

DVBC Missions trip to Rocky Point

14-17 Nov 2024



PURPOSE: This DVBC short-term missions trip is being planned in cooperation with i6eight. Our purpose is to glorify God by Living for Him, Loving His People and Building His Kingdom. If we have 30 or more team members, we will be building a 22' x 26' home including bathroom for a needy family in Rocky Point. If we have fewer, another project will be selected and/or we may work together with another church group.

QUALIFICATIONS: This trip is open to people of all ages. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or authorized adult.

REQUIREMENTS: Bring a heart willing to serve and learn.

TRAVEL INFO: For those who want to caravan, we will leave the church at noon on Thursday, November 9. Eat early or pack a lunch to eat while driving. It takes about 5 hours to drive to Rocky Point from the church. Buy Mexico car insurance ahead of time so we don't have to wait for you to purchase it while on the trip. Be sure to take a current vehicle registration with you. Those traveling separately need to plan to arrive at the i6eight compound by 5:30 PM. Departure time is around noon on Sunday.

PASSPORTS REQUIRED: It is best for each person to have a passport. It is currently taking around 8-12 weeks to get a passport. Enhanced driver's licenses will also work. Children under 16 can get by with a birth certificate, but why not get them a passport?

COST: The cost is \$300 per adult or youth, with a maximum of \$900 per family. Children under 11 are free. Full payment is due to DVBC by September 30. Most of the funds go to buy building materials for the home we are building.

TOOLS: All the tools needed will be provided, but if you have any favorite hand tools, you may bring them. Just be sure to keep track of them! There will probably not be a place to charge electric tools at the job site.

ACCOMODATIONS: We will be roughing it at the i6eight compound. Bring a tent and sleeping bags. RVs are also permitted but will have no hookups. There are bathrooms and showers at the compound. If you do not have a tent, we can help with that. Meals are provided, but if you have allergies or special dietary requirements, please bring your own food.

TEAM LEADERS: The team leaders are Miles & Terri Fagerlie, and Austin Blake. Contact Miles at 602-432-2408 or fagerlie@gmail.com, and Austin at 970-768-7262 or ablakegolf@gmail.com.

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Mexico Missions Trip Packing List

Travel Documents (PRIORITY)

- It is best for all participants to have a valid US passport which you must bring with you (or it does you no good). However, enhanced drivers licenses (with a yellow star) will also work.

Spending Money

- \$20 to \$40

Building Attire: Recommended

- Work shoes/boots (NO open toes on work sites to avoid injuries)
- Work gloves
- Work clothes that may get ruined
- NO dresses, Capri's, Tank Tops or Shorts, as this is Cultural...please respect this

Personal

- Tent and/or R.V.
- Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow
- Foam mattress, air mattress or sleeping pad recommended
- Clothes that will get dirty and possibly ruined if used at the work site. Short pants are okay in camp, but not at the work site.
- Hat, bandana, sunglasses, sunscreen (SPF 30+, waterproof), lip balm, bug spray
- Closed toe shoes, jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts – mornings and evenings can be chilly in November
- Personal items, including towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, hand wipes/hand gel; etc.
- Bathing suit, sandals/shower shoes, covering (shower)
- Reusable water bottle
- Flashlight
- Bible & Journal, pen
- Camp chair
- Camera
- Rain gear (weather dependent)

Missions Trip Testimonials

“Our week with I68 was an amazing experience. The organization is very organized and provided a safe venue for all the DVBC families to stay. The food was top notch and had an authentic flavor. I was impressed to learn I68 focused on building relationships and discipling more than building houses. I68 uses the actual construction of the house as a gateway to show a family the love of Christ and to begin new relationships. Post construction I68 continues to maintain the relationships and provides a place for church and learning at the I68 facility. This program impressed me as often with other organizations the mission is solely to build a house and leave.

My intention on going to Mexico was to bring perspective to my children in regard to how well they have it. Also, I wanted my kids to earn some blisters doing a kind of work they had never done before. I have four kids whose ages ranged from teens to child. There was something for all of them to do at the worksite. After all the hard work my kids said they loved the experience and wanted to go on the next trip.

In all, I would say the trip accomplished several things. I noticed several DVBC families bonded and became very close. I noticed I had a renewed feeling of joy in my spirit. Lastly, my children gained an understanding and interest towards missions.

I recommend partnering with I68 and serving Christ in Mexico. Some man-work would be good for your soft hands anyways. It's a worthy cause and you will come home a better person.”

Jason Robidoux

“I think for me and my family serving in Mexico together was an invaluable experience. It’s truly life changing to see folks in poverty and help them. To be the hands and feet of Jesus to help bring folks housing and take care of their needs. It was very rewarding for my family and I to serve together. The kids got to see what life is like for many around the world and really appreciate the things that they have here at home. Common things like good roads, trash pick up, running water etc...We can easily take those things for granted here and they are not readily available in many places around the world. We hope to always have an attitude of gratitude and instill that in our kids.

It was very valuable to see other cultures and languages as well and get the kids and ourselves out of our comfort zone. We got to put in some hard days work which is invaluable to serve others with a reward being that a family will have a new home. The work allows us to serve together and love another family. The time spent with the other families serving on the trip is great fellowship as well. This is an outstanding way to live the Great Commission Matt 28:19-20. This trip created spiritual growth and family memories that will last a lifetime. “

Conor Stilwell

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“My wife and I decided to take our whole family to Rocky Point for the i6eight trip in November 2022. Our four kids are ages 5 to 11. As a dad, I thought - hey, my kids complain too much and they will learn some hard work and be more grateful for what they have! That’s really not what we got out of it. Instead, dad was the one who was convicted about how self sacrificing it is to do ministry in a poverty stricken town like that one. I realized how conditioned I am for a life that relies on simple things like paved roads, air conditioning, and garbage collection. My kids did gain a heart for others, but not in ways I’d expected. They still fought over broken toys they found in a trash heap, but their eyes were opened to the family that was going to be living in the house we built together. They learned as much Spanish as they could so they could talk and play with the kids from that family. I know we want to go back because we value being able to serve side by side as a family, build community with other families from Desert View, and see how God works in environments that are nothing like we are used to at home.”

Billy Fourt

“As a kid I was fortunate that my parents set aside time and money to go on a missions trip every winter. Most of my best memories are from those trips, and my worldview continues to be impacted due to the exposure I had to other cultures. Because of this I wanted my kids to experience it as well. 3 of my oldest kids and myself went last year to i6eight, and it was everything I hoped for and more! Not only was it safe, easy to get to, great food and people, but the project impressed me with how everyone was involved, including the young kids. There is something incredible that happens when we make time to serve together as the body of Christ to witness to a family and community. As a group we are helping provide what could be a life changing gift to a family that might feel like they don’t deserve it, which is an earthly example of what God gave us and continues to give us through his unfailing grace. I would encourage all men and families to partner with and experience i6eight through a house build”

Austin Blake

“Our family (Ben, Melissa, Jacob (11), Joshua (8), and Ethan (5)) participated in the i6Eight Mexico missions trip in 2022, and it was a REALLY positive experience for our whole family. The i6eight staff had everything organized really well, they provided everything that we needed to accomplish the task (building a home for a single mom and her kids), and they made sure that the whole family was able to be involved. Even the youngest kids were given age-appropriate tasks and stayed engaged and interested the whole time. We enjoyed the work, the food (!), the relationships we built with other team members, the time with our family away from the rhythms of ‘normal life,’ and I think we were blessed even more than the family who received a new home. It was a great adventure for our family, an eye-opening experience for our children, and a great way to participate in international missions without having to get everyone onto a plane! I highly recommend the i6eight trip to you if you’re looking for a way to involve your whole family in building God’s kingdom. 5 stars – definitely recommended!”

Ben Rounds