

MISSIONS 2024

MEXICO

MAY 30 - JUNE 3

Congratulations for taking a step of bold faith to make an impact globally this year through the sharing of the Gospel and serving our neighbors in Mexico. We have a power-packed mission planned as we take territory for the Kingdom of God! In this packet, you will find a sample itinerary, packing list and other important information to prepare you for this mission!





MISSION STATEMENT

We at Life Link Church focus our mission endeavors on relationally partnering with ministries to share the love of Christ with people locally, domestically and globally. It is through our partnerships within communities that we build and support relationships that inspire change, living out the biblical mandate as followers of Jesus Christ to go and make disciples of all nations.

We understand that communities are not projects we help, they are people we love. So we reach out (because we care) rather than down (to take pity). Poverty is rooted in broken relationships; therefore, we relationally approach long term partnering with ministries to help with:

- Relief and Restoration Efforts
- Provision for Immediate Needs
- Teaching, Evangelistic and Relational Support

It is through our strategic collaborative efforts both locally and abroad that the Love of Jesus Christ is being made known within the communities we serve.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Join us for our annual mission trip to Rocky Point, Mexico on Thursday, May 30th to Monday, June 3rd! We will be partnering with Bethel Church and other churches around the country for this five-day trip. It is a power-packed weekend partnering with a team of Mexican pastors and ministering to the kind people of this quaint fishing village just south of the Arizona border. We will serve through work projects, prayer & outreach opportunities, along with a crusade! Bethel Church is expecting 300 participants this year as we take territory for the Kingdom of God!



MEXICO

- Population: 122.3 million (as of 2013 census)
- Capital: Mexico City
- Area: 761,600 square miles
- Language: Spanish is the official language.
- Religion: 88% Roman Catholicism, Protestants and Evangelicals were the second largest religious group, accounting for approximately 5 percent of the population.
- Life Expectancy: 77 years old (compared to U.S., age 79)
- GDP per Capita: \$10k (compare to U.S. being \$53k) GDP: the total value of goods produced and services provided in a country in a year.
- Literacy Percent: 94%



WHAT TO KNOW AND EXPECT

Project Opportunities:

Building projects, children's programming, serving meals, community outreaches, visiting men's/women's shelters, translators are needed.

DETAILS AND EXPENSES

Trip Dates

Thursday, May 30 - Monday, June 3, 2024

Ages

Ages 6+ traveling with a parent
Adults age 18+

Deadlines

Registration & deposit: April 6th
Balance: May 4th

Trip Cost Breakdown

\$550 per person
Deposit: \$50

Includes:

- Lodging
- Transportation
- Meals
- Supplies
- T-shirt

Personal Additional

Trip Expenses

- Passport or passport card:
Prices Vary
- Discretionary Funds:
Bringing some additional money is encouraged. When traveling with the caravan, we typically stop at a fast-food restaurant on the way to Rocky Point for lunch or snacks and on the way back home.

Required Documentation

Passport or Passport Card: You will need a valid passport or passport card to cross the border of Mexico.

- Prices vary
- 10-12 weeks to receive once submitted. Please attach a copy of your passport to your application.
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/apply.html>

Transportation

We will travel caravan style in rented 15 passenger vans. The drive to Rocky Point Mexico is about 210 miles and takes about 4-5 hours after a stop or two.

Lodging

Lodging accommodations: El Mirador hotel Rocky Point.

Registration

Text the keyword "MEXICO" to 480-418-1108 or <https://app.managedmissions.com/MissionApplication/ApplicationResponse/37263/515116>
Please select 2024 Puerto Penasco, Mexico Trip in the drop-down in the application process.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL ITEMS

- Pack light with one suitcase and a carry on.
- Under-garment money belt for safe keeping of your passport, money, bank cards, etc. This is an easy and effective way of keeping track of important items.
- Bring a small Bible and a journal. I encourage you to journal everyday so you have a record of what you did, experienced, and what God impressed on your mind and heart. This will help you share with family and friends when you return.
- Dress casual! For example, work shoes/sneakers, work clothes, work Gloves, hat/visor, swimsuit
- Shower Towel/Beach Towel, Shampoo/soap, Sunscreen
- Be prepared for rain or cold weather. Bring a small umbrella and/or poncho.
- Bring 1 photocopy of your passport for yourself just in case you lose your passport. This will speed up the process in getting a new one.
- Stomach issues can occur when adjusting to the food and water. Immodium, and the like, are effective treatments for this issue

FUN FACTS

Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point) began as a small, quaint fishing village on the Sea of Cortez. Today, although offering every modern convenience, it still retains much of the traditional charm and culture of those early days. The Sea of Cortez, or Gulf of California, has long been known for its deep blue waters and white sand beaches. The resort regions are easily accessed via modern, divided highways from both Arizona and Southern California.

Puerto Peñasco is just 60 miles southwest of the U.S.-Mexico border. It is approximately a 4-hour drive from Phoenix. No car permit or visas are necessary, as Rocky Point is located in a "Free Zone". The weather offers typically warm temperatures and clear skies, especially in the evening. The climate is more moderate than Arizona, being slightly cooler in the summer and slightly warmer in the winter.

Rocky Point started as a fishing village in the 1930's and gradually developed into one of the largest shrimp producing areas in the Sea of Cortez. During the Prohibition era in the U.S., an enterprising businessman, Johnny Stone, visited Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point). Realizing the potential of this village to attract wealthy Americans to vacation and fish, Stone built the town's first hotel, drilled a well, and opened for business.

But it was not until years later when it was slowly discovered by some Americans as an alternative for retirement and vacation. Rocky Point is surrounded by the Sonoran Desert on one side and the Sea of Cortez on the other. Unique ocean conditions in this town create extreme tides of up to 23 ft. between high and low, and this also produces a unique marine life.

FLEXIBLE AGENDA

Thursday, June 01

10:00 AM - Arrive at Bethel Church
12:00 PM - Depart from Bethel Church
4 PM - Arrive at hotel
Check-in/lunch
5 PM - Dinner
7 PM - Evening Service

Friday, June 02

7:30 AM - Breakfast
8:00 AM - Devotional
9:00 AM - Ministry/Evangelism
12:30 PM - Lunch
1:30 PM - Ministry/Evangelism
5:00 PM - Dinner
7:00 PM - Evening Service

Saturday, June 03

7:30 AM - Breakfast
8:00 AM - Devotional
9:00 AM - Ministry/Evangelism
12:30 PM - Lunch
1:30 PM - Ministry/Evangelism
4:00 PM - Set Up Expo
6:00 PM - Pizza Dinner
7:00 PM - Crusade
10:00 PM - Late Night Dessert

Sunday, June 04

7:30 AM - Breakfast
8:00 AM - Devotional
8:30 AM - Church
1:00 PM - Lunch
2:00 PM - Beach Time Fun
5:00 PM - Luau
6:30 PM - Baptisms
7:30 PM - Evening Service

Monday, June 05

7:30 AM - Breakfast
8:30 AM - Depart for AZ





TEAM MEMBER EXPECTATION

As a member of this Life Link Church team, I commit to actively participate in and support the whole team to accomplish the goals of our particular project. I recognize that by being a part of this team I am agreeing to the following:

Standard of Excellence:

1. Have a regular daily time of Bible Study and prayer.
2. Arrive early to all events, if you are on time you are late.
3. Actively seek the positive in situations rather than complain.
4. Always be looking for opportunities to serve.
5. Have a spirit of flexibility assuming that plans often change.
6. Refrain from the purchase of and the use of illegal drugs, behavior-altering substances, smoking, drinking alcohol.
7. Abstain from all immoral sexual conduct.
8. Refrain from any behavior which might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble.

Team Mindset:

1. Make it a priority to attend the team meetings and be an active participant in all team and project activities.
2. Submit to the authority of the team leader and demonstrate respect for their leadership.
3. Take personal responsibility for the safe keeping of my belongings.

Finances:

1. I commit to meet the payment deadlines and realize that I will not be able to attend the trip if I do not have my funds in on time.



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