



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009



86 families served

From September 2008 to June 2009, HFH Armenia has helped 86 families renovate or complete their homes.

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The first steps...



Habitat for Humanity Armenia is taking the first steps towards implementing the pilot phase of the Core House Project in the town of Spitak, the epicenter of the 1988 earthquake. The contract with the first major donor, the Armenian Apostolic Church and the Diocese of Armenian Church of America (Eastern,) to contribute to the pilot phase of the project is being signed. The core/starter house design

is in its final stages of being developed. With God's will and thanks to all our partners who believe in the mission of Habitat, the project will serve 10 families in its pilot phase. In the coming three years, the project aims at providing 90 additional families with their starter homes.

In partnership,
Irina Vanyan
Executive Director

Volunteers in action

"This was a fantastic experience and definitely one of the best trips I have ever taken. This type of travel is far more rewarding to me than regular tourism. The program was rewarding and the cultural experience was invaluable. I learned a lot about Armenia."



HFH Armenia has already hosted two Global Village Volunteer teams in this building season. The volunteers from the United States, United Kingdom, and Slovakia have built alongside with two families in the village of Nshavan. They helped the partner families renovate their homes.

We thank our dear volunteers and hope to see them again during the next building season.

To make a difference in the lives of Armenian families in need of improving their homes into decent places to live and grow their family, join a Global Village trip to Armenia!



Meet our new staff member



Christopher Sarajyan: Housing Finance Manager

Christopher, a certified economist and credit manager, joined HFH Armenia family in May, 2009. With ten years of experience in banking sector and in lending activities, Christopher hopes to develop new relations with financial institutions and develop such

methodologies that will enable an increasing number of Armenian families to have access to affordable and non profit mortgages and home improvement loans.

"I am thrilled to join the family of Habitat for Humanity Armenia," says Christopher. "As this is my first job within the non profit sector, I am already feeling the fulfillment of serving the mission of Habitat to lend low income families a hand up to improve their housing conditions."

Habitat family finally has a decent home

Sargsyan Hrach (50) and his wife, Susan (48) have raised their family of four in very dire conditions in the mountainous village of Khachik. Their home did not have a kitchen and a decent bathroom. After decades of bearing the heavy snowfalls and the long wet months, the roof of their home could serve them no more and allowed water to leak into the rooms.

Only after their two girls got married, and the two sons, Artak (22) and Arthur (18) started helping out their parents in the works in the fields, the family could start improving their home. With the help the Sargsyans got from Habitat, the family now has a decent toilet and a kitchen, and more importantly, thanks to the new roof, is looking forward to spending a dry winter indoors.

"Finally we have a decent home. We hope Habitat will be able to help each and every Armenian family in need for better housing conditions," Hrach said.



GET INVOLVED!

Dear partners,

Thanks to your contributions and dedication, we have made the dream of having a simple, decent, and affordable home a reality to 86 families in Armenia. HFH Armenia is working to serve the need, which is still great, especially in rural areas of Armenia. If you would like to support the mission of Habitat, please do so in any of the following ways:



- A) Pray for the success of our mission
- B) Advocate on our behalf
- C) Take part in a Global Village trip and come to Armenia to build hand in hand with a partner family. To join to a Global Village trip from 18-31 October, please contact:
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To designate your gift to Armenia, please go to the box "Designate your gift" and choose "Country national office" and pick Armenia!
2. Send check to:
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All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.
For more information, call 1-800-422-4828 (1-800-...).

3. To make a credit card donation by phone, call 1-800-HABITAT (800-422-4828)
Please ensure you designate your donation to Armenia!

If you have any questions regarding donations or if you want to hear more stories on how your support is helping HFH Armenia make a difference in the lives of Armenian families, please contact Betty Panossian-Ter Sarkissian at:
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