The partnership with St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church of White Plains became a real blessing for the Margaryan family from Aragatsotn region, the village of Ujan which has witnessed endless sorrows in their lives.

The great grandfather was a refugee from Sasun, Western Armenia, who relocated to the village of Ujan and received a small plot of land with a modest, old one-room building and settled there. In the 1920s he added another room for his growing family. Then in the 1950s the son, Mayis, added another room and a balcony. The conditions were tough as they had no bathroom and had to use an outhouse. Instead of a shower they had to use pots in one room and for washing up they used an old manually refillable container attached to a tree.

Farman’s son, 15-year-old Derenik, suffers from autism. Farman, Mayis’s son, told that they had consulted many doctors, but nothing helped so far. He does not attend school. At the age of 36, Farman has bent under the burden of life, but he knows that his family needs him. He is the bread winner of the family but his wage of accountant at the local municipality and the pensions of grandparents are never enough for the growing day to day expenses of the family.

Friends from the local community always help the family. Thanks to them the new building next to the existing old shack has been started but it was beyond their financial capacity to complete it.

In 2012 September the house donors - parish members with priest Fr. Karekin - visited and blessed the construction of the house.

“To learn that many Armenian families are unable to enjoy the most basic need for adequate housing and to see that Fuller Armenia provided a proven way to address this need caused a groundswell of interest and action among our parishioners. The opportunity to provide families with reasonable housing in Armenia clearly benefits children by providing them a stable and safe environment in which to grow and learn. The long-term benefits for future generations is clear. We would strongly urge other parishes to invite representatives from Fuller Armenia to come to your churches and hear and see first-hand what a difference you can make. It has been enormously gratifying to see the progress on the home we are helping to build, and Fuller Armenia has been consistently providing us with pictures as the building progresses. We look forward to our continued involvement and would gladly share our experience with any one considering partnering with Fuller Armenia. You really can make a difference,” said Ellie Krolian, Chairperson of St. Gregory the Enlightener Women’s Guild.
A Look Back at Our Successes

Heifer Armenia & Fuller Center for Housing Armenia Making Difference

It is always pleasant to look back at our successes and to hear how the families we supported are living now. 2011 was a year of real happiness for the Ghazaryan family from the Kotayk region, the village of Mayakovski. Through the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia programs, the Ghazaryan family is no longer homeless. The Ghazaryan family house was sponsored by His Holiness Karekin II “Building on Faith” Work Project and KPMG Armenia.

The Ghazaryan family has been living with their parents and brothers-11 people in one small house-for many years, but they haven’t been able to complete the construction of their half-built house due to financial difficulties.

One more family has left behind the status of homelessness, and three more children have the opportunity to build bright future. But this was not the only good fortune for his family. In 2011-through Heifer Armenia & the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, which have a long and prosperous partnership, the family also received a cow, which has become a sustainable source of income for the family.

“I still can’t believe it’s true. My children are no longer homeless, and we have a sustainable source of income and nutrition. Now we also have a calf! This is really a good project. You are helping not just one person, but families and communities. Thank you Heifer! Thank you Fuller!”, the mother said, with tears in her eyes.

The Avetisyans Are No Longer Homeless

“It has become a kind of a dream to have a place to call HOME, where nobody can ever tell us to leave,” said 12 years old Anie.

No one at FCHA will ever forget these words and the first visit to the Avetisyans family from Aragatsotn region - the sight inside the house was miserable- bare, grey walls, a room with an oven in the center, two beds, a table and a few chairs. It’s pointless even to speak about sanitary conditions, there was no bathroom… But it was much more painful to learn that even this one room with miserable conditions wasn’t their own. The mother of the family, Larissa Mkrtchyan, said that one of the villagers had given them the room temporarily to live till they could build the house of their own. And for a very long time the family has been living with the fear that one day they will be left without even that one room.

But now the status of the homeowner is no longer a dream for this family. The family is now living happily in their newly built home. The house was sponsored with the generous donation of Bill and Francis Chattin from the US. In 2012, two Global Builder teams along with local volunteers and family members worked on the house. “Thank you for making a huge difference in the life of my family,” said Zorik, the father.

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2013 Schedule for Global Builders

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August 2-15, team leaders, Boots and Ramsay Walker
August 28-September 7, team leader, Dianne Fuller

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