

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

**Guadalajara, Mexico**

General Information

- Population: With a population of 1,564,514 Guadalajara is Mexico's second most populous municipality.
- Guadalajara is nicknamed the "Pearl of the West." While it is a modern city, it has kept many of the rural traditions of Jalisco, such as mariachi and a strong sense of Catholicism.

Challenges

- Pentecostals and Charismatics (called Neo-Pentecostals in the census), are the largest groups within Protestantism in Guadalajara.
- Recent surveys have shown that around 44% of Catholics attend church at least once a week.
- The number of atheists grows annually by 5.2%, while the number of Catholics grows by 1.7%.

Prayer

- Providence supports Joseph and Lina Urban. Keep them in your prayers as they continue to serve the Lord in this city.
- The Urbans work to evangelize orphans, as well as printing tracts and conducting evangelism conferences.
- Pray for church planting endeavors in Guadalajara, Queretaro and New Mexico.
- Pray that God will raise up qualified men to lead new churches.
- [From Joseph Urban's website] Guadalajara is a large city in the state of Jalisco in Mexico. It is the 2nd largest and 2nd most densely populated city in the nation. It boasts nearly 6 million inhabitants in the whole metropolitan area.
- Its religion is mostly Catholic (around 90% of the population). Guadalajara is a strategic city since it is centrally located and is the crossroads between many others villages, towns and cities.
- Guadalajara is in the heart of what some have called the "Circle of Silence" within Mexico, which is the region that has been least penetrated with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and has the smallest percentage of Christian churches.

Reference

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