

FAQ's – Rocky Point, Mexico

Travel with us to Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point), Mexico to work alongside the local community to build homes & relationships. We also have a VBS-style outreach to children & their mothers.

Destination: Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point)

Dates: Thursday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 26th

Cost: \$230 Individual, \$600 Family

All registrants get a T-shirt!

Registration Opens: May 29th

Registration Closes: August 24th.

Apply Online: pantano.church/rockypoint

Contact: Outreach Ministry at (520) 298-5395

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 free of charge by serving 400 hours in their community.

1Mission utilizes the CHE strategy, which 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! In over 30 years of mission trips, Pantano has seen entire neighborhoods 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.

What does the trip cost cover?

Trip costs include the price of food, drinks, campsite fees, all house-building materials, 1Mission costs, background checks, and Rocky Point t-shirts. Pantano significantly subsidizes the trip costs to help keep it affordable.

What forms do I fill out?

As part of the Rocky Point mission trip we expect the registration, Pantano and 1Mission liability release forms to be submitted to Pantano Christian Church in a timely manner. These forms will be emailed to you once you have registered. All participants 18 and older must also submit for a background check to attend the mission. Why a background check? We do this to be above reproach and to protect our youth and participants as well as those of our mission families.

As a Rocky Point team member what is expected of me?

It is expected that all team members attend all pre-mission meetings. Stay in communication with your team during the trip. A **mandatory check-in** for all members is required on Thursday, October 23rd, at 1Mission no later than 7PM, regardless of accommodations.

Attending nightly team debriefs throughout the trip is also required.

What T-Shirt size should I get?

We have attached the adult size chart below to reference. Please know that we order an exact number of shirts and are unable to exchange your shirt for a different size.

Size	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Width	15	16.5	18	20	22	24	26	28
Length	25	26	28	29	30	31	32	33

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.

What should I pack?

Some things that may be helpful are: water bottles, non-melting snacks, passports/birth certificates, parental consent forms (if applicable), lunch for, shower flip flops, a towel, swimsuit for the pool, folding chairs (for team debriefs), work boots and long pants (for work sites). We will provide you with a more detailed packing list prior to the trip. If you plan to travel to the beach (15-20 minute drive), bring water shoes.

I am driving my vehicle, do I need anything?

Yes! It is important you are insured with Mexican car insurance. We like sanborns.com but there are many easy options online.

Also, we strongly suggest you have an auto check-up before driving your vehicle down to Mexico. There may or may not be access to reliable mechanics while in Mexico. You **MUST**

have your vehicle (and trailer if applicable) registration with you when crossing the border. **Reminder:** Make sure your vehicle is free of any firearms, ammo, or ammo shells. You cannot cross the border with any of these items.

Where do we stay?

We camp at 1Mission Basecamp KM 20 Caratera Sonayta, Puerto Peñasco, MX. You can check out the facilities at <https://www.1mission.org/build-trips>. The basecamp includes air conditioned dorms, nice bathrooms/showers, on site camper hookups and space for tents and on site pool. Camp fees are included in your registration cost. While families can still choose to stay at a hotel or Condo, we **HIGHLY** recommend that you save the funds and stay at the 1Mission site. Beach condos are 15-20 minutes from 1Mission. Maybe consider extending your trip and staying at a condo before or after the mission is over?

What are we going to eat?

1Mission has an amazing kitchen team that will prepare delicious meals for us. Meals begin Friday morning and the last meal will be lunch on Sunday. We will share a tentative menu in advance. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available at each meal. We can talk about other dietary restrictions and will do our best to accommodate those.

Do I need a passport?

Passports are required for all participants **16 years old & older**. US Citizens age 15 or younger must travel with a birth certificate; original or copy.

What do Minors travelling without both parents need?

All minors must have a notarized parental consent signed by both parents. These forms can be emailed to you at your request.

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: "most travelers get vaccinated against Typhoid and Hepatitis A". The church does not require these to participate. We want to make you aware of the CDC's recommendations, but it is up to your discretion.

I registered and am no longer able to attend, what do I do?

If you can no longer attend the Rocky Point trip, we need to know immediately! This affects team size, camping reservations, and much more. Your trip cost is **non-refundable**. Please contact Lisa Flowers at lflowers@pantano.church or 520.298.5395.

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