

# Preparing for Fiji

## Purpose

- To represent Christ and CRPC
- To equip others to share the Gospel
- To use every opportunity to share your faith
- To learn from and interact with others of a different culture
- To serve the local communities
- To allow God to work in you so that you can become more like Christ

## Servant Leaders

- Set an example – remember you are held to a higher standard!
- Others are watching to see your character and integrity in action
- Prepare yourself to serve through leading
- Be fully present – not distracted

## Expectations

- Respect all team rules
- Understand and know the XEE Gospel Presentation
- Be ready to fulfill roles given by leaders for the XEE training and other aspects of the trip
- Be a team player
- Be ready for any changes that may come up
- Embrace a new culture and environment with joy and wonder
- Learn as much as you can and work through any culture shock in positive ways
- Open your mind, heart, and spirit for all that God is going to do in you and around you
- Unplug yourself electronically (there will be designated time periods with no wifi)
- Write in a journal
- Interact with the EE Changemakers Interns
- Get enough rest so you have energy for each day
- Persevere through busy and long days

## Prayer

- Be ready to step outside your comfort zone and try new things
- Have a heart to serve and grow
- Have a greater understanding of who God is and how the Great Commission relates to all you do
- Team Unity and Team Leaders
- EE Fiji Staff and EE Changemakers Interns
- XEE training – people who will attend and people we will share to
- School Outreach, Village Project, Youth Rally
- Protection during travel and our stay in Fiji
- Protection against spiritual warfare

Things to keep in mind:

- Flexibility over narrow mindedness
- Gratefulness over complaining
- Encouragement over gossip
- Humility and grace over pride and entitlement
- Selflessness over self-centeredness
- Compassion over insensitivity

Embrace the differences:

- No air-conditioning at the EE Centre
- Showers may not always have hot water available
- Line dry your laundry
- New and different foods
- Wearing conservative clothing
- Longer church services and different ways of worship
- Different cultural traditions and customs

Ephesians 6:10-20 (Armor of God)

- Belt of Truth (God's Word)
  - Brings life and light
  - Sets us free and strengthens us
  - Keeps us from tripping up along the way and standing firm
  - Challenges us to filter all things through God's Word
- Breastplate of righteousness
  - Protects the most vital organs of our spiritual life – heart and soul
  - Righteousness means right living that aligns with God's commands and expectations given in His Word
  - Guard your character and integrity – do not leave any room for the enemy to attack
- Shoes of peace
  - Where there is no peace, there is no victory
  - God's peace provides a firm grip in the midst of an unstable and chaotic world
  - It allows us to keep our footing
  - It guards and guides us
- Shield of faith
  - Faith that is active is our shield to live a holy life
  - Faith is active through our serving
  - Active faith requires risk and sacrifice and walks in obedience to His truth
- Helmet of Salvation
  - Guard your mind
  - Through salvation in Christ we have freedom and hope
  - Our salvation is our identity in Christ
- Sword of the Spirit
  - Be filled with the Holy Spirit
  - Let the spirit of God lead you
  - The Holy Spirit guides us in God's truth

## **Empowered and commissioned to serve**

Matthew 28:18-20

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

## **Sharing our faith**

Romans 10:13-14 “For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

## **Serve wholeheartedly**

I Samuel 12:24 “But be sure to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.”

## **Godly character and teamwork**

Romans 12:9-13 “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

## **Active faith**

I Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

## **Selfless**

I Corinthians 10:33 “For I am not seeking my own good, but the good of many that they may be saved.”

## **Perseverance**

Galatians 6:9 “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”