

Testimonials

What people say after the trip

ART GREEN

Reality TV Star
2018 House Building Mexico Trip

I signed up because I wanted to have an adventure and to make a meaningful change to the lives of some people less fortunate than myself. Upon landing in LA, I joined 10 other strangers who were in the same boat as me – no one had any experience but we were all keen to get stuck in. Over the course of three days we built a house for a family of seven, who before then were living in a one room make-shift shack. Seeing the smiles and tears of joy on the family member's faces when we handed over the keys was a truly humbling moment. The other members of my group are now good friends. I couldn't recommend this experience more highly!



JAMES GRAFAS

Parent – Mexico

Taking a 10 year old boy to Mexico to build a house in the heat and wind and dust made me a little nervous. I didn't need to be. Watching Isaiah take it all in, the team, the environment, the way people live, the food, I could tell his world was getting bigger every day of the trip. Seeing him dirty, spent but satisfied at the end of each day of hitting nails, painting, plastering and cleaning up made me so proud, and I know he felt proud too.

Volunteer Build with his dad will be a part of his story for the rest of his life and I am SO glad I made the decision to go do it. It was bar none the most special experience I've had with my son. I really hope I get to do it again.

KAREN CHURCHWARD

Director of Events & Communications,
Hutt International Boys School, Upper Hutt

International Service provides a great opportunity to instil in young people the understanding that each of us has a responsibility to help others. Students can experience first-hand the effect service and assistance can have on those less fortunate than themselves; they get to demonstrate the qualities of care, compassion, generosity and humility in an international context.

Working with Volunteer Build has enabled the HIBS International Service team to concentrate on raising funds while Volunteer Build ably take care of the organisation to ensure we are well looked after while in country and all safety measures are in place.



Who is Volunteer Build?

Volunteer Build is the trading name of Break Free Expeditions Ltd, a volunteer organisation set up 11 years ago to build homes and school classrooms for the poor living overseas. Volunteer Build partners with trusted organisations who are delivering on the ground working with local communities to give them what they need and want to build better futures for their people. Volunteer Build teams make these projects happen by providing funding, manpower and much needed encouragement to local communities in developing countries. Teams are led by a combination of Volunteer Build staff and local hosts and building foremen.

No prior building experience is required on our trips as we teach you everything you need to know. Our trips are suitable for individual travellers, couples, families (well behaved children from 8 years welcome) and mature travellers up to 79 years. All travellers must qualify for Volunteer Build's comprehensive travel insurance that provides volunteers coverage while building.

Joining one of our Volunteer Build teams is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3

1. Choose your trip
2. Register at www.volunteerbuild.com
3. Once accepted, we'll send you everything you need to know to get ready including information on travel documentation, vaccinations, travel insurance, building site safety, things to bring, great fundraising ideas and more.

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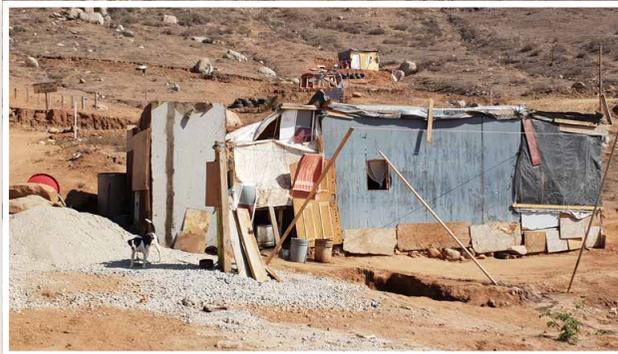
2019 MEXICO

Building Homes and Lives

In Mexico we'll be building a home for a needy family in the colonias of Tijuana. Teams also have the opportunity to feed the homeless and refugees as well as visiting and delivering personal care packages to a local prison.

TRIP CODE	MX1901
TRIP DURATION	9 days
DEPARTS AUCKLAND	Saturday 28 September 2019
ENDS LAX	Sunday 6 October 2019
TRIP COST *	NZ\$2,800
APPROXIMATE AIRFARES	NZ\$1,300
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	NZ\$4,100

* Trip cost subject to change with supplier increases and exchange rate fluctuations. Includes accommodation in hotels or condos sharing a room with one other person for 8 nights, US/Mexico transfers via road, 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, NZ\$950 per person building contribution. Single rooms available at additional cost.



TONGA

Cyclone Gita Rebuilds

In Tonga we will build a home for a family that had theirs destroyed during Cyclone Gita in 2018. Michael and Malia and their 10 kids are currently living in a former pig sty and can't afford to rebuild their home.

TRIP CODE	TG1901
TRIP DURATION	11 days
DEPARTS AUCKLAND	Saturday 6 July 2019
ARRIVES NEW ZEALAND	Tuesday 16 July 2019
TRIP COST *	NZ\$2,740
GROUP AIRFARE	NZ\$760
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	NZ\$3,500

Trip costs include twin share hotel accommodation in Nukualofa, share twin, triple or quad lodge accommodation with ensuite on Eua, ground & boat transportation, daily breakfast, 5 lunches, water on building site, travel insurance, building contribution of NZ\$900 per person.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TRIPS

for Schools, Businesses and Special Interest Groups

Volunteer Build also provides private fully escorted turnkey trips for schools, business and special interest groups:

- International Service Trips
- Spanish language immersion for Mexico build trips
- Team building
- Personal leadership skills development
- An introduction to the issues around global poverty
- Cross cultural awareness and interaction
- Range of budgets and destinations
- No building experience required
- Clear deliverables at the end of the project – e.g. a home or school classroom built

We assist schools, businesses and special interest groups by providing:

- Fully vetted long standing, well respected projects that deliver value to the communities they operate in
- All transport, accommodation, airfares, travel insurance arrangements
- Assistance with parental consent document (schools and minors), emergency planning and RAMS
- Comprehensive pre trip briefings covering what to bring, building site safety, vaccination requirements, managing expectations, culture shock etc.
- Tried and proven fundraising ideas that raise large amounts of funds with minimal effort.

