

Living and Traveling Information for TCI Volunteer Teacher *2015*

I. Expenses

a. Costs for a volunteer teacher living at Faith Village are totaled as follows:

\$560 per month

\$5,090 TOTAL for 9-month stay at Faith Village

\$6,545 TOTAL for 1-year stay (includes school breaks)

b. NOTE: Airfare is not included in these totals. The volunteer is directly responsible for these costs.

c. Volunteers are responsible to pay the amount designated to TCI for the upcoming month by the first of that month. The teacher also has the option to pay a lump sum in advance.

***For a breakdown of these costs, see PDF file "Volunteer Teacher Costs"*

II. Housing

a. Teachers have the opportunity to live in on-campus housing. Facilities include are:

i. One private bedroom with electric and fan, bedding included

ii. Shared dormitory bathroom (with other teachers)

b. Teachers may also rent a guest house in Thaton, at their own expense. The cost of monthly support would be adjusted accordingly.

c. Meals will be cooked by the volunteer in a shared-teacher kitchen. All meals will be at their own expense, as included in the budget.

III. Transportation

a. Included in the cost of the volunteer experience are gas costs for general transportation, including: to and from airport, grocery shopping, and occasional errands.

b. NOTE: Volunteers are **not permitted** to drive a vehicle unless they possess an international driver's license and have the permission of TCI staff. Therefore, they are required to be driven by staff (by request), or to take public transportation.

c. Not included in transportation costs are: sightseeing or vacations/holidays. The expenses and transportation for those trips are the responsibility of the volunteer.

IV. Visa Information

- a. Volunteers are responsible to obtain a N-O Tourist Visa. This visa lasts for 3 months. The volunteer will be responsible for all time-extensions on this visa, which may require trips outside of the country or to the Bangkok government office.
- b. Costs of the visa and expenses of extending/maintaining this visa are the responsibility of the volunteer. These costs are included in Expenses Section I.
- c. NOTE: TCI is currently working towards being able to grant volunteers one-year visas. However, TCI does not currently have that ability, so a tourist visa must be obtained. When obtaining a tourist visa, by law, the volunteer is not permitted to work for pay.

V. Policies

- a. As an example to the children and a participant in our organization, volunteers are required to follow all policies and rules established by TCI. This includes the entire duration of their stay, including breaks that are in between semesters.
- b. If a volunteer refuses to follow TCI policy, their volunteer experience will be terminated. TCI is not responsible for the costs incurred to the volunteer as a result of this termination.