

2012 Global Village Trip to Fiji
28th April—13th May

Expression of Interest Form

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Housing needs in Fiji

Poverty and inequality continue to be a major challenge with 31percent of Fiji citizens living below the basic needs poverty line between 2008 and 2009, based on the latest available data.

According to some estimates, Fiji will need an additional 30,000 houses over the next 15 years. In rural areas or villages, indigenous Fijian families have access to community-owned land on which they can build homes, provided that they can afford construction costs. In urban and suburban areas, both Indo-Fijians and indigenous Fijians have difficulty finding sufficient, affordable land with secure tenure.

It is estimated that about 140,000 people – 17 percent of Fiji's population – live in one of more than 180 squatter or informal settlements. An estimated 80 percent of those in these settlements live below the national poverty line, earning less than 90 Fiji dollars (US\$50) a week. The poorest households lack piped water, adequate sanitation, electricity or rubbish disposal.

Habitat's role in Fiji

To meet the housing needs of low-income families, HFH Fiji helps to build simple, two-bedroom homes which cost the equivalent of about US\$12,000 each. HFH Fiji also renovates and upgrades homes at an estimated cost of US\$3,000 a unit.

Habitat homes in Fiji are typically built with a combination of locally supplied timber, concrete, and metal roofing.

Habitat's work goes beyond construction of homes. HFH Fiji works on a range of projects throughout the country including disaster prevention and recovery, water and sanitation, and disabled access housing projects. HFH Fiji designs and builds special homes and installs home modifications for lower-income disabled persons to provide them with effective access to their living quarters.

Statistics:

Families Served since 1991: 737

Families served during 2010: 179

What is included in the Trip?

Included in costs for this trip will be:

- 1st nights accommodation at Hotel in Nadi
- Local transport to build
- Accommodation during the build nights
- All food & water build days
- Compulsory medical insurance
- 3 x NZ t-shirts
- Donation towards the house building costs
- R&R accommodation for 3 nights at end of trip

Participants will be responsible for:

- Return airfares to Fiji
- Shuttle to Nadi accommodation, evening meal & breakfast
- Personal spending money, travel & baggage insurance, vaccinations and pre-trip costs such as passport and visa expenses
- R&R meals, activities & entertainment
- Return shuttle to Nadi airport for homeward flight

Trip Cost will be available once a Budget has been provided by Habitat Fiji. Depending on the project you can expect this to be up to \$2,500.00

Invitation:

Please consider joining me and others as we travel to Fiji to assist with Habitat's work assisting individual families and local communities with housing and other projects during May 2012.

Should you have any questions or for further information please contact your team leader:

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Team Leader Introduction



Team Leader: Shirley Bennett

I am 61 years old and have been married to Alec for 40years. We have 2 married daughters and 5 grand children, we live in Rukuhia just south of Hamilton.

In July 1995, I joined the Habitat for Humanity team in Hamilton as a volunteer on the Selection & Nurture committees. I was a Director of the Affiliate from 1997 to 2002. I have held many and varied roles in Habitat as the Affiliate has grown from strength to strength.

Currently I am employed by Habitat for Humanity, Central North Island. My role is now Family Support Manager, Construction Liaison & Global Village Coordinator work that I find exciting, varied and challenging.

My Global Village Team Leader Experience:

- 1998 Americus, Georgia, USA
- 2003 Bureta Village, Fiji
- 2004 Mexico—Jimmy Carter Work Project
- 2005 Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
- 2006 Palawan & Cebu Islands, Philippines
- 2008 Votua Village, Fiji
- 2009 Angkor Chum, Cambodia
- 2010 Votua Village, Fiji
- 2011 Phnon Penh, Cambodia

As local coordinator for Global Village Habitat Central North Island I have hosted 24 teams from USA, Canada, Hong Kong & Japan. My role has been to organise food, accommodation & transport for these teams ensuring that all their needs are met.

I invite you to join me on this trip to Fiji. I will do my utmost to ensure that you have a wonderful, productive time as you assist Habitat to house another family into a simple decent home to call their own giving them a Hand up and not a Hand out.

Shirley