Christians at Costa Maya, and personally feel a part of the Lord’s work in a distant place!



## What's New:

**IN EDUCATION** — Our education director, Mr. Christopher Dean, a graduate of Martin Luther College continues to serve in his second year with CMM. In addition to teaching English to future "tourist" workers, he is also teaching Gods' Word and reading, writing and 'rithmetic to children who have not had the opportunity to attend school. He also leads the team distributing thousands of meals during our Covid relief effort in our town and to the surrounding area. Many new mission contacts result!



**IN OUTREACH** - Meghan Mortenson, a nurse from Green Bay, has begun her second year of service. In addition to administration, Megan reaches out to the community with health and new mother seminars. She is also a great blessing in our Covid relief efforts! Pastor Valleskey will spend less time in organizing our soup kitchen and organizing volunteers – and more time in ministry with God's Word!

**IN WORSHIP** — We are growing and what a blessing it is! We have actually outgrown our rented place of worship and are in the process of building our first church/classroom facility!

Please pray for this building project in the coming year and pray for the ministry as we continue to seek opportunities to reach out into the vast Yucatan Peninsula with the gospel.



## Gifts Support Our Ministry:

While we coordinate with WELS world missions, we are totally supported by special gifts directly to Costa Maya Ministries. For more information, contact Pastor Dennis

Kleist, our Mission Advancement coordinator. After 15 years with the WELS Ministry of Christian Giving, he is ready to help with Gospel motivated, tax wise gifts from cash IRAs, stock and real estate, as well as estate gifts. Contact him at: [dennisakleist@gmail.com](mailto:dennisakleist@gmail.com) or (920) 740-5899.



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*Our ministry is completely sustained by t. Our worship facility, Iglesia Cruz de Cristo (Cross of Christ Church), is located in the "Casitas" neighborhood near the port. Port workers, Mexican and foreign small business owners and retirees make up this area. Take a cruise including Costa Maya and visit*