

Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua



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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Puerto Cabezas lies on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua and is the poorest region of that country. Three quarters of the population live without clean drinking water, and hundreds die or suffer from preventable illness every year. Recent water testing revealed high levels of bacteria and contaminants in the wells. Forward Edge is committed to providing clean water and the hope of the Gospel to this area with so much need.

Because Forward Edge has worked in Nicaragua for over 20 years, when Hurricane Felix destroyed the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua in September, 2007, we were able to respond. Through a partnership with Verbo Church, Forward Edge immediately sent funds and volunteer laborious to assist with the rebuilding and recovery efforts. Now, two years later, many homes remain in a dilapidated state. The gray tarps used to patch the roofs after the storm are now showing clear signs of wear and tear. Families are vulnerable to the elements and more workers like you are needed to continue this rebuilding effort.



Additionally, the Puerto Cabezas Verbo Church provides the area with a Christian school, an orphanage, a Discipleship Home for older boys, and a medical clinic. There are many opportunities for you to come alongside this vital ministry and assist. Buildings need repairs and the over 100 children living in the orphanage need love and attention.

The ministry opportunities are limitless in this poverty-stricken area. You will assist the laborers at various project sites, interact with children in the community, visit the local orphanage or just share a moment with a local resident.

We will discuss ministry opportunities with your group leader to create a schedule that fits your team. The team will experience a variety of work and play, and attend a worship service with the people you will be serving. This will be an incredible opportunity to see how God uses ordinary people to make a difference in the lives of so many. We look forward to working with you.



A young girl fishes water out of a crude, contaminated well.

Everyone
should have
an
opportunity
to change a
LIFE.



Build relationships with those living on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua.



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Come to the Edge...
where you will discover in a deeper
way who God is, who you are and
what God can do through you.

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

Verbo Church Pastor Earl Bowie and his wife Demaris, along with their 3 children, will host you on their property. There are several team homes on the property to accommodate your team. Each team house is comfortable and will have bathrooms and bedrooms that are furnished with twin beds, sheets, pillows and towels. Team meals will also be served in Pastor Earl's home. Laundry services are offered daily for teams to take advantage of.

COST: The fee of **\$765** covers 7 days of food, lodging, ground and an inter-country flight to Puerto Cabezas. Our S.U.R.F. Training materials will be sent to each team member before they depart, there will be an experienced on-site facilitator and complete logistical coordination are also included. **It does not include your flights to and from Nicaragua.** There is a **\$5 (USD)** entrance fee, payable in cash as you pass through immigration. You will need to show your passport and an immigration form (which will be given to you on your flight before you arrive). Keep the returned form from the immigration officer as it will expedite your exit from the country. Trip insurance is required and it will cost approximately **\$20**. We'll help you obtain insurance two weeks before departure.

TO KNOW: Culturally, it is important to bring small gifts as a sign of appreciation for your hosts. Please talk as a team about what you could bring to bless those who serve you in Nicaragua. Souvenirs from your home area are always well received along with towels, calendars, chocolate or tea.

PASSPORT: A passport is required to enter Nicaragua. If you don't have a passport, you can apply for one by contacting your local passport office or a US Post Office. If you already have a passport, be sure that it **extends at least six months past your return date**. No other identification is needed.

CHALLENGE: The needs are immediate and great. Please pray to see if God is placing it on your heart to help serve this community in practical ways.

OTHER QUESTIONS: As soon as Forward Edge receives your completed applications, we'll send you a team pack: t-shirt, our S.U.R.F. Training materials and cultural information on Nicaragua. Please contact **Kay Moore, Nicaragua Coordinator at 360.574.3343** or kay@forwardedge.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

90 Days:
Application & Liability
Release Form DUE.

75 Days:
\$382.50
Half Payment DUE.

45 Days:
\$382.50
Full Payment DUE

2 Weeks:
Trip/Travel insurance
secured for team



Local boys pose for the camera.

Ordinary People ▶ Extraordinary Purpose