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The last practice is to explore a **simple, sustainable lifestyle**. Each Volunteer receives a small monthly stipend for rent, food, and basic personal expenses. Living simply means considering the impact of their choices not only on their budget but also on the environment and society.

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