Building Homes, Communities and a Homeland
Every human being deserves to have a decent home to live in. It gives to a family, to an individual the opportunity to be stronger for tomorrow and build a sustainable future. It boosts one’s sense of dignity and pride which in its turn increases the educational and employment prospects.

This basic need of a decent home for Armenian families became a stimulus for our volunteers. Eight International and local volunteer teams from the U.S. Embassy in Armenia, Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter Scouting Division, AGBU Montreal, American University of Armenia, UWC Dilijan College, AGBU Tehran, as well as Global Builders (GB) volunteer team, led by Abie Alexander together the PH International English Access Program and GB team, led by Peter Sexton joined our mission.

Working shoulder to shoulder with and for the families the teams helped the families to sooner finish the construction of their dream home and to live a deserving life in healthy environment.
Aram Aghekyan 40 years old
Wife Gayane Kocharyan 39 years old
Mother Lala Hovhannisyan 68 years old
Daughter Lalochka Aghekyan 7 years old
Son Aghabek Aghekyan 5 years old
Daughter Svetik Aghekyan 4 years old

The Aghekyan family of six from Arayi village of Aragatsotn region have been living in an old and damp house without any housing conditions.

In 1993, when Aram left abroad (Russia) to work, he was injured seriously in a car accident and Lala, Aram's mother, due to the lack of financial means, sold their house and left for Russia to take care of her son.

After long-term treatment, which lasted three years, Lala, with her son, returned to Armenia. Since then they have been living in their relative's old house, which was given to them free of charge till they would have been able to build or buy a house.

Later, Aram got married and now has three children. The family started their own house construction and the entire family was involved in the construction works. The children were so excited to see how their house was being built but they could not afford finishing the house construction.

"I want my children grow up in a healthy and safe home. I do my best to create for them decent housing conditions, but without your help we couldn't have a home. We are so greatfull," said Aram.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
Der Yeghishe Nurijanyan 36 years old
Mother Alvard Nurijanyan 56 years old
Wife Satenik Nurijanyan 33 years old
Daughter Susanna Nurijanyan 9 years old
Daughter Mane Nurijanyan 5 years old

The Nurijanyans are from Mkhchyan village, Ararat region. Der Yeghishe lives with her mother, wife and two daughters. In 1996, Der Yeghishe’s father, Spartak, started building a house for the family but unfortunately he passed away and couldn’t finish it. During these years the family tried to continue the construction but they couldn’t complete it due to the lack of finances. More than 22 years the family lived in a damp and cold basement of the half-built house. The room served as a bedroom and a kitchen separated with curtains.

Now the family has a beautiful home with three bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a hall!

“We are a very loving family and I am blessed to have a family like this. My mother and wife are busy with farming. I am serving in the Church. Thinking in a positive way I was sure that God’s blessings are with us and was full of hope that there will be supporters who will help us to have our dream home. May God shower his blessings on Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation and may many other families enjoy the happiness of living in a decent home,” shared Der Yeghishe.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
Haytagh Village, Armavir Region
Hambardzumyan Family

Rubik Hambardzumyan  35 years old
Wife  Anna Hambardzumyan  29 years old
Son  Sergey Hambardzumyan  9 years old
Daughter  Anahit Hambardzumyan  6 years old

Hambardzumyan family lives in Haytagh village, Armavir region. The Hambardzumyans have been living in a three-room house with 11 (Rubik with his family, Rubik's brother with his family, Rubik's parents and grandmother). It was really difficult to live in a small house with such a large family. Two years ago, Rubik started to build his own house but it remained unfinished due to financial difficulties.

The breadwinners of the family were the two brothers and Rubik's father; Seryozha, Rubik's father is a driver, Rubik and his brother are doing different constructional works, but the income was hardly enough to care the family needs. The family works diligently to be able to care the needs. They are also busy with farming.

"I worked very hard to care my family needs and to build a house for my family. But with the growing expenses we could not afford finishing our house construction. With your helping hand my family now has a home with all necessities, we are so thankful and it makes us work even harder to create a better future for our children... Thank you," shared Rubik.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
Manvel Gabrielyan       58 years old
Wife   Tamara Hayrapetyan       57 years old
Son    Gurgen Gabrielyan       34 years old
Son    Hovik Gabrielyan       33 years old

The Gabrielyan family of four lives in Zovaber village, Gegharkunik region. Four years the family lived in a wooden container which was too small for four adults and lacked basic conditions -- just two rooms, no kitchen, no bathroom, very cold in winters and hot in summers.

Before, the family lived with Manvel’s brother’s family, nine people in a-three-room house. Four years ago, the Gabrielyans moved to live in a domik, and in the meantime they started the construction of their long cherished home.

“We are a hardworking family. Despite that we don`t have any permanent job, we have several cows and we are busy with farming. But in four years we could build only the walls and did the concrete ceiling. My sons can’t get married because there is not enough space for a large family. To finish the construction and to live a deserving life was a dream. I wish to see my children happy. We would be able to finish the construction by ourselves, but it would take a very long time. Now, with your help our dream became a reality. Thank you!” said Tamara.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
The Sardaryan family of four lives in Tsovak village of Gegharqunik region. The family has lived in a temporary shelter for six years. Vruyr and Tamara married and lived in Vruyr’s parents’ house with his parents and two brothers. As there was not enough space for living together; Vruyr rented a house and moved there with his family. After two years, they purchased a temporary shelter lacking basic housing conditions and lived there with their children.

The Sardaryans are a hard working family. Despite that Vruyr has health problems, he works hard to care his family needs, and Tamara, the mother of the family, helps her husband. They are engaged in cattle breeding. Vruyr has 3rd degree of disability. He was injured during the Nagorno-Karabakh war.

“We work diligently to care our family needs. We work day and night trying to care the everyday needs, health problems, but the monthly income was not enough to solve the housing problem. Having our own house has became an inaccessible dream for us. We needed nothing, but a helping hand to solve our housing problem. Now that we have a home we will work even harder to create everything else on our own! I have no words to express my gratitude,” said Tamara in tears.

A house has been purchased and renovated in the same village owing to this project.
Ttujur Village, Gegharkunik Region
Mkhitaryan Family

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25 years ago, Edvard and Osan purchased a half-damaged house and moved there to live separately, as Edvard’s parents’ house was overcrowded and they couldn’t live there anymore. The family hoped that they would be able to renovate the house or build a new one on that area. After children’s birth, the family needs grew and their dream of having a decent home remained unfulfilled.

Despite all the difficulties they kept telling that they are happy with their own formula of happiness which is love towards each other.

“I worked as a cleaner, but now I am looking for another job. My son, Vardan, had a surgery, my younger son and daughter also have health problems, caused by housing conditions. We have a small land and are engaged in argiculture. The roof of the house was so dilapidated and old and every day we have been living in fear,” said the family father, Edvard.

A house has been purchased for the family in the same village as their old soil house could not be renovated.
Nor Geghi village, Kotayk Region
Gasparyan Family

Tolik Gasparyan     65 years old
Wife                Rita Hayrapetyan     62 years old
Son                 Lernik Gasparyan     40 years old
Daughter-in-law     Nazik Avetisyan     32 years old
Daughter            Lilit Gasparyan     30 years old
Grandson            Benik Ziroyan       15 years old

The Gasparyan family of 6 has lived in a rented house for 12 years. In 2012, they purchased a half-built house and tried to finish the house construction to move to live in there, but couldn't afford finishing it.

Tolik and Rita had three children. Their eldest daughter passed away a few years ago. Their son, Lernik, lives with them. Lilit, their youngest daughter has 1st degree of disability. The income of the family is the pension and the family benefit.

"The health problems of my daughter and the financial difficulties made our dream of having our decent home impossible. Each day we woke up with hope that one day we'll live with dignity. Now our dream came true. Now I am so happy that my family will live with dignity. Thank you so much!" shared Rita, the family mother.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
Jrvezh Village, Kotayk Region
Chobanyan Family

Abraham Chobanyan       60 years old
Wife               Aida Chobanyan         58 years old
Son               Arsen Chobanyan         32 years old
Daughter-in-law  Gayane Israelyan         31 years old
Granddaughter   Aida Chobanyan           1-year-old

The Chobanyan family of five has lived in a basement of a half-built house for 10 years. The basement was damp and dark with concreted floors and served as a bedroom, a hall and a kitchen at the same time. After Arsen got married it became even harder for the family to live in such conditions.

The Abrahamyans are a hardworking family. Abraham and his wife are busy with farming. Abraham also does temporary construction jobs. Arsen works in a pharmaceutical company. Before the child’s birth Gayane used to work in a kindergarten; now she takes care of the child.

“When we started the house construction we were full of hope that very soon we’ll have a home. But time passed by and it’s already 10 years we could not afford finishing the house construction. I think everyone deserves a decent place to live in and home is the only place where a person dreams,” said Abraham.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
Gugark village, Lori Region
Yeganyan Family

Ofelya Yeganyan 61 years old

Ofelya Yeganyan is a 61-year-old woman who is living alone. At first she lived with her husband in a rented house in Dilijan town. They had two children; one of them passed away at 10 months. Six years later Ofelya’s husband passed away and Ofelya stayed with her daughter alone. Ofelya did her best and worked hard to take care of her daughter and provide her with everything. Her daughter graduated from school, and they moved to Gugark village of Lori region, got a temporary shelter and lived there. Later her daughter got married and Ofelia continued to live there alone.

In 2015, the temporary shelter burnt down. Not having a place for living, Ofelya rented a small apartment and moved to live in there.

Now she has a home of her dreams.

Owing to this project, a one-room apartment was purchased for Ofelya in Vanadzor city.
Anushavan Village, Shirak Region
Baloyan Family

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The Baloyans of eight lived in a metal container (domik) for 30 years. After the devastating earthquake in 1988, the young family with one-year-old daughter stayed without a roof. Hrach and his wife, Gyulnara, being very hard working people, started building a house with their savings. They built the walls, but the economic situation changed in Armenia, and the family lost all their savings and could not go on with the construction. Their two sons were born in the metal container. Every year the family was trying to continue the construction, but the growing family expenses didn’t allow them to finish it.

“Though we lived in a small metal container and saw many difficulties in our life, we have never lost the hope of the better future. I am a happy and proud man to have such a loving family. Our main problem was only to finish the construction of our long-cherished half-built home. Your support was really God’s blessing for my family. After we started the construction one more grandchild was born in my family. I am a happy man. Thank you,” said Hrach.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.
Yerevan City
Zakaryan Family

Albert Zakaryan 35 years old
Mother Ruzan Zakaryan 54 years old
Wife Roza Adamyan 24 years old
Son Robert Zakaryan 4 years old
Son Suren Zakaryan 3 years old
Daughter Rima Zakaryan 6-month-old

The Zakaryans were living in an 18 sq. m. metal container (domik) which was placed in an area far from the residential area of the city. In winter, it was very cold, as there were big holes on the walls and all windows were old and damaged. The domik didn’t have a kitchen, a bathroom or separate bedrooms…there was just a small room for living.

Albert and Roza are married for seven years. At first, the young couple lived in a rented house with Albert’s mother. But due to not having a permanent job and the health problems, they could not pay the rent and had to move to live in that temporary shelter which they received from a kind supporter.

Albert and Roza have three children, who were born in the metal container.

Despite the health problems, Albert (he has backbone problems and needs surgery) does different temporary jobs to care the family needs.

“My only dream was to have our own home, as it was really difficult to raise three children in such poor conditions. And now we are expecting tweens! I want my children grow up in a safe and a decent home. Without your help I don’t know what could happen with all of us. Thank you!” shared Roza with tears.

Owing to this project, a house has been purchased for the family in Nor Kharberd village.