

If you're ready to:

- Experience other customs or another culture.
- Help a family build a home.
- Work with others who share your values.
- Meet new people who believe in making a difference.
- Create unforgettable memories.
- Change lives—even your own.
- Encourage economic independence.

Get involved

Thrivent Builds Worldwide not only helps give partner families a better chance at economic independence, but it also helps build stronger communities. You can be part of this life-changing experience!

A 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. 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.

Visit www.thriventbuilds.com to find a regional financial office closest to you and to get more information about:

- How to lead or organize a team.
- How to volunteer in your local community or make a donation.

**Building hope.
Changing lives.**

About us

Thrivent Financial is a faith-based membership organization committed to helping its nearly 3 million members achieve financial security and give back to their congregations and communities.

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



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**Thrivent®
Builds**
with *Habitat for Humanity®*



**Take a trip.
Build a better world.**



"The experience changed my life. I witnessed the best of human nature."

Jane Semrow, Volunteer, Thrivent Builds Worldwide

See the world ...

And feel the power of your membership!

Put the power of your membership in Thrivent Financial for Lutherans into action! Join other members and volunteers on a trip to another state—or another country—where you'll experience a different culture, learn new skills, make new friends and do something really amazing: help change lives!

Today, nearly 1.5 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 through the Thrivent Builds program.

Thrivent Builds Worldwide is one program of Thrivent Builds—a \$125 million 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 families in need.

This is a chance to take your membership to a whole new level. United in membership and driven by values, we can give more families a

chance at economic independence.

"The families thanked God for sending us. They prayed that we would be blessed for giving up things back home to come and help them."

—Keturah Pestel, volunteer, Thrivent Builds Worldwide Guatemala trip



"Psalm 127:1 says, 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.' The Lord is building this house, not only in Romania, but in all of our hearts. We have been embraced warmly. I will carry the culture, traditions, and values home with me. This is the Tiaspiye of God (community)."

—Galen Hora, volunteer, Thrivent Builds Worldwide Romania trip



The Habitat for Humanity model

Homeowners make a modest down payment, volunteer their own labor and buy their homes with no-profit mortgages. Their monthly mortgage payments are then used to build more homes.

This model has already been used to:

- Build over 250,000 homes.
- Provide more than 1 million people with shelter.

Through *Thrivent Builds Worldwide*, you can help build even more homes with partner families in other states—or countries—including:

- Hurricane-ravaged Mississippi Gulf Coast
- Central America
- Africa
- India

Create a lifetime of memories

Every *Thrivent Builds Worldwide* trip is an adventure. While trip participants are responsible for their airfare and travel expenses, no experience or special skills are needed; only the desire to make a difference. And you will. Whether you pound nails or lay bricks; paint walls or raise a roof, you'll discover that you have what it takes to build a better world.

Trip participants who are members of Thrivent Financial can make an even greater impact. Entire communities can be transformed when thousands of Lutherans, united in membership, work together to help change lives. When teams of Thrivent members are organized, Thrivent Financial makes a significant contribution to the Habitat host affiliate on behalf of those members. This contribution provides additional funding that is not available through other Habitat-affiliated trips.

In addition to working at the build site, you'll have unique opportunities to reflect on your experience and share your thoughts with other members of Thrivent Financial. You'll also have time to enjoy local tours, outdoor activities, and learn about other customs and cultures.

"It was a trip of a lifetime ..."

—Rachel Vagts, Volunteer, Thrivent Builds Worldwide Guatemala trip

