



2026 Changepoint Volunteer Build Vanuatu Build Trip

Thanks for your interest in joining the Changepoint team in Vanuatu to complete the build of a double school classroom for V2 Life in Eratarp, located just outside of Port Vila. The school is run by V2 Life (YWAM) who started Teouma Christian Academy to respond to the needs of their community.

Over the past 3 years, Volunteer Build has constructed 7 new classrooms. The Changepoint team classroom will be the 8th classroom we have built at the school. The slab is already down, and 3 generous donors have funded 100% of the building materials cost, saving each person \$1,000 on this trip!

Trip Dates: Depart 2nd weekend of Term 3 school holidays being Saturday 3rd of October 2026 and return to NZ Sunday 11th of October 2026.

Team Size: Approximately 15-20. Volunteer Build will provide a host and building foreman to supervise the building project. **No prior building experience is required.**

Departure Date Saturday 3rd of October 2026	Estimated Costs per person
Group Airfare (note its school holidays) Auckland to Port Vila OR Best Available once group fares are sold out. Refer below	\$1,295
Volunteer Build Trip Fee (8 nights' accommodation, ground transport, lunches on build days, hosting).	\$2,000
Building Contribution (normally \$1,000 pp)	\$0
Total	\$3,295

Airfare Budget: This trip is the 1st week of term 3 NZ school holidays so early booking is recommended. We have a group airfare flying directly from Auckland to Port Vila on Solomon Airlines for \$1295 return. Once the group fares are sold out, "best available" fares will need to be booked.

Accommodation: Share Twin at local resort in 2-bedroom harborside apartments, with pool. 4 people to an apartment. Single supplements apply if you require a single room.

Catering: Cost includes lunches, morning and afternoon teas on building days and water on building site. Self-cater other meals at apartments (supermarket close by) or join other team members for dinner at local restaurants each evening (own cost). There is a BBQ at the resort where team meals can be prepared on some nights (everyone contributes to the cost – or team meals could be fundraised as a group).

Transport: Hired vehicles.

Building Contribution: \$0 per person donation towards the cost of building materials (sourced locally). This is usually \$1,000 pp but 3 generous donors have funded 100% of the building materials already.

Vaccinations: A current tetanus shot is COMPULSORY on this trip – it's a building site and tetanus bacteria lives in dirt and building materials. You will need to consult your doctor, however common vaccinations needed are Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Hepatitis A & flu vax, typhoid, chicken pox (unless you have had it). Remember it's not just you who needs protection – it's the kids and families you interact with as well. Dengue fever, zika and



malaria may be present in Vanuatu at times, so discuss use of DEET based repellent and malaria tablets with your doctor.

Visas: For NZ passport holders, a tourist visa is given on arrival in Port Vila, Vanuatu (no charge). 6-month validity on passport is needed after departure.

Travel insurance: compulsory and [must include coverage for manual labour \(building\)](#) and medical evacuation and cancellation costs. Volunteer Build provides a policy through Covermore, and a personalized quote will be provided after signing up. Premium is from \$180 per person up and depends on your age, cancellation coverage selected and any pre-existing conditions.

Trip Management: Leah Lefebvre (CP team leader) plus Mike O'Brien (lead building foreman) plus Diana Judge (Volunteer Build).

To register for the Trip: All approved team members need to complete an online application form found at

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/Volunteerbuild1/VNCP2026VanuatuChangeointTripApplicationForm> .

What is not covered in the Trip Cost?

- Vaccinations
- Travel insurance premium.
- Breakfast, dinners, and lunches not specified (eating out - budget approx. \$20 for lunch and \$30+ for dinner although you can self-cater at the apartments)
- Personal drinks and snacks & spending money
- Return transfer to Auckland International Airport from Tauranga.
- Return flights to Port Vila



Note- this program is subject to change at the discretion of Volunteer Build