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**Habitat homes in Vanuatu still standing after  
Cyclone Pam. Help us rebuild hope.**

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Cyclone Pam struck the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu on 13 March. Our Habitat for Humanity colleagues are already on the ground, assessing what aid is needed and how we can help.

**All 15 of the homes that were already built by Habitat for Humanity on the islands, are still standing.**

This is testament to the quality and sustainability of the homes we build. Yet we know that,

# WELCOME TO FOUNDATIONS

2014 was a landmark year for Habitat for Humanity as we passed the incredible milestone of 5 million people helped into a clean, safe home. This issue is packed with updates on how your support has enabled us to make this global difference.

In the next few pages, you'll read about the transformation Habitat for Humanity have made in Haiti since the devastating earthquake in 2010. You'll find out how you can get involved in Global Village, our overseas volunteering programme, or in our challenge events and local volunteering. You will also find an interview with one of our fantastic supporters, Paul Williams, as well as updates on our work in Brazil, Cambodia, Lebanon and the Philippines.

Habitat for Humanity are unique. We work in partnership with local people to bring the poorest and most vulnerable individuals, families and communities from the depths of the despair, to hope. We lay the foundations for confidence, security and opportunity, using our end to end solution to make a permanent and transformative impact in millions of lives. But there is always more to do.

**If you can, please donate today to allow us to help more people in desperate need.**

We hope you enjoy our newly named Habitat Foundations magazine. With your support, we can help more families and children in desperate need of shelter for today and hope for tomorrow.

Thank You.



**Lani Charlwood**  
Head of Communication  
Habitat for Humanity Great Britain

although these homes and families are safe, Cyclone Pam has devastated Vanuatu, leaving up to 90% of the country's population homeless.

For one of the world's most impoverished countries, this is a terrible disaster and a tragic reminder of how important your support is. Please remember the people of Vanuatu today and make a donation to help us build more homes that will survive future disasters.



Haiti

# A new story for Haiti.



On 12 January 2010, a devastating 7.0 earthquake in Haiti left more than 1.5 million people homeless. In just 30 seconds, much of the country's housing and infrastructure was reduced to rubble. Since that day, a story of survival and perseverance has unfolded. Thanks to your support, Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 265,000 Haitians rebuild their lives.

We have been involved with the recovery since the very beginning. Within days, our Emergency Response Programme went into operation, constructing transitional and upgradable shelters, delivering more than 24,000 emergency

shelter kits with partner organisations and repairing damaged housing.

*“Without the dedication of donors, partners and volunteers, Habitat’s work in Haiti in the past five years would not have been possible.”*

- Jonathon Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International.

Santo is a small village in the Croix-des-Bouquets region of Haiti which was next to the epicentre of the earthquake. This community was in desperate need. Now, there are 300 permanent homes in Santo built by volunteers, local workers and families.

## Corporate Partnerships



ALBRIGHT DENE

We are delighted to announce our new partnership with planning experts, Albright Dene, who will support the construction of a minimum of 22 homes in Malawi. Albright Dene offer unique and innovative planning solutions to help homeowners and investors develop their properties, and they are thrilled to be working with us on this project.

The support will go to two communities in Salima and Mulanje to build new homes for orphans and vulnerable children, an initiative which will dramatically improve their living conditions and reduce their vulnerability. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, so Albright Dene's fantastic support is especially appreciated and needed by these 110 children and their caregivers.

We are also thrilled that Managing Director, Joe McDermott, will visit Malawi in May, to see the construction of the first three houses!



*Above: Roman Laventure and his family.*

Roman Laventure and his family moved into their Habitat for Humanity house in Santo in 2013. His wife Ricardine runs a small shop out of a hut next to the house, while Roman works as a mechanic.

Thanks to Habitat for Humanity, their three children have somewhere safe to play, learn and dream of the future. They have hope.

This is why your support is so important. You can give hope to families living in some of the most difficult and impoverished conditions in the world.

Your donations change lives.

## Global Programmes

Our work around the world continues to make a life changing impact, helping more and more communities to build themselves a pathway out of poverty. On this page you'll read about just a few of the amazing projects that we have delivered in the past year.

### 1 Brazil

We have been supporting HFH Brazil since 2011 to deliver a land rights project in Recife. Restrictive land title laws in the country often mean that families cannot get loans to improve the safety and quality of their homes. Our project, which we completed in March in collaboration with UKAID, has enabled 2,500 families to secure the rights to their land. As part of the process, Habitat met with all 20 municipal judges to discuss ways to improve the existing legal process, prompting a commitment to speed up land regulations and laying the foundations for countless more to benefit.



## Thank you for your



### 2 Cambodia

Since 2013, the 'New Start, New Life' project in Phnom Penh has impacted 770 people, with the aim of impacting another 250 by the end of 2015. Funded by Towerbrook and the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, the project helps families living with HIV/AIDS to improve their homes as well as providing livelihood training. Beneficiaries have told us that they now have hope because their new homes have provided a secure base from which to start a small business and send their children to school.



## Global Programmes

# continued support!



**Key:**  
 Other Habitat for Humanity  
 Great Britain funded projects.

**“Thank you to all who contributed to making my house better.” - Inaya, HFHL**

### 3 Lebanon

Working in partnership with HFH Lebanon, we began a project in 2013 which provides home improvement loans to vulnerable households across the country. Supported by Embrace the Middle East, the project has enabled the upgrade of water and sanitation facilities as well as living conditions. We are also supporting a pilot project in the Bekaa Valley to improve the water supplies in Syrian refugee camps.



### 4 Philippines

The people of the Philippines have been victim to a series of disasters over the past 18 months. The Bohol earthquake in October 2013 was followed by Super-Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013 and a number of other smaller tropical storms throughout 2014. We have raised in excess of £1.1 million to support HFH Philippines with their response, recovery and rebuild efforts across the country, focusing on those least able to self-recover: the elderly infirm, disabled and people with poor health. Your support has changed lives in this nation.



## Habitat at Home



# JAMIE'S FARM

## CHANGING CULTIVATING

Habitat for Humanity are hard at work in Great Britain. One of our many 2015 projects is Waterloo Farm: a small educational working farm in the heart of Lambeth. This exciting project, in partnership with the Oasis Trust, is projected to reach 2,000 children and adults in its first year of operation and will provide educational opportunities for the local community. The main beneficiaries will be three local schools who will be able to use the farm for educational and behavioural awareness sessions for children.

Once built, the farm will work in partnership with Jamie's Farm and be renamed **Oasis Farm: Waterloo**. Jamie's Farm uses farm based therapy to give children space to reflect and determine a new path for themselves. Their confidence, self-respect and empathy are all improved through working with animals.

Our volunteers are working hard to build this farm ready for its opening in September 2015.

“Being at Jamie’s Farm was the best week of my entire life. It built my confidence by working with animals, especially letting pigs bite my wellies!”

- Constance, 13

When completed the farm will feature a barn, washing facilities, animal pens, gardening beds, a classroom and more. The farm will eventually grow fruit and vegetables and rear livestock such as chickens, lambs and pigs which will be brought to the site for short periods of time\*.

Volunteer teams of 5 to 10 people a day are welcome until August 2015 and will be fully supported by experienced Habitat staff. A donation of £100 will cover the costs for everything from hard hats to lunch, so all you have to do is turn up!

To get involved, contact Diane Regan: 0207 732 0066.





## INTERVIEW: Paul Williams



Paul Williams and daughter Kerry Williams, supporting #TeamHabitat at the Royal Parks Foundation Half Marathon 2014

Google Earth view of Habitat for Humanity's "sea of red roofs" in Mfuleni near Cape Town.



## The Red Roofs of Mfuleni, Part 1

Paul Williams and his family have supported Habitat for Humanity for many years and in many ways. He was even kind enough, when we interrupted his holiday in the Arctic Circle, to answer a few questions about one particular South African town where he has seen Habitat make a huge difference.

### How did you get involved in Mfuleni?

We went to a friend's wedding in South Africa. Cape Town and the stunning landscape lived up to my expectations, but I wasn't prepared for the sprawl of shacks flanking the 10-mile road from the airport to the city, where thousands of families lived in unimaginable poverty.

A year later, I saw a flyer for Habitat for Humanity, looking for volunteers to build houses in Mfuleni, close to that road between Cape Town airport and the city! Here was an opportunity to make a difference to that scene I had witnessed.

### What struck you about what you saw in Mfuleni?

We saw a bustling community: hair salons and playgroups in shipping containers, market stalls selling sheep's heads and people getting on with their lives. But the township was dominated by ramshackle sheds made of broken wood, corrugated iron and plastic that most families were using as their homes.

### You've seen the development of Mfuleni over many years. What would you say has been the greatest impact of Habitat's work in the area?

If you zoom in on Cape Town on Google Earth, you can see the grey mass of shack towns around the city, but if you navigate to Mfuleni you can see an orange mass – a sea of red roofs – and as you go closer you can see the individual houses that Habitat for Humanity have built. It is incredible to see how the work has spread.

*Part 2 of Paul's interview will be published in our Autumn newsletter. Turn the page for more information about going on a Global Village trip yourself.*

## Global Village

Our Global Village trips are more than just volunteering. They transform lives and bring hope, by working alongside the beneficiaries of the homes – our ‘Homepartners’ – and partnering with them to help them build themselves a pathway out of poverty.

Join us for a Global Village build this year and witness first-hand the Power of Home for a family and community.

There are no specific skills required; just a passion to create a positive future for a family. Your time and money will help us to achieve our goal of creating a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

### Open Builds

We have a number of Open Builds in 2015/16 which you can join as an individual. From putting up dry wall and laying bricks to digging latrines, you will have a long-lasting impact on the lives of the family and make your own memories that will last forever. What you build will remain a part of the family’s future for generations, bringing hope long beyond our own lifetimes.

### Bespoke Builds

If you know 12 or more people through your workplace, school or interest group, we can set up a build specifically for you. Please call us for more information on how to do this.

For more information on any of our Builds, contact the Global Village team:

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01753 313 532.



### COSTS INCLUDE:

- Accommodation
- Insurance
- All meals
- In-country transport
- Trained team leader
- Supervision
- Donation to Habitat for Humanity



### Open Builds:

Malawi – 20th – 30th July 2015  
Nepal -7th -15th November 2015



DHARUMAR VINAYAGAM, INDIA

## INSTILLING HOPE

Millions of people, families and children across the world are homeless or living in slum housing this year. But you can help change that.

Dharumar Vinayagam lives in the coastal village of Koonimedu Kuppam in southern India. His mud hut was destroyed by the December 2004 tsunami.

Unable to walk because of polio, Vinayagam was carried to safe ground by his younger brother. He stayed for several months at a refugee camp with more than 1,000 other people before moving into a new Habitat for Humanity house.

“Even though I am disabled, I have always wanted to live like a normal person,” Vinayagam says. “It was Habitat that instilled the hope in me that I could lead a normal life.”

After moving into his Habitat home, Vinayagam was able to start a home-based tailoring business. “With a business of my own,” he says, “I am living with dignity and pride.”

Help more people like Vinayagam by donating today using the form opposite.

Thank you.





# London 2 Paris

We have updated our plans for this epic Cycle Challenge to make it even more accessible, flexible and rewarding for our supporters!

You can now choose from any one of the following dates to do this five-day London to Paris Cycle Challenge – whenever suits you best!

## London to Paris Dates:

- 13 – 17 May 2015
- 10 – 14 June 2015
- 29 July – 2 August 2015
- 2 – 6 September 2015

Your fundraising goal is just £1,350\* and we will support you every step of the way to help you achieve your aim of making a lasting impact in the lives of the world's poorest people by cycling this incredible journey.

We already have corporate teams and individuals training hard to tackle this 230 mile challenge but the more people who join Team Habitat, the more we can raise to help people around the world to build a pathway out of poverty for themselves.

\*The basic tour cost for this event is £675. Habitat for Humanity would ask you to commit to raising £1,350 in addition to your £149 registration fee.



Register now!

[www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/londontoparis2015](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/londontoparis2015)

#TeamHabitat #London2Paris



# YOUR DONATION COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DESPAIR AND HOPE FOR A FAMILY.

Habitat for Humanity are so much more than just shelter. We know the Power of Home and we care deeply that everyone should have a safe and decent place to live. With just £16 a month, you could make a lasting impact for generations to come.



Become a HOME sponsor today by calling 01753 313539 or sign up at [www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/homesponsor](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/homesponsor)



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