

Stories of hope ... begin with you

Kenneth, Rhonda and Phoenix Miller lived in a three-room cabin in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The cabin had no running water, and the family shared the only bedroom. Theirs was a life of poverty by most people's standards, but the Millers were rich in love and strong in spirit ...

The stories of families living in substandard housing share a common theme. It is one of poverty, challenges, hard work—and hope.

For nearly a thousand families across the country and around the world, that “hope” has been transformed into reality through a special program called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Today, nearly 1.6 billion people worldwide live in substandard housing. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® and Habitat for Humanity® International have joined together to help address this complex issue.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a multi-year, multi-million dollar alliance that brings members of Thrivent Financial together with Lutheran congregations, other volunteers, Habitat affiliates and host communities to build simple, decent, affordable homes with partner families in need. The program is designed to help families achieve greater economic independence.

Your membership can help you change lives—your own and others

When you become a member of Thrivent Financial, something wonderful happens. You take an important step toward your financial security and protecting your family. And the impact reaches even further.

Your ownership of Thrivent Financial products allows us to grow. And with that growth, we can do even more good through programs like Thrivent Builds.

You have the opportunity to experience the power of your membership in action. We provide the program. You create hope—by giving families in need a hand up. The rewards are immeasurable. The impact ... profound. The experience ... life-changing.

Two ways to make a difference

Thrivent Builds offers two programs that give you the opportunity to help local families, or families in another state or country:

- **Thrivent Builds Homes:** Help build a home with a future homeowner in your area. Come for one day or for several!
- **Thrivent Builds Worldwide:** Choose from one- to three-week volunteer work trips to select locations in the U.S. and abroad.

“I’m not sure what our future holds, but this house will provide stability for Phoenix and stability for us. It’s changed our whole life.”

—Rhonda & Kenneth Miller
Thrivent Builds homeowners

“By the end of the trip, Tomasz was calling me ‘sister.’ And I was calling him ‘brother’ in Polish. They are all our brothers now. They’re our family. They’re in our hearts.”

—Terri Gafford
Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip participant

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About us

Thrivent Financial is a not-for-profit Fortune 500 membership organization that helps Lutherans and their families achieve financial security and give back to their local communities and congregations.

Habitat for Humanity International is a Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Let your membership take you places.
Let your heart lead you there.

Thrivent Builds
with **Habitat for Humanity®**



Thrivent Builds Homes

It may be difficult to imagine, but families are living in substandard housing—right in your community. One day of your time could change their lives.

How you can help

Thrivent Builds Homes volunteers work in local communities to help build simple, decent, affordable homes. All building supplies are provided on site. And no previous construction experience is needed.

The Habitat partner families themselves put in hundreds of hours of their own labor, building their own home, as well as other Habitat homes. The homes are then sold to partner families at no profit and financed with no-profit mortgages. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build more homes.

What you do today can change a life tomorrow

To find a build near you, visit www.thriventbuilds.com/homes, click on "Build Locations," select your state, then click on the appropriate Thrivent Financial RFO website listed.



"I've looked into the eyes of new homeowners and seen their tears of joy at the chance for a new and better way of life. Believe me, it hasn't just changed their lives, it changed mine as well."

—Dennis McGinley
Thrivent Builds Homes participant



"I can't think of a more suitable home for my children to grow up in than one that was built through Christ with loving hearts and helping hands."

—Julie Jarrell
Thrivent Builds Homes homeowner

"It makes you more appreciative of the blessings you have when you look around and see what others don't have. I probably wouldn't have gotten involved in Habitat for Humanity without Thrivent Builds. I will do it again."

—Gordon Albers,
Thrivent Builds
Homes participant

Thrivent Builds Worldwide

Join fellow members and other volunteers on a trip to another state—or another country. You'll experience a different culture. Learn new skills. Make new friends. And you'll do something really amazing: help change lives!

How you can help

Joined together by our Thrivent membership and driven by values, we can give more families a chance at economic independence. Choose from the following opportunities.

Thrivent Builds Worldwide:

- **Gulf Coast Community:** Help build homes—and rebuild an entire community—along the hurricane-ravaged Mississippi Gulf Coast.
- **El Salvador Community:** Build a home with a partner family in El Salvador and help build a complete community.
- **Destination of Choice trips:** Build a home wherever your heart leads you. Choose from an entire catalog of trip locations with standard budgets and itineraries.

Make today your 'someday'

Thrivent Builds Worldwide not only builds homes, it also helps build stronger communities.

A *Thrivent Builds Worldwide* trip can be organized by an individual or group from one or more Lutheran organizations. At least 50% of the trip participants must be members of Thrivent Financial.



"I think our country benefits from volunteers because if not for the help that came, this would not be ... That is one of the marvelous things that volunteers do—to serve with love, sincerity and receive nothing in return. That's why I feel that it's really important because in this way a lot of us that don't have opportunities like this benefit."

—Lilian Mearroqin, El Salvador
Thrivent Builds
Worldwide homeowner

"This is my 'someday.' That's how I got here. One of the things you'll discover when you do this is, part of your heart will stay here. If you get the chance, don't let it go by. Make this your 'someday.'"

—Fred Kalis
Thrivent Builds Worldwide
trip participant



If a group is interested in organizing a trip, a proposal can be submitted to a Thrivent Financial regional financial office for consideration. Participants are responsible for their airfare and trip expenses. If you are a team leader, your online training sessions and trip expenses are covered. Travel costs are covered on a tiered basis, depending on the size team you recruit, up to the average flight cost for that area of the world.

It's easy for you to become a trip team leader or a team participant. Visit www.thriventbuilds.com/worldwide for more information and to find the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans office closest to you.