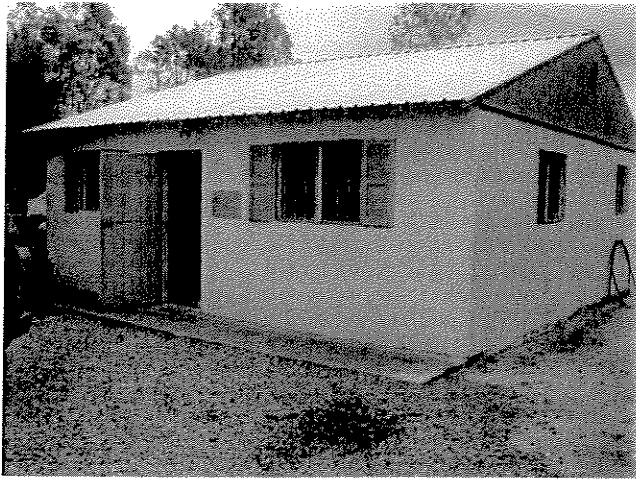


## Building Homes for the Homeless in Haiti

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Dear Friend,

I am planning a mission trip to Haiti with the Fuller Center for Housing this March, or as soon as conditions permit. The Fuller Center has partnered with Lazarian World Homes (a non-profit based in California) to quickly and easily build homes for families in Haiti. They have designed a simple, earthquake- and fire-resistant house that can be constructed by volunteers like me at a very low cost. The homes are 16'x16' and made from Styrofoam blocks, concrete and rebar. The cost for one home is just \$3,000.



The Fuller Center has helped with disaster recovery efforts all around the world, and one common thread is the need to get shelter in place as quickly as possible. This noble intention, though, sometimes leads to long-term misery. After a massive earthquake struck Armenia in 1988 thousands of metal containers, called *domiks*, were brought in from across the Soviet Union to provide temporary shelter. Hundreds of families still live in *domiks*, and one of the goals of The Fuller Center Armenia is to replace them with decent homes. When I visited Peru recently I found many families still living in tents provided by relief agencies from around the world following the quake there in 2007. We can only imagine what it would be like to live in a tent for so long.

This happens in part because the tremendous outpouring of resources that quickly follows a natural disaster dries up in time. It's part of a natural cycle—new disasters strike, new scandals erupt, attention gets diverted. The resources that were available to put up temporary housing aren't available when the time comes to replace it with something permanent.

**One of our hopes is that we can help Haiti leapfrog over temporary shelter and move directly to permanent housing. The house pictured above is inexpensive, easy to use and results in a solid house.**

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At only \$3,000, we believe this is an easily attainable goal. Imagine the difference we can make in a family's life.

Even \$25, \$100 or \$250 can quickly add up to \$3,000.

I've traveled with the Fuller Center before and know first-hand how dedicated these volunteers are. If you are interested in more information on Fuller Center please go to their website at <http://www.fullercenter.org/>. And you must check out this movie that explains Millard Fuller and how this all began...it's just awesome!! [www.MillardFullerMovie.com](http://www.MillardFullerMovie.com)

I'm so proud to be affiliated with these people!!

I am asking that you also consider donating to help me make the trip to Haiti. I'm hoping to stay there as long as possible to build as many homes as possible. Please click on the following link to donate to my mission trip.

<https://www.fullercenter.org/civCRM/contribute/pcp/info?reset=1&id=23>

I'm always grateful for the support of all my friends and family and from the bottom of my heart I thank you for making this all possible. I only wish I could share the feeling that I get when the families that we build these homes for give us hugs, smiles and tears of joy. It's the best feeling in the world to help others that have nothing! If you ever want to go on a mission trip with me, please call me. 317-710-5870. You'll never be the same!!

Thanks for taking the time to read this message and for any help you are able to provide.

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