

# 1MISSION

We're a community development organization giving people in poverty the opportunity to earn a house by serving their community.

Thank you for considering serving with 1MISSION!

The purposed of this Participant Packet is to help you prepare for your upcoming trip to Mexico. If you don't find the answer here, your group leader should be able to answer any additional questions that you may have.



## [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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### [Accommodation Reservations](#)

The fee for the use of the bunkhouse beds is \$15 and must be reserved by in advance. **1MISSION must follow local health authority guidance with respect to shared accommodations, particularly with regard to COVID-19 health restrictions. This could cause an unexpected change to the availability of the bunkhouses.** RV sites are limited and must also be reserved in advance for an additional \$30 fee for RV sites with full hookups. For reservations email [trips@1mission.org](mailto:trips@1mission.org)

### [About Puerto Peñasco \(Rocky Point\)](#)

### [Impact Stories](#)

Read some stories from the field of the impact on the family you'll be serving with.

### [Driving Directions](#)

Prior to travelling into Mexico you will need to purchase Mexico auto insurance for your vehicle. Your US insurance is not valid in Mexico. You can purchase insurance online, at several locations as you approach the border or contact Kirk Borg at 623-562-3400.

### [Watch Some Videos](#)

Watch some videos about the trip.

## Driving Directions

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**BASE CAMP LOCATION:** 31°25.593'N 113° 28.194'W  
31.4272444N 113.4697076W

KM 83 Highway 8 (50 miles south of Sonoyta)

[Google Maps Location](#)

### FIRST THINGS FIRST – SAFETY!!

The Mexico Tourism department provides an emergency road side service known as the Angeles Verdes (Green Angels). If you have car trouble, call 078 from your cell phone. If you can't make a call just open your car hood and wait as they make regular tours of the highway.

You can also reach us at any point by calling 480-363-8476 (Mirla) or 480-205-5725 (Greg) or our office at 602-635-7500.

### VEHICLE INSURANCE

You must purchase Mexico vehicle insurance before you cross the border. This is the law in Mexico and your US vehicle insurance is not valid in Mexico. You can purchase insurance online or at several locations along the road before crossing the border into Mexico.

An additional option is to contact Kirk Borg at 623-562-3400 and purchase a policy before leaving home.

### IMPORTANT!! ENTERING BASE CAMP

The 1MISSION base camp is located on the east side of a very busy highway. Therefore, to enter the base camp you will need to make a left turn off the highway. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that you use extra precautions when making the turn in to base camp.

Other drivers travelling the highway may not be expecting vehicles to be making a left hand turn on this stretch of highway. Be sure to CAREFULLY CHECK YOUR REAR VIEW MIRROR to ensure that no one is overtaking you before making the left turn.



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## CROSSING THE BORDER

You will need to find your way to the border crossing at Lukeville, AZ.

As you approach the border crossing you may be stopped by US Border Patrol officials who may ask you a few easy to answer questions.

When you cross the border you may or may not be stopped by Mexican officials. There is a traffic control arm across the road and a small traffic signal on the left hand side. If you see the light turn green you just continue on unless an agent motions you to stop. If the light turns red an alarm will sound and you must stop for the agents. Usually they just do a quick check to see where you are going and they may want to inspect the contents of your vehicle. This is rarely more than a minor inconvenience. You may be asked to show ID and your vehicle registration.

After leaving the border crossing you will immediately enter into the town of Sonoyta. Continue for about 2 miles until you come to a major highway intersection. You will turn to the left onto Highway 2.

Within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile you will cross over a bridge and then you will see a sign indicating a turn to the right to Pte. Peñasco. Watch this [video](#) for a live view of what to expect.

Once you cross the bridge and merge right toward Puerto Peñasco on Highway 8, you will travel down the main street of Sonoyta for about 1 mile.

Be sure to watch the speed limits as they are strictly enforced. If you drive over 25 mph (40 kph) expect to be stopped and ticketed. You will be escorted to the police station to pay your fine.

Continue on Highway 8 all the way to the 1MISSION base camp. The base camp is at approximately kilometer marker 83 (about 50 miles.) The kilometer markers are small signs on the right hand side of the road. The base camp is on the left hand side of a very long, straight stretch of highway.



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## What to Bring

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### Identification

- Passport –When driving to Mexico adults require a passport or enhanced driver's license. The [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative](#) allows exceptions for minors travelling with an organized group.

### General

- Prescription medication for duration of the trip including a copy of prescription
- Something to sleep in (RV, Tent) reservations are needed for RVs
- Sleeping bag or blanket and pillow if you are staying in the bunkhouse. You will receive instructions for reservations once your trip payment or deposit is received.
- Personal toiletries: soap, shampoo, towel, etc.
- Flashlight
- Personal water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Folding chair for the jobsite is a plus

### Clothing

#### Jobsite

- Appropriate work clothes (NO shorts or tank tops)
- Work shoes/boots – no open toe shoes on worksites
- Work gloves

#### Basecamp

- Base camp casual clothes (Shorts OK)
- Appropriate swim suit for swimming pool
- Warm clothes – evenings & mornings can be cool

### Store

- 1MISSION has a store at base camp where you can purchase items such as t-shirts, hats and hoodies. You can also [purchase your gear online](#).

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