

# ROCKPOINTE MISSIONS

## PARTNER PROFILE

### Blake & Kathy Penson

**Blake and Kathy Penson** have been C&MA international workers in Latin America for 20 years. They left careers in finance (Blake) and teaching (Kathy) to obey God's call to international ministry. They started as church planters in **Mexico City** and for the past 15 years have worked to develop national C&MA pastors and leaders in **Cuba**. Over the years, their ministry on the island has involved equipping leaders through spiritual and theological formation, facilitating an interdenominational prayer ministry, seeking ways to assist the churches toward economic sustainability, and seeding the hope of the gospel in a spiritually oppressive environment.



Blake and Kathy will be leaving in late October for Mexico City. During this term of service, they will be field leaders in Mexico and Cuba. Their ministry will continue to focus on leadership formation, developing prayer networks, and fostering cooperation with the national church in equipping leaders to reach out to least reached people groups in their own contexts and around the world.

### Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the provision of an apartment in Mexico City. Pray for Blake and Kathy's transition as they set up house and settle into life in that city.
- Pray for them as they begin to meet with individuals, team leaders and the team in Mexico City. Blake and Kathy's desire is to be able to "see" and "hear" in the Spirit in order to effectively build into the lives and ministries of IW and national leadership.
- Pray for spiritual and physical protection and breakthrough. Spiritual strongholds in both Mexico and Cuba are oppressive and will be penetrated only through persistent united prayer. Pray that generational and historical roots that the enemy has planted will be replaced with new roots in Christ.
- Leading two fields will be a challenge. Blake and Kathy need wisdom to discern God's priorities in order to develop a healthy rhythm of life and ministry in order to be effective ministers in both nations.



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## RockPointe Missions Strategy

God has had one purpose from the beginning of time. As God made it plain in the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12:2-3 ALL peoples on earth will be blessed. And in Isaiah 49:6 God says: *"...I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."* Our missions strategy is simply the **mission of the church**.

We send teams to experience cross-cultural engagement, and focus on communicating God's heart for the nations with all of you. We also place a strong emphasis on the following criteria and objectives when choosing partners:

**Geographical:** Acts 1:8 says *"and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* The Jerusalem and Judea of Acts 1:8 are largely addressed by other ministries at RockPointe. Our Global Outreach ministry focuses on:

- Samaria (locations nearby where there is a language or cultural barrier to be crossed such as First Nations people, Quebec, ethnic communities in Calgary)
- Ends of the earth (nations around the world)

**Functions:** We are guided by the C&MA strategy which focuses on:

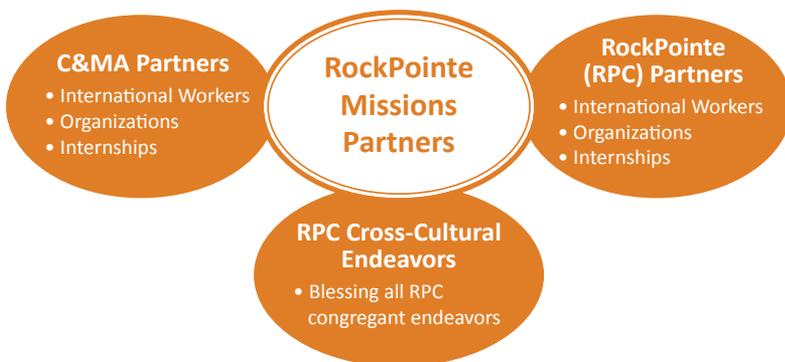
- Church Ministries (church planting, ministry training, discipleship, etc.)
- Marketplace Ministries (business as mission, tent making, etc.)
- Support Ministries (technical support, professional transition coaching, administrative support, construction, etc.)
- Justice and Compassion

**Depth Vs. Breadth:** Our focus is **depth** of relationship and participation rather than **breadth**.

**Priorities:** Priority is given to partners who minister with Unreached People Groups (UPG), and to establishing partnerships with C&MA ministries.

**RockPointe Connection:** All of our non-C&MA partners have a RockPointe connection.

**Established Track Record:** Priority is given to partners with an established track record.



We would love to have you join us on the adventure. It brings God's purposes as well as our personal purposes into focus which is His Story.

You can pick up the **RockPointe Missions Booklet** for a brief overview.