



A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

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Announcing the Global Village Challenge

A new initiative for 2012

The Global Village Challenge is our response to the growing global need for decent, safe and affordable shelter. More than 1.6 billion of the world's citizens do not have an adequate place to live. We take this personally.

At Habitat for Humanity, decent shelter represents so much more to us than a roof and four walls. It is the future of a community. It is the vital foundation upon which a family raises their children, laying the groundwork for future generations to truly thrive. For us, decent shelter is a matter of conscience and action. As a Christian ministry and global leader in eradicating poverty housing, we are called to dig deeper - boldly challenging ourselves this year to serve more families than ever before.

Our goal is to double our collective impact in 2012!

We want everyone in our networks to know about the power of the Global Village program and how it improves the health and resiliency of not just individual families, but entire communities. This means we are asking participants to share their inspiring Global Village stories with anyone and everyone they know! Additionally, we are challenging teams to raise the funds needed to *provide decent, safe and affordable shelter and serve twice as many families* as we did last year. Every donor - no matter how big or small the gift - represents another person who shares our Global Village story.

To support Challenge participants, we are proud to offer a new web platform, Share.Habitat, to help tell these stories through video, narrative and photos, and share them via social media sites like Facebook. In addition, we are developing new coaching, mentoring and training opportunities for Global Village participants to learn more about fundraising for the issues they care most about. When you sign up for a Global Village trip in 2012, please consider joining the Challenge and doubling your impact!

Where do you want to go next?

The world is waiting for you, so start planning your trip! Habitat's Global Village program is a great way to gain new experiences and serve others. View the [trip schedule](#) and decide where you'd like to help.

Featured Global Village trips

[Chitwan, Nepal \(December 9-24, 2011\)](#)

Would you like to take a vacation with a purpose? Looking to experience a different culture while making an impact in the local community? Do you enjoy international travel, meeting new people and helping those in need? If so, this is the trip for you! Join us as we travel to beautiful Chitwan, Nepal, to build homes with families in need! The only requirements are flexibility, a willingness to learn, a desire to work hard and a positive attitude.

[Negombo, Sri-Lanka \(December 30, 2011-January 12, 2012\)](#)

Kim Morrison loves Habitat for Humanity work and has experienced builds in several locations. Sri Lanka is of particular interest because of the history and location of the island and the needs of the people. Welcome to a fabulous adventure as we connect with families and a wonderful culture.

[Feira Nova, Brazil \(January 14-22, 2012\)](#)

Please join us on our trip to Brazil. We will be helping families build safe and sustainable homes. No skills necessary—just the willingness to help others and an ability to travel and make new friends.

[Kauai, Hawaii \(Feb. 9-19, 2012\)](#)

If your idea of fun is helping build homes for those in need while basking in the sun and enjoying ocean views, then come along on our Global Village trip to the paradise of Kauai, Hawaii, in February 2012.

[Bolgatanga, Ghana \(February 17-March 1, 2012\)](#)

Formerly known as Gold Coast, Ghana is a beautiful country known for its varied countryside and hospitable people. The team will work in the far north, upper east region and stay in the community. We will make a lasting contribution, see a new culture, do hard work and meet new friends. If you are flexible, open to new experiences and willing to get hot and dirty, consider joining the group for what will no doubt be a rewarding and eye-opening experience. Come join us!

Special-interest builds

For Global Village trips with slight twists, be sure to regularly check GV's [Special interest builds](#). Current featured trips include the [Blue Sky Build](#) in Mongolia, and Women Build trips to [Nicaragua](#) and [China](#).

U.S. veterans build in Vietnam

Habitat for Humanity International invites [U.S. Vietnam veterans and their families](#) to join together to make homeownership a reality for people in Vietnam. Be a part of this special event to build a better future for families in Tien Giang province! You will be making a difference in their lives by giving them a hand out of the cycle of poverty.

Nepal prepares for Everest Build

After the success of the first Everest Build in 2010, Habitat for Humanity Nepal is once again bringing together partner organizations, corporations and individuals to build homes together with local families for [Everest Build II](#). In October 2012, hundreds of volunteers from all over the world will join together to shine a light on the scourge of substandard or "poverty" housing and demonstrate what can be accomplished when families, communities and nations come together to build a

future where every man, woman and child has a decent place to live.

Graham Nash's "Our House " sales to benefit Habitat's work in Haiti

Singer-songwriter Graham Nash is making his 1970's hit song, "Our House," available for purchase in support of Habitat for Humanity.

All proceeds from this special release will go towards Habitat's continuing efforts in Haiti. The song is available on [iTunes](#) for a limited time. For more info, visit http://www.habitat.org/partnerships/media_entertainment/default.aspx.

Post your experience to the Habitat Map App!

Share your volunteer experience with HFHI's new Map App. HFHI created the [Habitat Map App](#) to encourage volunteers to tell us where they've built with Habitat for Humanity.

The app is on [habitat.org](#), as well as Facebook, and allows individuals to post previous Habitat experiences, along with photos and videos. Our goal is to create a dynamic representation of 35 years of Habitat volunteer experiences around the globe — so your participation is very important! Visit app.habitat.org/habitatmap today to get started!

Global Village stories:

Global Village volunteers are sharing their stories with local media. Below is a small sampling of articles featuring our hard-working volunteers.

Read this fun blog about a Global Village volunteer's experience on a build site in [Ele'ele, Hawaii](#).

Jeremy Keen, from the Northern Fox Valley HFH in Carpentersville, Ill., posted a great video on YouTube to raise funds for his upcoming GV trip Guatemala. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoW6B9GGCXU>.

Fifteen volunteers from HFH of the St. Vrain Valley will be traveling to Cambodia for the Khmer Harvest Build this November. The team is hosting a series of [fundraising events](#) to defray the cost of the trip.

Join a Thrivent Builds Worldwide team!

Thrivent Builds Worldwide teams build in one of the Thrivent Builds community destinations – El Salvador and the Mississippi Gulf Coast – or any other location where Habitat's Global Village program sends teams.

Thrivent Financial benefit members receive a discounted trip price, but you do not have to be a Thrivent benefit member to join a team. Also, Thrivent Financial donates \$8,000 on behalf of its members to each Habitat program that hosts a Thrivent Builds Worldwide team. Please visit thriventbuilds.com often, as new trips are regularly added:

2012 Trips	Contact	Dates
Nicaragua	Ted Buethe heartstring@centurytel.net	February 4 - 12, 2012
Guatemala	John Peimann jpeimann66067@yahoo.com	March 10 - 18, 2012
Poland	Terri Gafford terri.gafford@thrivent.com	July 19 – 29, 2012
New Zealand	Mark Theisen and Bob Cassioppi mark.theisen@thrivent.com bob.cassioppi@thrivent.com	October 12 – 25, 2012

Online Global Village schedule

Visit the [online Global Village trip schedule](#) for the most current list of open trips. Contact 1-800-422-4828, ext. 7530 or gv@habitat.org with questions. Visit habitat.org/gv for more information about the Global Village program.

Africa/Middle East		
Location	Leader	Date
Ethiopia	Streeter	May 25-June 3, 2012
Ghana	Ong	Dec. 9-17, 2011
Ghana	Douglas	Feb. 17-Mar. 1, 2012
Ghana	Goodrich	Mar. 16-29, 2012
Ghana	Sturnick	April 20-May 3, 2012
Ghana	Fowell	June 8-21, 2012
Jordan	Johnson	May 18-25, 2012
Kenya	Stowers	June 16-27, 2012
Kenya	Tomey	June 30-Jul. 11, 2012
Kenya	Plague	Aug. 4-15, 2012
Mozambique	Fricova	May 11-20, 2012
Mozambique	Brining	June 8-21, 2012
Mozambique	Williams	June 29-Jul. 8, 2012
Mozambique	Baker	Aug. 3-12, 2012
Zambia	Skibinski	June 16-27, 2012
Zambia	Harrington	Jul. 20-Aug. 1, 2012

Asia/Pacific		
Location	Leader	Date
Cambodia	Ludwig	Jan. 27-Feb. 5, 2012
Fiji	MacPherson	April 13-28, 2012
Fiji	Tomey	May 12-26, 2012

Fiji	Repola	Jul. 13-28, 2012
Indonesia	Carter	Nov. 19-Dec. 2, 2011
Indonesia	Kemp	Feb. 24-Mar. 10, 2012
Indonesia	Bernard	June 30-Jul. 14, 2012
Malaysia	Petrenko	Dec. 2-16, 2011
Mongolia	Moran	June 29-Jul. 8, 2012
Nepal	Brown	Dec. 9-24, 2011
Nepal	Kirk	Feb. 10-25, 2012
Nepal	Bunce	April 6-21, 2012
Nepal	Franklin	May 25-June 9, 2012
Nepal	Bell	Oct. 5-13, 2012
New Zealand	Pfalzer	Jan. 27-Feb. 10, 2012
New Zealand	McCabe/Cocores	Mar. 9-23, 2012
Peoples Republic of China	Wilson	Dec. 23, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012
Peoples Republic of China	Gaar	Mar. 3-12, 2012
Philippines	Acton	Feb. 11-25, 2012
Sri Lanka	Morrison	Dec. 30, 2011 - Jan. 12, 2012
Sri Lanka	Parker	Mar. 9-24, 2012
Thailand	Pilgrim	Jan. 7-21, 2012
Thailand	Oelke	Feb. 4-17, 2012
Thailand	Kingsley	Mar. 2-17, 2012
Thailand	Anthony	Mar. 31-April 14, 2012
Vietnam	Wheeler	Feb. 17-Mar. 3, 2012
Vietnam	White/Cross	April 6-21, 2012
Vietnam	Fillmore	April 13-28, 2012
Vietnam	Heinzerling/Cooper	May 25-June 9, 2012

Latin America/Caribbean

Location	Leader	Date
Argentina	Robb	Mar. 23-April 1, 2012
Argentina	Ong	May 18-27, 2012
Argentina	Mitola	June 29-Jul. 8, 2012
Bolivia	Krapfl	Feb. 25-Mar. 8, 2012
Bolivia	Bibbo	April 20-May 3, 2012
Brazil	Rolison	Jan. 14-22, 2012
Dominican Republic	Villavicencio	June 30-Jul. 8, 2012
El Salvador	Heaphy/Dolan	Mar. 10-18, 2012
El Salvador	Voirol/Robinson	Mar. 17-31, 2012
Honduras	Woodson	Mar. 24-April 1, 2012
Honduras	Sebilias/Allen	April 21-29, 2012
Mexico	Kvapil	Jan. 7-15, 2012
Mexico	Dobie/Winslow	Mar. 10-18, 2012
Nicaragua	Jackson	Mar. 10-18, 2012
Paraguay	Quinonez/Petrie	Nov. 25-Dec. 6, 2011
Paraguay	Miller	May 4-13, 2012
Trinidad & Tobago	Matsuzaki	April 1-8, 2012

United States of America

Location	Leader	Date
Florida	Buracker/Norris	Mar. 4-11, 2012
Hawaii	Damico	Jan. 23-28, 2012
Hawaii	Roberta	Feb. 9-19, 2012
Oregon	Mitchell	Aug. 18-26, 2012

[South Carolina](#)

Mitchell

April 28-May 5, 2012