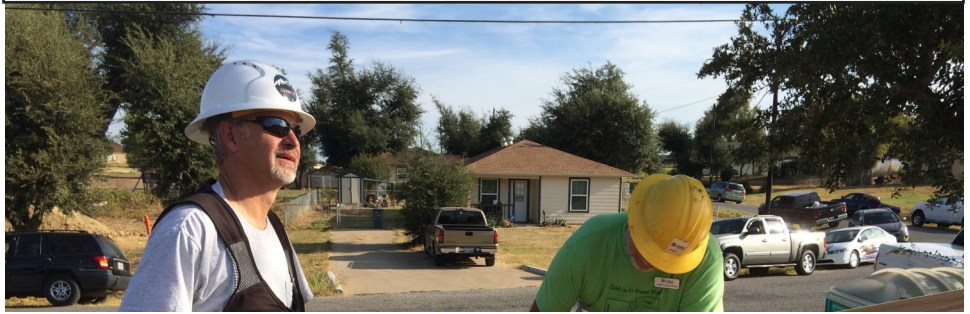




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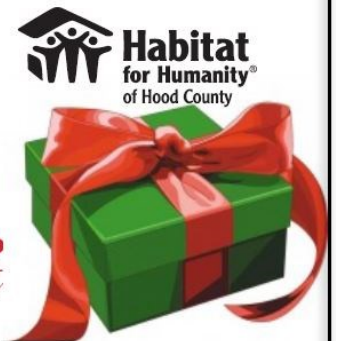
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Thank you for supporting this ministry for the past 19 years.  
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## Two Families Make Final Payments

Have we really been here so long that homes are being paid off? Wow!

As we contemplate serving our 95th family next year, we also celebrate almost 20 years of constructing Habitat homes.

In May, Michael and Belinda Hanley joined the construction crew for lunch and to perform a "note burning". It took awhile for the fact to sink in that they had no more house payments!

Then, in October, Martin & Leticia Briones joined this select group with a similar ceremony at lunch. This time we used a metal bucket! (Don't ask.)



Michael and Belinda  
Hanley

May 2015



Martin, Lizbet and  
Leticia Briones

October 2015

## Volunteer Spotlight



### Carol McKernan & Andrea Bauer

Habitat was the catalyst that brought two ladies together to become best friends who now see each other nearly every day. Carol McKernan retired in 2008 and joined Habitat to stay active and to give back. Carol and Brian Donnachie, another volunteer, invited Andrea to join them at Habitat. Brian says, "I never thought Andrea was going to be a good golfer, so she needed another hobby!"

After working next to each other at Habitat for over 5 years, they have grown to be best friends. They go to the same church and attend the Saturday night service so they can play golf on Sunday. They hold season tickets at the Opera House and are members of a couple of Women's organizations where they attend events together. And, of course, they do "girl stuff" like shopping together.



### Roger Morgan

A faithful volunteer for 6 years, serves as a crew chief. His favorite job is working on the interior especially doing trim work.

He & his wife moved to Hood County in 1973, she was an elementary teacher and his career covered being a teacher, a coach, a principal and superintendent of the Bluff Dale School District.

When asked why he chose Habitat to volunteer with, he said he enjoys doing things that help people who are less fortunate than himself.

He has 2 grown sons ages 42 and 46. His favorite hobby is fishing.

### Homeowner Maria Carmen's Story:

I lost my husband in the May 2013 tornado. This was the most painful and sad experience of our lives. We had planned to raise our children in this country and give them a better future and a better education. But, sadly, we were not able to do this together....I give thanks to everyone for all you have done for me and for my children and for accompanying us at this special and happy time of finally having our very own home.

See below for her complete story.



Maria Carmen, Juan Jose & Giovanni

## **María Carmen Tovar's Family Thank-You On Moving to Her Habitat Home**

(Translated from Spanish - presented at her home dedication)

Hello, and a very good afternoon to you!

I want to express my gratitude first of all to God, for all He has done for me and also for putting me in the midst of all of these people in Habitat, so good and so kind, to help me on my road that has been so difficult.

I lost my husband in the May 2013 tornado. This was the most painful and sad experience of our lives. We had planned to raise our children in this country and give them a better future and a better education. But, sadly, we were not able to do this together.

A few days after his burial, I had to make the most difficult decision of my life and that was whether to move to this country and to try to carry forward alone.

At first, I found it very difficult and I struggled a lot because I don't know English, I didn't know how to drive a car, and because I didn't have a car in which to learn. But now, I have a car and am learning to drive. And because of this my life is a little easier.

Even so, I struggle with other things. I am making progress. Thanks to everyone in Habitat. Thanks to my in-laws, thanks to Erica Espinoza, thanks to St. Frances Cabrini, thanks to Catholic Charities, to all for having helped me put the past aside as a pleasant memory and to help me move ahead despite everything.

Above all, thanks to Habitat to help make a dream a reality to finally have our very own home.

Thanks to Steve and to Carol who helped me qualify for a home and who had faith in me even though they barely knew me.

Thanks to Ed Vela for having been one of the first persons I met when I arrived here and who has always tried to help me.

Thanks to Molly and to everyone for your support and love at the work site.

Thanks to Olivia and to everyone who has helped me in interpreting English, a very difficult language.

And, once again I give thanks to everyone for all you have done for me and for my children and for accompanying us at this special and happy time of finally having our very own home.

Thanks, Habitat, and all of Habitat's volunteers. May God bless you!

A thousand thanks!

María Carmen Tovar

## **Congratulation to Brian Torres!**

Habitat homeowners Lilliana and Meliton Torres son was elected Homecoming King this year at Granbury High School. Brian is a National Honor Society student and often volunteers on the Habitat build site.

## Construction Volunteers, Fall 2015

Albertson	Norm	Gomez	Ashley	Pearson	Al
Anderson	Phyllis	Gray	Kerry	Petry	Tom
Anderson	Terry	Guse	Jennifer	Phillips	Hannah
Anthony	Leah	Gvozdenovic	Zivan	Phillips	Martha
Arena	Rick	Gvozdenovic	Emily	Pipkins	Regina
Bally	Bill	Gwinn	Kathy	Plusnick	Mark
Barker	Ellen	Gwinn	Tommy	Plusnick	Miranda
Barnhart	Molly	Harrison	Sherry	Pluznick	Linda
Barrett	Ronald	Harrison	Melody	Pluznick	Walt
Bauer	Andrea (Jim)	Hiatt	Paula	Pope	Larry
Beasdsley	Trivor	Hill	Jim	Pope	Jan
Bell	Teresa	Hill	Sharon	Razloznik	Brian
Berry	Joe	Hill	Emily	Rhodes	Ralph
Briones	Martin	Holmes	Denise	Rundell	Joe
Callado	Jorge	Hosford	Diann	Rundell	Reva
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Newsletter from HFH Kyrgyzstan

**Happy Thanksgiving, Day Our Dearest Friends!**

*In this time of gratitude, we give thanks for you. We appreciate your help, our HFH partner affiliates, donors, friends, volunteers. Your support and true partnership with HK is very valuable for us! Our projects helping low income families to stay out of housing poverty are possible only because of your generous donations and your commitment. We build new houses, complete, renovate and insulate houses and flats, organize DR trainings and we are most grateful for your donation support and treasure our partnership. "CHON RAKHMAT, HABITAT!" ("Thank you very much, Habitat") say our partner families thanking us for their improved living conditions. CHON RAKHMAT, we say to you on behalf of all Habitat Kyrgyzstan partner families, volunteers, the Board and staff and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving day filled with abundance, bright moments and a joyous holiday season!*

**Marat Jidebaev National Director, HFH Kyrgyzstan**



**Chon Rakhmat! Thank you!**



*Happy Thanksgiving!*



*Thank You*





Three US GV teams came to Barskoon village this summer to help local Habitat family to build a new family house. International volunteers lead by Boots and Ramsay Walkers, Elizabeth Andrews, Jack McDonnell helped family to build the most difficult and important part of house construction- the foundation. Together with family they were digging, shoveling, preparing the mix, cementing and laying bricks. Because of these huge help family will be able to build the house roof before winter and complete the house next summer. Dear US GV team members! Thank you so much for your donations, contribution of time and energy toward improving living conditions of Kyrgyz families.



## Family story of Sadanbekov Islan

Islan and Tamara live in Barskoon village, Kyrgyzstan. They have two sons and two daughters. Tamara is a housewife and takes care of her children and Islan's mother Kaliman. Islan works in village administration.



As the family had no savings to build a new earthquake resistant house they decided to apply for Habitat loan. They were happy to learn that GV teams from the USA will be helping them to build

"We are blessed with invaluable help of GV volunteers! Our relatives are also joining us and every day you see the construction progress" says Islan.



"I have raised ten sons and daughters. Islan is my youngest son. Thank you for helping us, dear HFH donors and volunteers! May God bless you all and keep safe and healthy all your relatives, friends and loved ones" says Kaliman.

Construction of this house was possible thanks to tithes from HFH affiliates in the USA. And GV volunteers bring the moment of moving into house sooner for the family.

The family lives in an old clay house with stone foundation built in 1955. As there is no heating rooms are cold during the winters and old roof leaks.

We thank from the bottom of our hearts our GV volunteers who shared this year their hearts and love, and we immensely grateful to all Habitat partner affiliates for your generous tithes and good will that helps HFH Kyrgyzstan program to exist and continue to serve families in need of decent safe homes.

On behalf of all families served and of our Kyrgyz nation, we thank you and wish you all God's blessings!!