

# Financial Information

## for Volunteers and Visitors Coming to Melanesia/South Pacific Field, Church of the Nazarene

### EXPENSES

- The following costs are either in Fijian Dollars or US Dollars. When visiting any of the other countries please think in their currency when you see "FJD." If you have any questions about that just e-mail the missionary you are currently working with.
- Visitors and Volunteers to the Melanesia/South Pacific Fields for the Church of the Nazarene are responsible to cover their own travel costs, which include: airfare, the trip from the airport to the station, trips to town or other local transportation, and the return trip to the airport on departure.
- Airport Pick Up/Drop Off - FJD125
- Shopping trip/other trips to the main town FJD75. Often trips are shared (especially shopping trips and airport trips) so the cost is divided.
- Food and other purchases are the responsibility of the visitor/volunteer. (Groceries - FJD180 per person per week estimate)
- Housing and utilities costs will vary depending on where the visitor/volunteer is housed as follows:
  - Most medical volunteer housing costs are covered;
  - Visitors and other volunteers staying with a missionary host family pay USD\$30/month/person for utilities (\$1/day/person)
  - Visitors and other volunteers staying independently in mission housing pay USD\$209/month/housing unit for their housing and utilities. (\$7/day/housing unit) This is for Papua New Guinea Highlands only.
- Medical registration for medical volunteers - FJD30
- Visa – FJD100 per person paid at the Immigration desk at the airport
- Internet use – Based on usage. Depending on availability, you may be provided with a Digicel Modem for which you will need to buy usage. You pay per byte, so how much you use it, email is very cheap, uploading pictures is expensive. You will need your own computer for this.
- Telephone service for calls outside the station is not provided. You may buy an inexpensive, pre-paid cell phone ("Vodafone" or "Digicel") at the airport or in a main town. This is the best way to call home, and is very convenient for communication on the station.
- PERSONAL EXPENSES - This includes souvenirs, side trips, etc.

**CURRENCY**

PNG currency is called the Kina. The Kina is currently worth about US \$0.50.

FJD is the Fijian dollar, and it is almost the same as the kina \$2FJD = \$1USD.

We suggest that you exchange about \$400 US at the airport. There is a bank window in the luggage pickup/customs area. This should be plenty until you can get to the bank. If you have a debit card, there is an ATM that takes them, and it is by far the least troublesome and least expensive to get money into the country. You can get up to \$400USD at a time.

\*\*Remember to notify your card companies and banks that you are traveling internationally, or they may freeze your card when they detect a transaction far from your usual locations.

**INSURANCE**

Insurance is required, and it must be obtained through the Nazarene volunteer program, Global Serve. It costs about US\$ 2.75 per day, and may be obtained online at <http://www.missioncorps.org/?page=resources.html>

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