For a very long time the Manoukyan family of six from Vayots Dzor region, the village of Areni had been living in a metal container (domik) for many years in unbearable conditions without a kitchen and a bathroom. They used out-house for toilet and for showers they locked the room and used big pots. They were able to build only part of their own house but couldn’t complete the construction due to financial difficulties.

This year a Global Builders volunteer team of 12 members from St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit with the team leader Jacqueline Elchemmas joined the Manoukyans helping to build their house. This is already the 6th year Jacqueline Elchemmas leads teams to Armenia helping to eliminate poverty housing. Mr. John Yavruian, who underwrote the cost of the Manukyan home, has also participated in two previous home built teams with Jacqueline Melkonian Elchemmas.

“As Armenians in the Diaspora, we all have a strong desire to help Armenians in our homeland. We are fortunate that St. John’s Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, has a large community and that we have been able to sponsor each home we’ve worked on. We were privileged to work alongside the Manukyan family to help them further the process of their home and make their day to day life easier. The team feels that they are their new family. Each member felt a bond with the family and our ties to Armenia are even stronger. Each home is a labor of love,” says Jacqueline Elchemmas.

This Summer Fuller Center for Housing Armenia hosted seven Global Builder volunteer teams with more than 90 members from the United States and Europe as well as had build days with Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, KPMG Armenia, AGBU Discovery Armenia Youth Program, AGBU Canada, IREX Armenia (International Research & Exchanges Board in Armenia), FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Program) and CYMA (Christian Youth Mission to Armenia) who came to build shoulder to shoulder WITH and FOR Armenian families in need of a decent shelter.

Helping these families in need of a decent shelter is a significant act of giving, but of course receiving something in return too, something very valuable - a feeling of satisfaction, a feeling of giving the families a hand up, lots of new friends, nice memories. That’s why and for many other reasons many volunteers keep coming back and becoming real advocates of the rights of a person.

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Improving the life quality of the families, giving them financial stability, improving their well-being, increasing self-esteem and self-reliance of the family members, bringing positive changes in the areas of health and education-outcomes that the decent home brings to the families… These are underlying problems that our corporate partners already many years do realize when coming and volunteering with and for our families in need of a decent shelter—something vital in everybody’s life.

This summer too, Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan and KPMG Armenia joined our Global Builders volunteer teams respectively in Ujan and Irind villages of Aragatsotn region helping the Avetisyans and the Haroutyunyans to improve their lives. This is the reflection of their commitment to social issues, a good way of giving back to their community, motivating and engaging their teams.

“Every year we are all looking for this great opportunity to put our efforts in helping families in need. This is really a wonderful way of not only helping but seeing the results of it on the happy faces of the family members” said the general manager of the Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, Ami Miron.

3rd Year Partnership with ICRC. “Rehabilitation of Houses of Families of Missing in Syunik and Armavir Regions” Project. 18 New Families to be Assisted.

3rd year partnership – a long and prosperous cooperation between International Committee of Red Cross and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, a cooperation as result of which up to now starting from 2010 already 18 families from different regions of Armenia (Tavoush, Lori, Gegharkunik, Armavir and Shirak regions) live in their healthy and decent homes. Already many years the partners implement their activities aimed at improving housing conditions of low-income vulnerable families, aimed at making difference in the lives of these families throughout Armenia.

This year a new agreement was signed between two organizations aimed at assisting another 18 disadvantaged target group—the families of missing in Syunik and Armavir regions.

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