



Global Village Program



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

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Join a trip!

You can make a difference while you explore the world! Check the [Global Village trip schedule](#) frequently, as trips are added on an ongoing basis! A complete list of trips is included at the bottom of this newsletter.

Featured Global Village trips

[Mahalapye, Botswana](#) (August 1-15, 2009)

This will be a great adventure for those looking to learn about Botswana, Habitat and other people and cultures while working hard. The team will be a diverse group of fun and flexible folks. Accommodations and food will be simple and decent. Team members can expect devotions and reflections daily. Whether you have been to Africa, always wanted to go or are looking for a chance to go back, we would love to have you!

[GV Women Build: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan](#) (June 27-July 5, 2009)

Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia welcomes women from around the world! This Kyrgyzstan Women Build will give women the chance to reach out to families in need of decent housing in Bishkek and to engage in a different culture and develop new relationships. For full details and to apply, please contact team leader Erika Karman at ekarman@habitat.org.

[Nshavan, Armenia](#) (July 18-29)

Join this work team and enjoy the richness of Armenia and its people in a remarkable way-by working side by side with them.

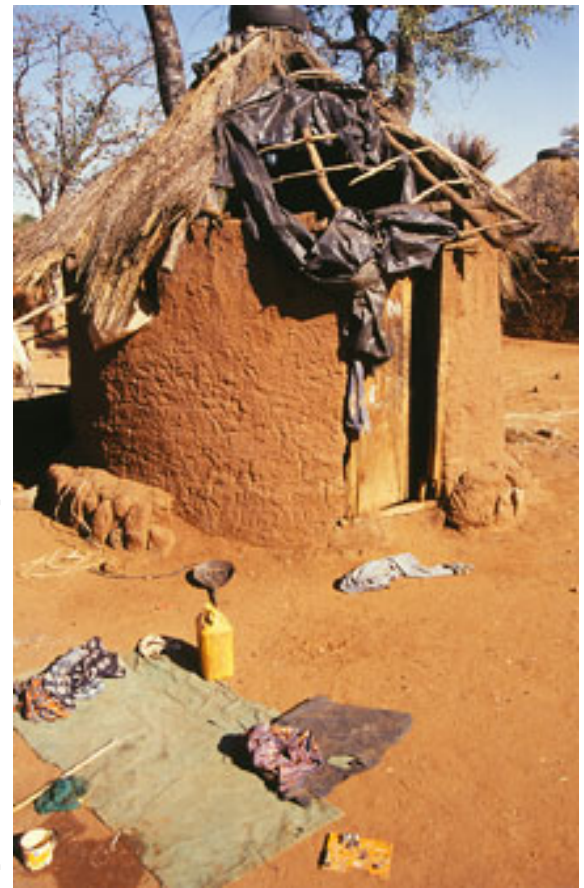
Learn about Armenia's captivating history and culture while helping a family achieve their lifelong dream of a decent home. You will come away with more than you gave and with more than you ever hoped to receive. No construction experience is required for trip participants.

[Thailand \(September 5-19, 2009\)](#)

Want to get more out of your vacation? Join us as we help change the lives of an impoverished family in central Thailand. Our team members have an opportunity to build a home-and hope-in this beautiful country. It will be an experience you will not soon forget!

Serve Habitat through AmeriCorps

[AmeriCorps National Direct](#) members can serve as Youth United and Collegiate Challenge coordinators at Habitat for Humanity International's headquarters, as well as in valuable roles at affiliates throughout the United States. [AmeriCorps National Direct positions](#) are currently posted online.



Substandard housing in Botswana

Take part in Habitat on the Hill 2009

Last year, during Habitat on the Hill, Habitat advocates participated in more than 350 meetings about housing trust funds and secure tenure on Capitol Hill. Just weeks later, a \$4 billion housing stimulus bill passed. Don't miss your chance to make your voice heard in the nation's capitol-register for [Habitat on the Hill 2009](#) now.

[Scholarships](#) are available for Habitat volunteers! Scholarship applications are due May 15.

Receive free volunteer safety training

The new online Habitat volunteer safety course presents information on a wide range of common safety risks found on and around the job site. From the tasks volunteers typically perform to safety hazards and more, the course provides training that educates volunteers before they even arrive on the job site. Please note, the course looks at risks on a typical site in the United States, and may not be suitable for international building. To access the course, select the green "Course Instructions" link on [Volunteers: Online training and resources for HFH volunteers](#).

H1N1 updates

As you have undoubtedly heard, human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1 or swine flu) virus infection have been identified in several countries. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working closely with officials in the states where human cases of swine influenza have been identified, as well as with health officials in Mexico, Canada and the World Health Organization.

In the interest of safety, and in keeping with the and U.S. State Department direction to limit non-essential travel, HFH has re-routed trips previously scheduled for Mexico. We will continue to closely monitor the situation. We encourage all HFH volunteers to check with their State Departments and CDC for updates on affected countries and areas.

Important Notices from Global Village

Passport Processing

At certain times the processing time for passports may be longer than at other times. For more information regarding passports and current processing times, please visit http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/processing/processing_1740.html.

Health Information for Travelers

Anyone considering traveling with Habitat for Humanity should visit the Web page for the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov. In the "Health and Safety Topics" section of the homepage, select "Travelers' Health." Select "Destination," to find health instructions for your destination country. Read the information carefully, and consult your doctor.

U.S. State Department Worldwide Caution

Safety and caution should always be a consideration when planning a Global Village trip. The following link shows the U.S. State Department Worldwide Caution. Other departments of foreign affairs offer similar advice for making informed decisions regarding your travel plans.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1161.html

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members: Build hope, change lives

Plan your 2009 Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip now! Join Thrivent Financial members and other Lutherans and volunteers to help build a home with a partner family in need of simple, decent, affordable housing. This is an opportunity to learn new skills, experience a new culture, meet other Lutherans who share your passion to make a difference and do something really amazing-help give a family a chance at economic independence. New program enhancements make leading a trip even easier! [Learn more about Thrivent Builds Worldwide trips!](#)

Trip schedule

Africa/Middle East

Location	Leader	Date
Botswana	Sultan/Schafermeyer	June 19-30, 2009
Botswana	Mitchell	Jul. 4-17, 2009
Botswana	Stowers	Jul. 24-Aug. 7, 2009
Botswana	Pyra	Aug. 1-14, 2009
Cameroon	Millstein	Jul. 18-31, 2009
Cameroon	Gaudina	Aug. 1-14, 2009
Egypt	Rovira	Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2009

Ethiopia	Moore	Aug. 29-Sept. 11, 2009
Kenya	Wilson	Sept. 19-Oct. 2, 2009
Mozambique	Bell	Sept. 5-19, 2009
Mozambique	Bell	Sept. 26-Oct. 10, 2009
Mozambique	Young	Oct. 17-30, 2009
Zambia	Woodson	Jul. 18-31, 2009

Asia/Pacific

Location	Leader	Date
Fiji	Mylet	Sept. 5-19, 2009
Fiji	Handwerk	Nov. 7-21, 2009
India	Fowell	Aug. 29-Sept. 12, 2009
India	Fowell	Dec. 5-19, 2009
India	Henders	Dec. 5-19, 2009
Indonesia	Dzurenko	Oct. 31-Nov. 14, 2009
Malaysia	Wangsadiputra/Greiter	June 30-Jul. 13, 2009
Malaysia	Gage	Jul. 4-18, 2009
Malaysia	Sirrs	Aug. 1-15, 2009
Malaysia	Bowman	Oct. 31-Nov. 14, 2009
Mongolia	Montrose	Sept. 12-26, 2009
New Zealand	Mowrey	Jul. 3-19, 2009
New Zealand	Norley	Sept. 6-18, 2009
New Zealand	Nickerson	Oct. 17-31, 2009
Papua New Guinea	Kuzar/Lee	Dec. 27, 2009 - Jan. 11, 2010
Thailand	Isely	Jul. 25-Aug. 8, 2009
Thailand	Foster/Hasan	Aug. 1-15, 2009
Thailand	Troha/O'Rourke	Sept. 5-19, 2009
Thailand	Howe	Dec. 5-19, 2009
Thailand	Anthony	Feb. 6-20, 2010
Vietnam	Reeves	Aug. 1-15, 2009
Vietnam	Busick	Oct. 10-24, 2009

Canada

Location	Leader	Date
Canada	Barron	Jul. 23-Aug. 2, 2009

Europe/Central Asia

Location	Leader	Date
Armenia	Bosovich	Jul. 18-29, 2009
Armenia	Drinnon/Moore	Sept. 27-Oct. 8, 2009
Hungary	Lyle	June 13-22, 2009
Hungary	Zahn	Aug. 1-10, 2009
Hungary	Plinski	Sept. 12-21, 2009
Hungary	Loos	Sept. 26-Oct. 9, 2009
Kyrgyzstan	Sexton	Oct. 3-17, 2009
Macedonia	Finnerty	June 20-29, 2009
Macedonia	Kovac	Jul. 18-31, 2009
Macedonia	Holmes/Umstattd	Sept. 23-Oct. 2, 2009
Poland	Alvarado	May 29-June 8, 2009
Poland	Kvapil	Sept. 4-14, 2009
Portugal	Bauer	Sept. 12-21, 2009

Portugal	Houldin	Oct. 23-Nov. 2, 2009
Portugal	Hurless	Nov. 7-16, 2009
Portugal	Alvarado	Nov. 28-Dec. 11, 2009
Portugal	Wiles	Dec. 12-21, 2009
Romania	Sexton	Jul. 17-31, 2009
Romania	Houldin	Jul. 24-Aug. 3, 2009
Romania	Rizman/Collery	Jul. 31-Aug. 10, 2009
Romania	Boland	Aug. 7-17, 2009
Romania	Wright	Oct. 9-23, 2009
Tajikistan	Merges	Aug. 7-18, 2009

Latin America/Caribbean

Location	Leader	Date
Argentina	Diaz	Sept. 5-13, 2009
Chile	Jordan	Sept. 26-Oct. 4, 2009
Chile	Hoflich	Oct. 10-24, 2009
Guatemala	Spreadbury	Jul. 4-12, 2009
Guatemala	Reuter	Aug. 8-22, 2009
Honduras	Holden	Oct. 3-11, 2009
Honduras	Hodson	Oct. 10-18, 2009
Honduras	Field	Jan. 9-17, 2010
Honduras	Beningo	Feb. 27-Mar. 7, 2010

United States of America

Location	Leader	Date
Alaska	Hicks	June 20-Jul. 4, 2009
Alaska	Acton	Jul. 25-Aug. 8, 2009
Hawaii	Erickson	June 13-22, 2009
Hawaii	Busch	Jul. 25-Aug. 3, 2009
Hawaii	Sandler	Sept. 18-27, 2009
Mississippi	Shuckra/Ostrowsky	Jul. 27-Aug. 2, 2009
Mississippi	Collinson	Nov. 2-8, 2009
Vermont	Wenham	June 13-20, 2009

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.
