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## **Fulfilling the homeownership dream**

I'm writing to share some very good news that will help several low-income families in the Bay Area achieve their dream of homeownership. This holiday season, more than 300 American families are in their first home, including the Ng Family, thanks to a national home-building alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International.

In 2007, 355 more families will work beside volunteers from Lutheran churches and volunteers who are Thrivent Financial members to build homes in 44 states. Habitat for Humanity San Francisco, East Bay and Silicon Valley affiliates will be a part of this effort.

It's all part of Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, a four-year \$105 million alliance helping more families earn their own safe, decent, affordable home.

"The new house has strengthened our faith in humanity," the Ng family shares. "We have learned that people are not blind to the struggles of others and are willing to help."

The San Francisco, East Bay and Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity are announcing that another three homes will be built in the Bay Area in 2007. Thrivent Financial Sierra Northwest Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans along with local Lutheran congregations will raise an additional 10 percent with the Bay Area Habitat for Humanity affiliates funding the remaining 25 percent.

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