

La Roca Christian School FAQs

Question: How much support is needed to be raised for the two-year commitment?

Answer: Approximately \$1,200 per month will need to be raised; however, the exact costs for each missionary will be determined at the time of acceptance.

Costs to cover:

- Rent
- Utilities
- Food
- Local Transportation
- General ministry expenses

In addition to this monthly cost, onetime costs for nonimmigrant papers will be approximately \$700.

Airfare is not included in these cost estimates.

Question: How does the money-handling process work?

Answer: Each missionary raises his/her own support from churches, friends, businesses, etc. World Reach processes all donations for accountability purposes and issues tax-deductible receipts to donors. World Reach makes bi-monthly payments to the missionary.

Question: What responsibilities do I have to my supporters?

Answer: It is essential that missionaries maintain regular communication with their supporters regarding the teaching ministry.

Question: How does the application/acceptance process work?

Answer: The first step to the application process is filling out the World Reach Personal Profile. This will allow World Reach to get to know the applicant. The applicant then fills out and submits a teacher missionary application and includes all other forms/references with the application submission. Applicants may then be asked to come to the World Reach Headquarters in Birmingham, AL for a personal interview. Various topics such as previous missions experience, cross-cultural experience and situational examples will be discussed. If accepted for the World Reach teaching mission field, applicants will be asked to take a short-term trip to visit the La Roca School in Peru. This is to allow applicants to experience first-hand what to prepare for and how to prepare. It will also give applicants a taste of the society in which they will be living and will allow them to make the final commitment decision.

Question: Who will I be working for at the school?

Answer: Your immediate supervisor is the school principal. For tax purposes, you are an employee of World Reach and will receive a W-2.

Question: What is the classroom atmosphere like?

Answer: La Roca has great facilities that are very conducive to learning. Each student has a personal desk and learning materials. Teachers are provided with materials for

lesson plans, and there are chalkboards in every classroom to facilitate teaching. In 2009, uniforms became a requirement for every student. The girls wear jumpers and ties and the boys wear a collared shirt, tie and slacks. The maximum number of students in each classroom is 24. Each class is assigned two teachers — one English and one Spanish. Both teachers prepare individual curriculums to teach, however, both are present as each others' support in the classroom.

Question: What is the school year calendar, and what do I do in the off months?

Answer: The school year goes from March–December with few breaks in between. In the off months, missionaries can use the time to return to the United States to make contact with supporters and visit family. Missionaries have the option of staying in Peru and helping with the other ministry programs, such as the Prenatal Center, which is located on the school campus.

Question: How safe is the general area of the La Roca School campus?

Answer: La Roca is about an hour south of the airport in Lima, the capitol of Peru. It is located in the town of Jose Galvez. As with anywhere in the world, safety precautions must always be taken. However, La Roca is in a safe area and the enclosed campus provides an element of safety to students and teachers.

Question: Tell me more about the country of Peru, specifically Jose Galvez and Lima.

Answer: Peru's relative size is slightly smaller than the state of Alaska. Its climate ranges from tropical in the East, to dry desert in the West, to frigid in the Andes.

La Roca is in Jose Galvez, which is in a very dry and dusty desert area. It is near the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

The country of Peru has about 29 million people, Lima has about 9 million people and Jose Galvez has about 600,000 people. The city of Jose Galvez can be described as a “typical developing city” with very simple housing. It does not have much wealth.

About 87.7 percent of the people of Peru can read and write at the age of 15. Eighty-one percent of the population is Roman Catholic. Current teachers at La Roca say that many of the families of the kids are reluctant to move from their religious traditions into a relationship with Christ.

Question: What might a “typical day” look like for me as a teacher?

Answer: It is not uncommon for teachers to say that their days are jam-packed with lessons and school preparation. The English and Spanish teachers split teaching time during the day (60 percent of the lessons are in English, 40 percent are in Spanish), and a variety of subjects are covered much like school in the United States. K3-K5 students do not stay as late in the afternoon as the Elementary classes.

Question: What are my living arrangements like?

Answer: Missionary teachers live on the La Roca campus in dorm-style apartments. Teachers have their own rooms and have full personal kitchen access. Transportation (public buses or vehicles from the compound) is available for teachers to go into town to the market. Along with the school classrooms and offices, there is also a basketball

court and soccer field for the kids to play on. Many kids come before and stay after school to play on the campus.

Question: What do I need to enter and stay in the country?

Answer: For U.S. citizens only, a passport is required to enter the country. The passport will allow missionaries to stay in the country for 90 days on a tourist visa, which may be extended to 120 days. Once settled, missionaries will need to obtain non-immigrant documents to remain in the country full-time. Missionaries will receive non-immigrant processing instructions while in Peru. The cost of the non-immigrant documents will be included in the total budget that is developed as part of the acceptance process.

Question: Does World Reach provide international medical health insurance?

Answer: No. It is up to the missionary to procure medical insurance if his/her existing policy does not provide international coverage. World Reach will require the missionary to present proper documentation of health insurance coverage before the acceptance process is complete and will assist the missionary in finding an insurance company if needed.