



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 their gift — represents another person who shares in the magic of 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 GV program is a great way to gain new experiences and serve others. Check out the [Global Village trip schedule](#) to decide where you'd like to help.

Featured Global Village trips

[Oaxaca, Mexico \(Nov. 26 - Dec. 4, 2011\)](#)

Join our team as we build homes with families in Oaxaca for one week this fall. This trip is destined to be productive, memorable, and rewarding as we share a week supporting the important work of Habitat in Mexico.

[Santa Cruz, Bolivia \(December 2 - 11, 2011\)](#)

Please join us on our trip to Santa Cruz, Bolivia. We will be working with families to help them build a simple, decent place to live. No experience needed; all skill levels welcome.

[Portugal \(December 10 - 19, 2011\)](#)

Join us for an exciting build in beautiful Portugal. This is an excellent opportunity to work with friendly people and to experience a unique and colorful culture. No construction skills are required — just a thirst for adventure and a willingness to learn.

[Radauti, Romania \(November 18 - 28, 2011\)](#)

Romania is calling you! Take a trip you will never forget by experiencing a new culture, meeting new people and helping others. Work with a team of fellow volunteers, local builders, and community members in the countryside of Romania.

[Fiji \(November 25 - December 8, 2011\)](#)

Come along on this Global Village trip to experience Fiji's splendor, wonder and kind people. This short-term mission trip will be an experience of a lifetime: a great cause, great team members and beautiful scenery during the holiday season.

[Kuching, Malaysia \(December 2 - 16, 2011\)](#)

Join us for an exciting and fully adventurous Habitat build in the city of Kuching, the largest city on the island. Members of this team will work side by side with local families in need, providing better shelter and hope for the future. Lend your hand to eliminate extreme poverty in Southeast Asia while experiencing intricate Malaysian culture, food, and the breathtaking nature of Borneo's rainforest - the oldest rainforest in the world.

[Ashanti, Ghana \(December 9 - 17, 2011\)](#)

Join us in Ghana for an unforgettable and life-changing service opportunity. On this trip, you will help build homes for local families, learn about Ghana's fascinating history and become immersed in its rich culture. 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. No construction skills are required.

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

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.

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 [Harvest Build](#) in Cambodia, the [Blue Sky Build](#) in Mongolia, and Women Build trips to [Nicaragua](#) and [China](#).

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 the Tien Giang province! You will be making a difference in their lives by giving them a hand out of the cycle of poverty.

Post your experience to the Habitat Map App!

In celebration of Habitat's 500,000 and 500,001 homes milestones and World Habitat Day, HFHI

created a [Habitat Map App](#) that encourages 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!

Fall 2011 PSA campaign: What Will You Build?

Habitat for Humanity's new public service announcement campaign began airing this month on television and radio stations around the country. Like last year's campaign, this year's theme is "What will you build?"

To view the PSAs, visit [habitat.org](#) or [youtube.com/habitatforhumanity](#)

Habitat World Online: Sign up for email alerts

[Habitat World](#) is taking its online presence to the next level. Beginning this month, Habitat World will continue to print three issues – with online versions – per year, plus three additional Web-only issues with exclusive interactive content on [habitat.org](#). Sign up for email alerts at [habitat.org/hwemail](#).

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.

Habitat for Humanity Canada volunteer Douglas McArthur shares his experience of participating on a Global Village trip to [Armenia](#).

Canadian couple Grant and Karen Pryzynek, of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, is planning their second GV trip [Puerto Angel, Mexico](#).

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:

2011 Trips	Contact	Dates
Gulf Coast Community	Jennie Childs jennie.childs@thrivent.com	November 7 – 11, 2011
Gulf Coast Community	Todd Sorensen todd_eric@yahoo.com	November 14 – 19, 2011
El Salvador	Joe and Bonnie Reilly bonnie.reilly@thrivent.com	December 3 – 11, 2011
2012 Trips	Contact	Dates
Poland	Terri Gafford terri.gafford@thrivent.com	July 19 – 29, 2012
New Zealand	Mark Theisen and Bob Cassioppi mark.theisen@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
Ghana	Ong	Dec. 9-17, 2011
Ghana	Douglas	Feb. 17-Mar. 1, 2012
Ghana	Goodrich	Mar. 17-28, 2012
Ghana	Sturnick	April 21-May 2, 2012
Kenya	Stowers	June 16-27, 2012
Kenya	Tomey	June 30-Jul. 11, 2012
Kenya	Liberatore	Jul. 14-25, 2012
Zambia	LePelley	Nov. 18-27, 2011
Zambia	Lyle	April 6-15, 2012
Zambia	Skibinski	June 16-27, 2012
Zambia	Harrington	Jul. 20-Aug. 1, 2012

Asia/Pacific		
Location	Leader	Date
Cambodia	Mitchell	Nov. 11-20, 2011
Cambodia	Foster/Hasan	Dec. 30, 2011 - Jan. 8, 2012
Cambodia	Ludwig	Jan. 27-Feb. 5, 2012
Fiji	Johnson	Nov. 25-Dec. 8, 2011
Fiji	MacPherson	April 13-28, 2012
Fiji	Tomey	May 12-26, 2012
India	Galante	Jan. 2-15, 2012
Indonesia	Carter	Nov. 19-Dec. 2, 2011
Indonesia	Wild	Jan. 7-21, 2012

Malaysia	Petrenko	Dec. 2-16, 2011
Mongolia	Moran	June 29-Jul. 8, 2012
Nepal	Kuzar/Troha	Dec. 2-17, 2011
Nepal	Brown	Dec. 9-24, 2011
Nepal	Mitchell	Jan. 27-Feb. 11, 2012
Nepal	Kirk	Feb. 10-25, 2012
New Zealand	Ferraro/Meier	Nov. 18-Dec. 2, 2011
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	Baker	Dec. 31, 2011 - Jan. 8, 2012
Peoples Republic of China	Gaar	Mar. 3-12, 2012
Philippines	Acton	Feb. 11-25, 2012
Sri Lanka	Schwartz	Nov. 19-Dec. 3, 2011
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
Vietnam	Wheeler	Feb. 17-Mar. 3, 2012
Vietnam	White/Cross	April 6-21, 2012
Vietnam	Fillmore	April 13-28, 2012

Europe/Central Asia

Location	Leader	Date
Portugal	Fitzgerald	Dec. 10-19, 2011
Romania	Sudeswaran/Johnson	Nov. 18-28, 2011

Latin America/Caribbean

Location	Leader	Date
Bolivia	Asteros	Dec. 2-11, 2011
Bolivia	Krapfl	Feb. 25-Mar. 8, 2012
Bolivia	Bibbo	April 20-May 3, 2012
Brazil	Rolison	Jan. 14-22, 2012
Dominican Republic	Kooiman	Feb. 4-12, 2012
El Salvador	Roth	Mar. 3-11, 2012
El Salvador	Voirol/Robinson	Mar. 17-31, 2012
Guatemala	Heath	Dec. 10-18, 2011
Guatemala	Cocores/Takeda	Jan. 7-15, 2012
Guatemala	Andrews	Mar. 10-18, 2012
Honduras	Mackinnon	Feb. 18-26, 2012
Mexico	Campbell	Nov. 26-Dec. 4, 2011
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
Trinidad & Tobago	Matsuzaki	April 1-8, 2012

United States of America

Location	Leader	Date
Florida	Buracker	Mar. 4-11, 2012
Hawaii	Damico	Jan. 23-28, 2012
Hawaii	Roberta	Feb. 9-19, 2012