

Short-Term Mission: Rocky Point, Mexico - FAQ

Travel with us to Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point), Mexico to work alongside the local community to build homes and relationships. We also have an outreach to children & their mothers called “Los Niño’s”.

Destination: Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point)

Dates: Saturday, October 5th – Tuesday, October 8th

Cost: \$200 Individual, \$390 Married Couple/ Parent-Child, \$450 Family

All registrants get a T-shirt!

Registration Deadline: Aug 11th

Apply Online: mypantano.church/rockypoint

Mandatory Team Meetings: Each participant will be required to attend a team meeting before the trip.

Our Partnership: 1Mission

1Mission is a Christian ministry that gives people in poverty the opportunity to earn a home by serving in their community. They have integrated home building as part of the CHE strategy that they are implementing in Rocky Point.

CHE stands for Community Health Evangelism. It is a holistic ministry strategy that integrates evangelism, discipleship and church planting with community health and development. The CHE strategy is being used in over 100 countries. It is the primary strategy that Pantano partners are using around the world for community transformation.

What will we be doing?

Building Homes: We partner with 1Mission and members of the local community to build homes for those in need. Although this is a house-building project, the focus of the project is building relationships. It's work! It's fun! It's gratifying! Over 25 years, Pantano has seen entire Barrios transformed.

Children's outreach: Called “Los Niños,” you will participate in a “mini vacation bible school” using arts and crafts, games, songs, and Bible stories with local children. The Los Niño's team also provides outreach and ministry to the mothers of the children.

Kitchen team: Preparing meals for the team for breakfast, lunch & dinner.

What does the trip cost cover?

Trip costs include the price of food, campsite fees, building materials, 1Mission costs, background checks, and Rocky Point t-shirts. Pantano does not make a profit and actually significantly subsidizes the trip costs to help keep it affordable. In the last couple of years, the trip prices have increased, so we have implemented a simplified pricing structure this year to adjust trip costs. The simplified price structure also helps eliminate hours of administrative logistics and helps us be more efficient.

Who can participate?

Everyone! This is a family-friendly mission. All ages are welcome. You do not have to have special construction skills. We'll show you what to do! If you cannot go, you can still participate by providing prayer support or making a donation to the scholarship fund.

Is Rocky Point safe?

Yes. We feel Rocky Point is reasonably safe. Being a tourist destination, the Mexican government goes to great lengths to keep everyone in Rocky Point safe. Any international travel can carry some risks, but we take precautions to keep you as safe as possible. Anytime you travel, even in the U.S., you should be aware of your surroundings and take reasonable steps to protect your belongings and person. We do safety training in the pre-mission meetings and daily on the work site.

We drive to Mexico in caravans and strongly urge everyone not to drive at night as per US State Department warnings.

Where do we stay?

We camp at The Reef RV campground in tents & campers. Camp fees are included in your registration cost. If you're unable to camp, there are condos and hotels nearby, and participants would assume all costs of offsite accommodations.

What are we going to eat?

We will have an amazing kitchen team that will prepare delicious meals for us. Meals begin Saturday night and the last meal will be Tuesday morning. You'll need to bring your own lunch Thursday morning. We will share a tentative menu in advance.

Do I need a passport?

Passports are required for all participants 19 years old & older. US Citizens age 18 or younger may travel with a birth certificate or a copy of a birth certificate.

Do I need to get any shots?

None are required for travel in Mexico. Many people that go to Rocky Point do not get any special vaccinations. The CDC has recommendations for Mexico but does not get specific about Rocky Point. They recommend that "most travelers" get vaccinated against typhoid and hepatitis A. We as a church do not require these to participate. We want to make you aware of the CDC's recommendations, but it is up to your discretion.

For more information, please visit: mypantano.church/rockypoint