



HOSTING OUR FIRST GLOBAL BUILDERS VOLUNTEER TEAMS AFTER A YEAR OF A PAUSE

In 2020, the world was hit by the rapidly spreading virus of COVID-19 which affected our day to day life and disrupted people's movements around the world. After a year of a pause, our Global Builders Volunteer teams made it to Armenia to give a helping hand to families in housing need.

The first Global Builders volunteer team, led by Sona and Leo Manuelian, and the third team led by Barbara Hovsepien were helping the Pogosyans from Marmarashen village, Ararat region, who have been living in a metal container for many years.

The second team, led by Nicole Simmons, have been working in Lori region.

For Barbara Hovsepien, who has been leading volun-

teer teams to Armenia since 2002, this was the last year of leading teams to Armenia. However, she is hopeful to be helpful even from afar.



VIVA-MTS AND FCHA PARTNERSHIP: LONG AWAITED HOUSEWARMING IN AMBERD VILLAGE

In the frames of the housing project, implemented by Viva-MTS and the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, the heads of the partnering organizations visited Amberd village of Armarir region. The Badalyan family has been assisted through this project; now, they have a stone-built house after having lived in a metal container for two decades.

“Nothing can break the human will to overcome problems. It seems this family would lose every hope after finding itself in a metal container for the second time in their life. But rather it has grown even stronger. The sad perspective to repeat the past has dramatically changed these people. They are now stronger, more decided, and committed to solving the problem they face. I am happy to state there has been a positive turn in the life of this family. I am sure a new daily routine will change their disposition, and the memories of the past will soon be gone. Our program has both social and psychological components, and that is crucial,”

Viva-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian said.

“This family is an embodiment of resilience; they are one of such families. Even during the pandemic, our families have gone on with the house construction. In a way, it even helped the families to stay busy, to build, hope, endure and believe. We lived difficult times, we still continue that way, but the life continues, and each of us should give it our best shot to have a better future”, said Ashot Yeghiazaryan, the President of Fuller Center for Housing Armenia.

Only in 2020, owing to the housing project financed by Viva-MTS, being implemented in 10 regions of Armenia, houses were built, renovated, or purchased for 96 families; in fact, the most important problem for families has been resolved. Over AMD 230 mln. has been invested. In 2021 over 225 mln will be invested to assist 84 families

Before



After



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