

# Global Village Voice

## Seasons Greetings!



The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is now upon us! It is hard to believe 2011 is already drawing to a close. Here at Global Village, preparations for sending volunteers abroad in the winter months of 2012 are in full swing and plans are in progress for spring and summer builds.

We are excited to be sending teams to three new locations this year: China, Trinidad & Tobago, and Sri Lanka. Check our [Trip Schedule](#) for upcoming opportunities in these regions.

If volunteering on a Global Village build is something you've always considered, perhaps an opportunity to do just that will present itself to you this year. Keep in mind, we have plenty of resources to help you with your fundraising endeavors. As for our veteran volunteers, maybe you will find yourself on a Global Village build in a new corner of the world in 2012!

From all of us at Global Village, have a safe and Happy Holiday, and all the best in the New Year! Please enjoy this edition of the *Global Village Voice*... we hope with a glass of eggnog or hot cocoa!

*"It is the personal thoughtfulness, the warm human awareness, the reaching out of the self to one's fellow man that makes giving worthy of the Christmas spirit."*

- Currier

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## In The Cradle of Civilization

Armenia: a land-locked region bordered by Iran, Georgia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan, with beautiful mountainous terrain and scenic rivers. There you will

find a diverse culture and rich history in what is often referred to as "*The Cradle of Civilization*" - the first country in the world to adopt Christianity in 301 A.D.

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You will *also* find one quarter of the country's population of 3 million living below the poverty line. Armenians are still suffering the repercussions of a devastating 1988 earthquake, and their hardships have been compounded by recent dramatic social and economic up-

heaval. This means that many Armenians also live in substandard housing that, at the very least, requires major repair or renovation.

Habitat for Humanity Armenia is committed to providing housing solutions for families in need of a decent place to live and thrive. Typically, Habitat works hand in hand with volunteers and low-income families to build or renovate homes that are paid for over time by affordable mortgages or loans.



*Photo courtesy of Ezra Millstein, HFHI*

In May 2012, Global Village will be sending a team of dedicated and compassionate volunteers to Armenia, where they will be building a home alongside the future owners. Volunteers will spend the majority of the days working on the build site, but will also have the opportunity to explore Armenia during the evenings and planned "off-day" activities designated for R&R. Applications are now being accepted for this opportunity of a lifetime! Those interested can contact the team leader at [jbelair@ebtech.net](mailto:jbelair@ebtech.net) for more information, or apply online at [www.habitatglobalvillage.ca](http://www.habitatglobalvillage.ca) under Trip Schedule.



*Photo courtesy of John Roe, Armenia 2011*

[Click here](#) to read about the experiences of another Global Village team in Armenia this past summer. (*Originally published in the Globe and Mail, October 2011*)

## Think Global, Act Local

Habitat for Humanity is planning its biggest year yet in Canada and we need your help!

To find the Habitat office nearest you, go to [www.habitat.ca](http://www.habitat.ca) and click on **Find your local affiliate**, at the top of the page.

# Join us on an Upcoming Trip

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE BELOW OPPORTUNITIES:



For a complete list, or for more information on a specific trip, please visit our [Trip Schedule](#).

## SPREAD THE WORD!

Belong to a school club or organization that may be interested in volunteering on a Global Village build? Would your coworkers consider getting involved? What about members of your Church or other faith group?

Let us know! We have NEW web flyers that will help you to get started. If applicable, let us know the name of the group or organization you are affiliated with, and we will send you a copy of the flyer for further distribution. E-mail [globalvillage@habitat.ca](mailto:globalvillage@habitat.ca).



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