

Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia welcomes churches from around the world to put their faith into action and make homeownership a reality for people in need – one house, one family at a time.

Be part of this event engaging the churches in building someone's better future alongside representatives of the Armenian church. Experience together a new culture, 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.



“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 25, Saturday
September 26, Sunday
September 27, Monday
September 28, Tuesday
September 29, Wednesday
September 30, Thursday
October 1, Friday
October 2, Saturday

- Arrival in Yerevan, Welcome dinner with Habitat
- Church service; meeting with local church representatives
- Build on site with families
- Build on site with families; Cultural evening with families
- Build on site
- Build on site; Cultural event
- Build on site; Farewell dinner with families
- Going home!



Accommodations

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



Cost

Cost of the trip is €1,000 – 1,100 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.

