



MEXICALI, MEXICO

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I'm excited to share with you about a new church-planting work that has begun in the URCNA. Christ Reformed Church (Anaheim, CA) has called me to be a church-planting pastor in Mexicali, Mexico, to a community that straddles the U.S.-Mexico border in California. The work is underway with outreach in the area and our first Bible study was held on November 26, 2025.

Mexicali is the capital of Baja California with a population just over a million Cachanillas (as they call themselves). On the north side of the border there are 180,000+ people in Imperial Valley, a majority of which are native Spanish speakers. Prior to this new work, the only NAPARC presence in this region was a Korean-language PCA congregation.

Religiously, the region is dominated by secularism, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and anti-trinitarian groups (Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Oneness Pentecostals, and Luz del Mundo). When Frederick III surveyed the religious landscape of the Palatinate, he found that superstition was rampant in the daily life of his people. The first question and answer of our catechism contains a great antidote to a superstitious mindset. It teaches that Christ has freed us from the tyranny of the devil, and "not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven."



Mexicali is in many ways similar to the Palatinate of the 1560s. Superstition reveals itself in daily life of Cachanillas in many different ways. That comforting affirmation that we belong in body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ needs to be heard even today among the people of Mexicali.

The goal of the mission work is to establish an outpost for the gospel of Jesus Christ, announcing His substitutionary death, the just

for the unjust, and glorious resurrection so that all who believe in Him will receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Specifically, we desire to see a Reformed church in Mexicali that joyfully adheres to the Three Forms of Unity as a

faithful summary of Scripture and is dedicated to the ministry of Word and Sacraments for the edification of Christ's Church among Spanish speakers.

Would you join us in praying for God's blessing on this effort to spread the gospel to this border community? For more details on the work or if you are interested in supporting us financially, please visit our website at www.christreformed.org/mexicali

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WHEN? May 16 – June 13, 2026
WHERE? Mexico
WHO? Young Adults 18+



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