

MONTHLY BUDGET FOR SHORT TERM TEACHERS AT
EL CAMINO ACADEMY

	SINGLE	COUPLE
General living expenses	US\$400-600	US\$600-900
Rent	300-500	400-600
Utilities	100-200	100-200
Recommended	<hr/> US\$800-1,300	<hr/> US\$1,100-1,600

NOTES:

1. General living expenses include groceries, clothes, cosmetic and personal items, entertainment, gifts, vacations, transportation without car, tithing/giving, correspondence, and miscellaneous.
2. Singles right now are receiving between \$600-1500 a month- not including insurance. Couples and families are receiving between \$1000 - 3000 per month, depending on the number of children.
3. If two or three people share an apartment, cost obviously go down.
4. You can buy health and accident insurance through your mission or buy it out down here. The cost depends on what the individual wants. Basic health insurance here is usually about \$90US/month per person. Insurance costs could be covered with your salary or may be extra, depending on the type you want.
5. The above figures do not include one-time costs such as shipping and plane tickets to and from Colombia or visas (+220 for singles and \$550 for couples). It also doesn't include mission administrative costs (depends on each mission).
6. Most teachers use public transportation. Buses are frequent and are about \$.50US, taxis are abundant and the minimum is about \$1.25US. Used cars are relatively expensive. (\$5,000- 10,000).
7. Social Security is not included here. Check with your sending mission if they take it out or if you have to file and pay at the end of the year.
8. Add another \$200 - \$300/child (depending on age and needs) for food, transportation, extra rent, etc.
9. Teachers use debit cards to get pesos. Make sure your mission is clear about how they expect you to get pesos.

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