



## CONGRATULATIONS, AND WELCOME TO THRIVENT BUILDS WORLDWIDE!

You are about to go on an incredible journey. Your Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip will expand your understanding of the world. It will introduce you to a new culture and traditions and let you see “family life” from a different perspective. It will give you an amazing opportunity to live generously, reflect, grow and be part of something that is truly changing lives. Together, we’ll help families build simple, decent homes and a foundation for a brighter future.

We hope you share this exciting adventure as much as you can with your community and help spread the word about the difference Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is making in U.S. communities, and also worldwide.

Please review and complete the checklist on the back of this letter to help you prepare for your experience of a lifetime!



*“I learned that you don’t necessarily need a common language to have meaningful communication. That serving together creates a stronger bond than common hobbies or interests ever could. That family isn’t dependent on your blood, but rather your heart. That going outside your comfort zone makes you a stronger person. That quiet faith can sometimes have greater impact than loud proclamation. That your home can be in more places—or even countries—than what’s listed on your address label. I learned that one week can change your whole life.”*

**Thrivent Builds Worldwide** El Salvador Trip Participant

## Things to do before your trip:

- Determine your travel arrangements and payment schedule by working with your team leader.
- Visit [Habitat.org/volunteer/travel-and-build/global-village/volunteer-resources](https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/travel-and-build/global-village/volunteer-resources) to read the online orientation handbook and review the information on the Travel Accident and Sickness Insurance that is included in your trip cost. Check out all the resources on this page to help you prepare for your trip.
- Obtain passport and visa (if applicable).
- Schedule an appointment with your physician for immunizations and discuss the date of your last tetanus vaccination well in advance of your trip. Some immunizations are administered weeks prior to your trip. Visit [cdc.gov/travel](https://www.cdc.gov/travel) for recommended immunizations.
- Inspire others to live generously by creating a personal fundraising page. It's easy to do! Contact your team leader about next steps. Then provide the Web address to family, friends, church groups and others.
- Final payments must be received by Habitat for Humanity International 45 days before departure. Remember to include your event code, name and eight-digit identification number on all payments and correspondence. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to anyone making a donation or payment.
  - Pay online at [Habitat.org/gv](https://www.habitat.org/gv) and click on “Make a Global Village trip donation.”
  - Pay by credit card, by calling 800-422-4828, ext. 7530.
  - Pay by check to: Global Village – (ENTER GVT##### CODE), Habitat for Humanity, 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709
- Send a copy of your passport photo page to your team leader.
- Visit [ThriventBuilds.com](https://www.thriventbuilds.com) for more information about Thrivent Builds Worldwide and your build destination. Contact your team leader with questions.

## Contact information

Your Thrivent Builds team leader is your primary contact, but you can also find information:

- Online at [ThriventBuilds.com](https://www.thriventbuilds.com).
- By calling Thrivent Builds Worldwide with Habitat for Humanity at **800-422-4828, ext. 7530**.
- By emailing [Thrivent@habitat.org](mailto:Thrivent@habitat.org).

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a multiyear, multimillion-dollar volunteer and advocacy partnership between Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity International.

As a not-for-profit membership organization, Thrivent Financial, through its more than 2 million members, multiplies the impact of Habitat for Humanity by providing volunteer time and talent, as well as financial contributions.

Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian housing organization that envisions a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Since 1976, Habitat has helped millions of people build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Information is also available on [ThriventBuilds.com](https://www.thriventbuilds.com) and [Habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org).

