



GLOBAL VILLAGE MONTHLY UPDATE January 2010

Make a difference and explore the world!

Check the [Global Village trip schedule](#) to plan your trip now. Trips are always being added!

New!: Special interest build listing

Our special interest builds combine a focus on serving families with another area of interest. Visit the new [special interest build](#) page now! Currently posted builds include:

[Armenia, Parent and Child Build](#) (July 10-July 17, 2010)

[Guatemala, Run and Build](#) (May 13-23, 2010)

[Hungary, Women Build](#) (July 3-12, 2010)

[Kyrgyzstan, Women Build](#) (July 3-July 11, 2010)

[Mongolia, Blue Sky Build](#) (June 25-July 3, 2010)

[Nepal, Everest Build](#) (September 30-October 10, 2010)

Featured Global Village trips

[Gliwice, Poland](#) (April 16-26, 2010)

Get off the tourist track and travel to Poland to help make a family's dream of a decent home come true. Discover the contrasts of Poland's culture: the charm of old town squares and cell phones everywhere! No previous construction experience is required; just an ability to learn, be flexible, share tasks and enjoy making friends and acquaintances from different cultures. The trip will be a life-changing vacation with a purpose. Do not miss this opportunity!

[Lilongwe, Malawi](#) (April 9-22, 2010)

Made any plans for next spring? Interested in traveling to Africa? Consider joining a group of volunteers traveling to Malawi in southeastern Africa to help build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Take a vacation with a difference and experience the beauty, culture and charm of the country affectionately known as "the warm heart of Africa." This trip will give you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Africa in a way that most tourists never do. You will be changed forever!

[Copan, Honduras](#) (April 10-17, 2010)

This team will be going to Copan, Honduras, to work with Habitat for Humanity Honduras on whatever their needs might be. This trip is open to all who are interested in learning about Habitat's global work and working hard with some great people.

[Udon Thani, Thailand](#) (April 2- 17, 2010)

Connect with new and different people, explore the rich culture and beautiful country of Thailand, get your hands dirty by working hard and realize the benefits of putting the principles of social justice into real action. The difference you make will be felt in your muscles at the end of every day, heard in the laughter of the family and your fellow team members, seen in the creation of a home that with your help rose up from the ground, and expressed in shared experience. This is the stuff that changed lives are made of!

Support Habitat's efforts in Haiti

Habitat for Humanity is [addressing shelter solutions](#) for low-income families affected by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. Habitat's assessment team is currently reporting from the area, and we are planning what we will need to do to help Haitian families with repair and reconstruction of their homes. Please keep monitoring www.habitat.org and future e-newsletters for news of our response plans and activities.

At this time, we are not sending volunteers to Haiti. You can still be an enormous help to our Haitian brothers and sisters; we'd like you to become an advocate on their behalf and help Habitat for Humanity raise the resources we'll need to mount an aggressive response to the need we're seeing.

Here are some ways that you can help Habitat for Humanity respond to the early recovery needs and long-term shelter solutions for low-income families in Haiti:

- Take the [Haiti volunteer interest survey](#). This survey will collect your demographic and basic skills information, and will sign you up for a periodic e-mail with updates regarding Habitat's response in Haiti.
- [Donate](#) to our Haiti earthquake appeal on www.habitat.org or by texting "Habitat" to 25383 to make a \$10 donation to Habitat's efforts in Haiti. The donation amount will be added to your phone bill.
- Help raise awareness and funds by inserting banner ads into your blogs or personal Web sites. To download a banner, visit [Earthquake Recovery - Web banners](#).
- Leverage your social networks by changing your Facebook status and tweeting about supporting Habitat for Humanity's response efforts to the earthquake in Haiti.
- [Connect with Habitat on social networking sites](#) to get the latest information. Leverage your social networks by changing your Facebook status and tweeting about supporting Habitat for Humanity's response efforts to the earthquake in Haiti.
- Update your Facebook status to: "Habitat for Humanity is addressing shelter solutions for low-income families affected by recent earthquake in Haiti. Join me to help support Habitat by texting 'Habitat' to 25383 to make a \$10 donation to Habitat's efforts in Haiti. The donation amount will be added to your phone bill."
- Send out a Tweet: "Help Habitat for Humanity provide shelter for victims of the earthquake in Haiti."
- Are you interested in responding to disasters domestically? Learn about Habitat's [U.S. Disaster Corps](#) and fill out the [U.S. Disaster Corps interest survey](#).
- Continue to support Habitat in your area and communities served around the world. Visit Habitat's [Get Involved](#) page to find options.

Thank you for the outpouring of support for Haiti in the wake of this disaster. Please continue to keep those affected on your heart and check www.habitat.org for updates. Know that Habitat for Humanity

is committed to serving Haitian families, as it has for over 26 years.

Join us for Habitat on the Hill

[Habitat on the Hill 2010](#), Habitat for Humanity's fourth annual advocacy and legislative conference, will be Feb. 24-26, 2010, in the heart of Washington, D.C. Early in this election year, your members of Congress will be anxious to connect with you, their constituents. Learn how to use your Habitat experience to affect change on the Hill, and take your message to the Capitol. E-mail questions to info@habitatforhumanityonthehill.org.

Be inspired by Global Village volunteer stories

Visit the new [Global Village volunteer stories page](#) to find pictures, journals, article, slideshows and more from volunteers' meaningful journeys. Thank you to thousands of Global Villages volunteers who have shared their stories with others, helping spread the word about the need for decent, affordable housing and the impact of Habitat for Humanity.

Remember to check travel and airline regulations before departure

As airline regulations change and are carefully enforced to ensure safety, it is important to keep up to date on these rules.

- Be sure to check with your airline regarding carry-on policies that may have recently changed. For example, the Canadian Security Authority has implemented a no carry-on bag policy, with the exception of one personal item, for flights from Canada to the United States.
 - When traveling internationally, remember your passport must be valid at least six month beyond your travel dates and have at least two blank pages. As airline security continues to be carefully enforced, this will ensure safety and ease of travel.
 - Review fee and visa information close to your date of departure, especially as this information may change periodically. For example, in December the Government of Argentina began charging American citizens visiting Argentina for business or tourism an entry fee of \$131 U.S. dollars. The fee is be collected only at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport. Once paid, the fee permits multiple entries into Argentina for ten years in accordance with United States visa reciprocity. Americans may pay in dollars, by credit card or with travelers' checks.
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Habitat for Humanity travel opportunities for young people

Have a family member or young friend that wants to be of service? Encourage them to get involved! Visit www.habitatyouthprograms.org for additional opportunities.

Learn and Build Experience

Individual students ages 16 to 18 can be a part of Habitat's work this summer in Tennessee, Mississippi and Washington through Habitat for Humanity International's [Learn and Build Experience](#). Scholarships are available. Eighty students will join us for an incredible service opportunity this summer; don't miss out! Applications are due Feb. 15, 2010.

Collegiate Challenge

Groups of high school and college students, 16 to 25 years of age, can participate in [Collegiate Challenge](#) alternative break trips year round. Registration is currently open for Spring Break and Summer 2010 Collegiate Challenge.

Global Village

Depending on local laws and program policy, some host programs may not accept minors or may limit the type of work performed by minors. In every case, the Global Village team leader will ultimately determine whether or not to invite a minor to join his or her team. Minors must be 16 to be on an active construction site.

International trips: Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian or traveling as part of an established group (such as a church or school).

United States and Canada trips: Minors 16 or older can participate unescorted, with guardian and team leader permission.

Use your resources

Find travel tools, Habitat information and more on the [Global Village participant resources](#) page!

Join a Thrivent Builds Worldwide 2010 trip to Alaska, El Salvador, Guatemala and more!

Thrivent Builds Worldwide trips are available to a variety of locations, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members can [receive a discount on trip costs](#). Visit the [Thrivent Builds](#) site to learn more and join a trip!

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 www.habitat.org/gv for more information about the Global Village program.

Africa/Middle East		
Location	Leader	Date
Botswana	Wangsadiputra/Greiter	April 3-16, 2010
Botswana	Havens-Bezaire	Jul. 23-Aug. 6, 2010
Botswana	Bell	Jul. 24-Aug. 6, 2010
Botswana	Havens-Bezaire	Aug. 13-27, 2010
Cameroon	Irwin	May 21-June 3, 2010
Egypt	Rodrique	Mar. 12-20, 2010
Ethiopia	Popp	Jul. 10-23, 2010
Ghana		Aug. 7-20, 2010
Jordan	Rodrique	Mar. 26-April 2, 2010
Kenya	Fitzsimmons	May 29-June 9, 2010
Kenya	Gauger	June 19-30, 2010
Kenya	Thibault	June 26-Jul. 9, 2010
Kenya	Harvey	Jul. 3-14, 2010
Kenya	Johnson	Aug. 7-18, 2010
Malawi	Samu/Bell	April 9-22, 2010

Malawi	Peters	April 16-30, 2010
Malawi	Baker	Jul. 23-Aug. 4, 2010
South Africa	Van Ast	May 14-23, 2010
Zambia	Mcdonald/Pressly	Aug. 20-Sept. 1, 2010
Zambia	Churchill	Sept. 11-22, 2010

Asia/Pacific

Location	Leader	Date
Cambodia	Reeves	Jul. 31-Aug. 14, 2010
Cambodia	Mitchell	Jul. 31-Aug. 14, 2010
Fiji	Rife	Mar. 6-20, 2010
Fiji	Ng	Jul. 3-17, 2010
India	Jordan/Gaar	Mar. 5-18, 2010
India	Macpherson/Smith	May 23-June 6, 2010
India	Repola	Jul. 9-24, 2010
India	Wilson	Jul. 24-Aug. 7, 2010
Indonesia	Woodard	Jul. 9-24, 2010
Indonesia	Sirrs	Aug. 6-21, 2010
Malaysia	Kemp	Feb. 20-Mar. 6, 2010
Malaysia	Walker	April 17-May 2, 2010
Malaysia	Halper/Moskovitz	May 8-22, 2010
Mongolia	Swartz	May 14-29, 2010
Mongolia	Mccallie	June 25-Jul. 3, 2010
Nepal	Krapfl	April 8-24, 2010
Nepal	Haughey	June 17-Jul. 2, 2010
Nepal	Tomey	Sept. 14-29, 2010
Nepal	Drinnon/Vargas	Sept. 30-Oct. 10, 2010
New Zealand	Carter	Nov. 26-Dec. 11, 2010
Peoples Republic of China	Walterson	Mar. 13-21, 2010
Peoples Republic of China	Morrill/Grossman	Aug. 6-14, 2010
Philippines	Leofsky	May 1-15, 2010
Philippines	Erickson	Jul. 3-17, 2010
South Korea	Millstein/Mace	Jul. 3-17, 2010
Thailand	Birdsong	April 2-17, 2010
Thailand	Walker	May 7-22, 2010
Thailand	Mannix	June 19-Jul. 3, 2010
Vietnam	Syed	May 8-22, 2010

Vietnam	Sisitsky	June 26-Jul. 10, 2010
Vietnam	Orantes	Jul. 31-Aug. 14, 2010
Vietnam	Liksai	Aug. 20-Sept. 3, 2010
Vietnam	Bunce/Ketchum	Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 2010

Europe/Central Asia

Location	Leader	Date
Armenia	Drinnon/Moore	June 19-29, 2010
Hungary	Houldin	April 9-19, 2010
Hungary	Nickerson	Jul. 3-12, 2010
Macedonia	Kovac	May 8-21, 2010
Macedonia	Jarrett	Jul. 17-26, 2010
Macedonia	Denver/Smith	Aug. 28-Sept. 6, 2010
Macedonia	Plinski	Sept. 11-20, 2010
Northern Ireland	Myers	April 17-26, 2010
Poland	Bauer/Corcoran	April 16-26, 2010
Poland	Buracker/Norris	May 22-31, 2010
Poland	Lyle	Jul. 30-Aug. 9, 2010
Poland	Walker	Aug. 20-Sept. 5, 2010
Portugal	Howells	May 22-31, 2010
Portugal	Chalmers/Finnerty	June 12-21, 2010
Portugal	Norley	Jul. 24-Aug. 2, 2010
Portugal	Leofsky	Aug. 14-23, 2010
Romania	O'Connell/Britt	Mar. 26-April 4, 2010
Romania	Mynatt	May 14-24, 2010
Romania	Bibbo	June 4-14, 2010
Romania	Sturnick/Andrews	June 4-14, 2010
Tajikistan	Millstein	May 14-25, 2010
Tajikistan	Sultan/Schafermeyer	June 25-Jul. 6, 2010

Latin America/Caribbean

Location	Leader	Date
Brazil	Cowan	June 5-19, 2010
Brazil	Budway	Jul. 17-31, 2010
Chile	Heitz	Aug. 14-22, 2010
El Salvador	Petrovich/Filipski	April 17-25, 2010
El Salvador	Pyra	Jul. 31-Aug. 8, 2010

El Salvador	Hoflich	Jul. 31-Aug. 13, 2010
Guatemala	Scully	May 13-23, 2010
Guatemala	Colindres	June 19-27, 2010
Honduras	Vermouth	April 10-17, 2010
Honduras	Goodrich/Kern	May 22-30, 2010
Honduras	Dutcher	Jul. 3-11, 2010
Honduras	Braun	Jul. 17-31, 2010
Paraguay	Guerrero/Fellom	May 21-30, 2010
Paraguay	Sylvester	Jul. 17-25, 2010

United States of America

Location	Leader	Date
Alaska	Ostrowsky/Shuckra	June 26-Jul. 10, 2010
Alaska	Blackburn/Johnson	Jul. 31-Aug. 14, 2010
Mississippi	Acton	Oct. 25-30, 2010
Oregon	Hinds	June 19-27, 2010
South Carolina	Wenham	April 18-24, 2010
South Carolina	Lukasek-Strong	Sept. 19-26, 2010

Thrivent Builds Worldwide



If you are Lutheran and/or a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, there are additional trip opportunities available for you. You may even qualify for special trip pricing! Learn more and find open trips on the [Thrivent Builds Worldwide](#) trips page.