

Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia welcomes volunteers from around the world to put their faith into action and make homeownership a reality for people in need.

Be part of this event engaging people of all faiths in building someone's better future alongside representatives of the Armenian church. Come back to your roots, learn more about the Armenian family you will be working with and make a difference to their life by giving them a hand out of the poverty cycle.



## SIGN UP NOW!

*"Without ignoring the differences of confession, Habitat for Humanity brings together members of various churches and congregations in acting the gospel. In sharing backgrounds for involvement in Habitat for Humanity, the faith component appears. At such moments believers from different traditions, histories and confessions discover the unity of faith. In working with Habitat for Humanity, the unique opportunity is there to feel what unites instead of what divides."*

Ds. Sybout van der Meer, Emeritus Senior Pastor United Mennonite Church and HFH Netherlands Board member.

**What are we going to build?**

**You would be helping a family renovate or build their own house made of tuft – the traditional Armenian construction material.**



## Come build in Armenia

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## Itinerary

September 30, Friday	• Travel day for US volunteers
October 1, Saturday	• Arrival in Yerevan, welcome dinner with Habitat
October 2, Sunday	• Church service, meeting with local church, travel to Tavush
October 3, Monday	• Build on site with families, World Habitat Day
October 4, Tuesday	• Build on site with families, cultural evening with families
October 5, Wednesday	• Build on site
October 6, Thursday	• Build on site; Cultural event
October 7, Friday	• Build on site; Farewell dinner with families
October 8, Saturday	• Return to Yerevan
October 9, Sunday	• Departure for home



## Accommodations

The team will stay in a hostel in Yerevan and 3-star hotel/B&B in Ijevan. Meals will be offered as follows: breakfast in the hotel, lunch on site, and dinners in local restaurants.

## Cost

Cost of the trip is \$1,700 (or €1,210) plus round-trip airfare. Trip cost includes lodging, food, in-country transport, traveler's medical insurance, orientation, materials and a donation to the host program. Participants will need to arrange and pay for their own flight to Armenia and visa (if required).

## Why Armenia?

Armenia was the first country that adopted Christianity in 301 A.D. At the same time, it is a country in huge need of support as it's the transition to a market economy was marred by the severe Spitak earthquake of 1988, which killed 25,000 people, and a violent conflict with Azerbaijan over the Nagorno Karabagh region from 1988-94, resulting in thousands of deaths and 1.4 million refugees. In 1999, more than half of Armenia's population lived in poverty; by 2006, the figure had dropped to 26 percent. Habitat for Humanity Armenia tackles poverty housing through a variety of efforts, including the construction of affordable, efficient, earthquake-safe houses; the completion and reinforcement of half-built homes; the renovation or improvement of existing dwellings; implementation of water and sanitation facilities; advocacy of improved housing policies for low-income families; engagement of volunteers and other like-minded partners; and more. So far, Habitat has helped nearly 400 families in need in Armenia into safe and secure shelter.

