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GLOBAL VILLAGE TRIP OR
YOU'RE A SEASONED VOLUNTEER:
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WELCOME TO HOME WORKS

There is so much more to a home than just shelter. From a safe and secure home comes education, self-sufficiency and hope.

We are half way through this year of challenge and change for Habitat for Humanity Great Britain and our focus on building communities out of poverty has never faltered. We are committed to joining with our colleagues in the UK and around the world to ensure that families have the homes they deserve and we are so grateful for your support.

Our Philippines reconstruction programme is in full swing, building homes that are earthquake and hurricane resilient so that our work is sustainable, and families can live without the fear of their lives being destroyed again.

Extreme weather will always challenge us but it will never deter us from our mission. We are already responding to the havoc wreaked by the recent floods in Bosnia and Serbia that have taken lives, seen entire communities cut off, and homes engulfed by landslides.

You can find out more about this appeal, and all our work on our website. Make sure you're also signed up for our e-news updates via supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk to keep up to date with the exciting new programmes that we'll be rolling out in the coming months.

In this issue, you will get a snapshot of just some of the work we are doing, the countries we are working in and crucially - the partners and supporters like you who are providing people living in poverty and injustice with a hand up. As you read, please know that with your support, we can continue changing the lives of thousands more people and offering hope where it is needed most.

Rebecca Martin
National Director
Habitat for Humanity Great Britain

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MEET THE FUNDRAISERS

Martin and Liz Howden have raised almost £35,000 to provide safe and decent housing in Ethiopia. Martin is a leading Executive Coach and has donated all of the proceeds from the sales of his self-coaching books 'This Stuff Really Works' and 'Courage to Change'. Liz is a complementary therapist and has donated all the tips she has received from her clients over the last few years.

HOW DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED WITH ETHIOPIA?

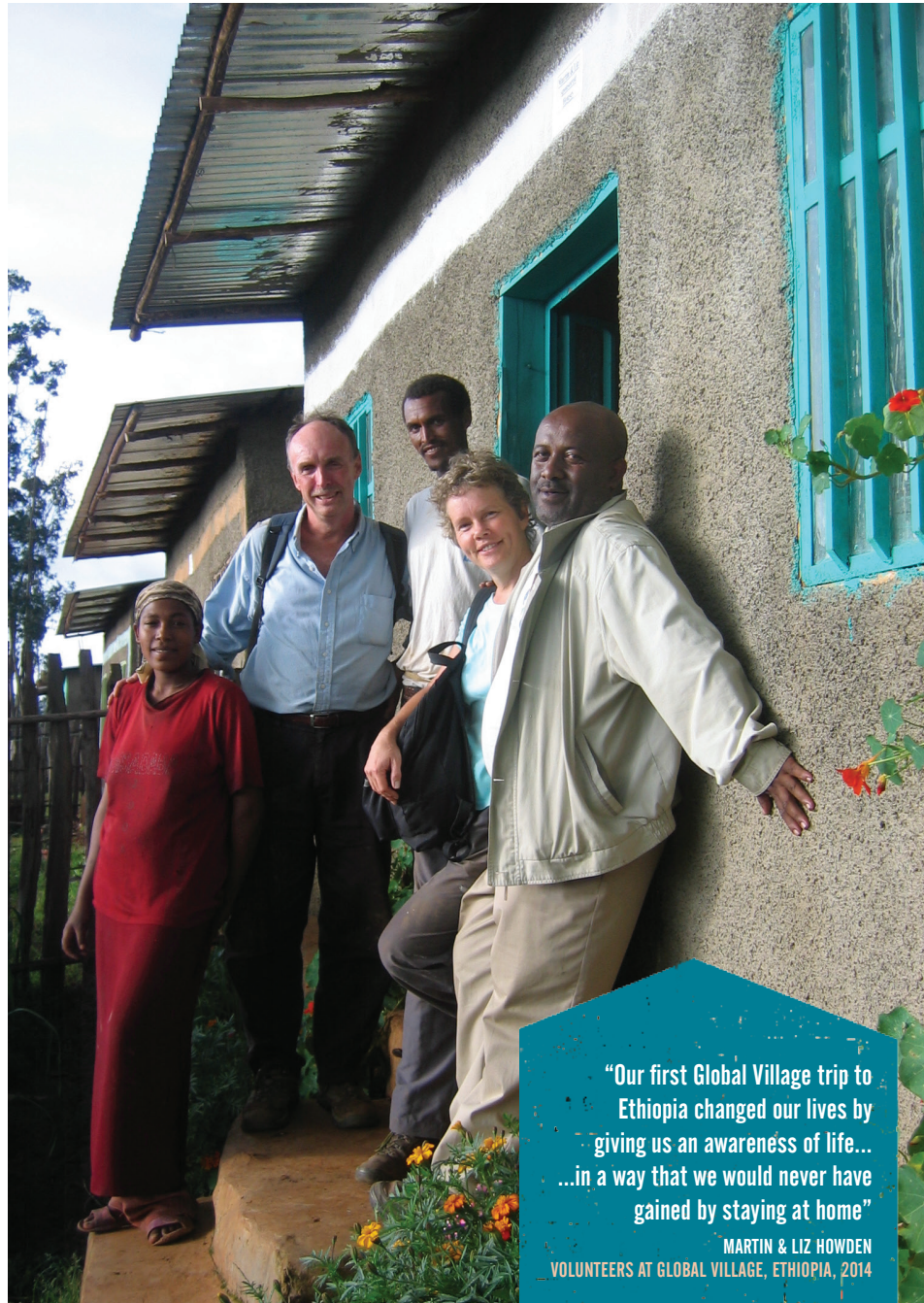
Since 2004 we have both been self-employed and were able to use this flexibility to go on a Global Village trip to Dessie, Ethiopia in early 2005. Building on that initial experience we have since been back to Ethiopia several times, both to participate in further GV trips and in Martin's case to undertake management coaching with a wide range of leaders of development charities in the country.

WHY ETHIOPIA?

Going back a year or two, Liz was fascinated by Ethiopia in her school geography lessons. Whilst this led to our initial contact, Ethiopia and Ethiopians worked their way into our affections. We love the country and its people.

WHY DO YOU THINK HABITAT'S MODEL REALLY WORKS?

We love the focus of the Habitat model. Over many years, Habitat has built a huge amount of experience in provision of safe and decent housing, which has equipped them to deal with a huge spectrum of issues. It is also a "self-help" and sustainable model. In the vast majority of cases the home owners repay their loans in full, thereby taking ownership of their homes and releasing the loan to provide housing for another family.



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MARTIN & LIZ HOWDEN
VOLUNTEERS AT GLOBAL VILLAGE, ETHIOPIA, 2014

WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS THE MONEY YOU HAVE RAISED MADE IN ETHIOPIA?

The first £27,000 we raised has been matched by other donors meaning Habitat have been able to launch a project to build an initial 34 homes in a region called Bisidimo, to re-house families affected by leprosy. This first phase should be completed in 2015. Given a successful first phase we then hope to move to a second phase with a further substantial tranche of housing. Our current fundraising is in preparation for this second phase.

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BY SUPPORTING HABITAT?

Our first Global Village trip to Ethiopia changed our lives by giving us an awareness of life in one of the 10 poorest countries on earth in a way that we would never have gained by staying at home. People do different things with that new awareness, but we strongly believe that it brings with it a responsibility. In our case it has led to a deeper understanding of the role that accident of birth plays in our lives, our world-view and our wider thinking. It has also led to an awareness of the vital difference between empowerment and charity and how those two approaches impact the dignity of under-privileged people anywhere in the world, including in our own country.

Martin's books can be bought at:

www.martinhowden.com/get-the-books

All proceeds will go to Habitat's project to re-house leprosy affected families in Bisidimo, Ethiopia.



LESOTHO



“WE COULD NOT EVEN IMAGINE THAT SUCH A WONDERFUL THING COULD HAPPEN TO US. THEN ONE DAY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WERE DELIVERED AND SHORTLY AFTER, CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE FOLLOWED. WE THANK GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR WIPING OUR TEARS — NOW WE ARE HOME”

RELEBOHILE THUN TSA

Known as the ‘roof of Africa’ because its lowest point is still over 3,000 ft above sea level, Lesotho is mountainous country, geographically enclosed by South Africa. Habitat for Humanity has been working there since 2001 not only to provide roofs, but security, dignity and hope to orphans, vulnerable children and their families.

We focus support on this special group of beneficiaries in response to the immense need within the country. Lesotho has the third highest prevalence of HIV and AIDS in the world. The devastating impact of disease, extreme poverty and food insecurity have orphaned more than 220,000 children. Having lost one or both parents, huge numbers of children are abandoned or find themselves in the care of another child, or an elderly or infirm guardian.

They are children like 13 year old Tumisang and his 10 year old brother Motlalepula. Five months ago, the boys were living in cramped and unsanitary conditions with their grandmother, cousins Tsepo and Relebohile and Relebohile’s own six month old baby. The pitiful shelter wasn’t even theirs and they lived with the constant fear of eviction.

Happily, Tumisang’s family now wake up in their own newly built two-room house. Unlike 40% of people living in Lesotho who are forced to use open spaces or ‘flying toilets’ (otherwise known as plastic bags), they also have a sanitary and properly ventilated pit latrine. Their health is further protected by access to safe drinking water and the training they have received on house maintenance and hygiene.

Our work in Lesotho to assure the futures of vulnerable children goes beyond the provision of proper physical shelter. In a country where illegal property grabbing is widespread, children frequently find themselves forced out of their homes, particularly in households headed by women. Through coordinated information and advocacy campaigning, we are working to increase community knowledge of inheritance and property rights and ensure that the homes of vulnerable children are not only safe and decent, but also secure.

We have already reached more than 25,000 people through posters, calendars, training, public service announcements and radio shows. With the help of trained paralegals, we are also working to ensure that legal rights can be properly enforced through registered wills and land ownership documentation.

You can help us to change the lives of more vulnerable children like Tumisang and Motlalepula.



Donate by texting **NEWS46** £5 to **70070** or online at www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk

Volunteer for our build in Lesotho on 20–28 September 2014: email globalvillage@habitatforhumanity.org.uk

Register your interest in our advocacy work at supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk

LESOTHO

FACTFILE

PREVALENCE OF HIV/AIDS
23%

POPULATION WITHOUT ACCESS TO ANY SANITATION FACILITIES
40%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
45%

AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY
46 YEARS

POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE
54%

POPULATION LIVING IN SUBSTANDARD ACCOMMODATION
68%

HOW MUCH?

TRAINING FOR 10 PEOPLE ON INHERITANCE RIGHTS, HOME MAINTENANCE AND HYGIENE
£15

VENTILATED PIT LATRINE
£500

WATER TANK
£500

TWO ROOMED HOUSE WITH CONCRETE FLOORS AND PLASTERED WALLS
£3,000

ARUP

At Habitat for Humanity we view partnership with businesses that share our values and vision for a better world as critical to our mission.

Arup are a leading firm of designers, planners, engineers, consultants and technical specialists offering a broad range of professional services.

Over the last year they have:

- Coordinated a global response to the disaster in the Philippines caused by Typhoon Haiyan
- Raised vital funds for our emergency relief and reconstruction work in the Philippines
- Matched funds raised by staff to incentivize and boost their contributions
- Given us expert advice to improve our typhoon resilient buildings
- Launched a competition for solutions to help communities vulnerable to flooding
- Invited us to their offices to meet with staff and tell them about our work
- Volunteered with our domestic programme at Kings Grove, Peckham

One Arup star, Ian Rogers, singlehandedly raised an amazing **£2,316.24** by cycling 354 miles including an ascent of Mont Ventoux to the dizzying height of almost 2,000m!



Whether you are a multinational corporation or local enterprise, we can offer impactful and exciting partnership opportunities to **promote your business, motivate your staff and engage your customers.**

To talk business, call Rebecca Martin on 01295 264240 or email: rmartin@habitatforhumanity.org.uk

‘Whether it was painting, deck laying or moving rubble, everyone seemed to have a smile on their face. This vibrant and energized atmosphere was brought about by a handful of people who gave up a few hours on their Saturday to help put a roof over other people’s heads. Inspired by a good cause and people’s selflessness, I have a renewed faith in humanity.’

ARUP

LUKE HARRISON, ARUP VOLUNTEER
AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, KINGS GROVE

BUILD WITH US

Would you like to feel genuinely inspired? Humbled? Satisfied? Then join one of our international builds. You'll have the unique privilege of working alongside a family to help them build their home, and their future.

You don't need any experience, just enthusiasm and the desire to make a lasting difference.



ZAMBIA, EAST AFRICA
24 JULY - 5 AUGUST
12 DAYS
FUNDRAISING £2,975

LESOTHO, AFRICA
20-28 SEPTEMBER
9 DAYS
FUNDRAISING £2,800

BANGLADESH, S. ASIA
1-11 NOVEMBER
11 DAYS
FUNDRAISING £2,550

NEPAL, SOUTH ASIA
15-23 NOVEMBER
9 DAYS
FUNDRAISING £2,900

We have provided thousands of people with a life-changing volunteering experience.

Join them now and sign up at www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/volunteer

BANGLADESH

To end your year with a truly life-changing experience, sign up for our build in Bangladesh. Led by a warm and inspiring team leader, you will join a friendly and enthusiastic team of new and experienced volunteers. This is the perfect opportunity to experience first-hand the impact of our work and help a family to see in the New Year in safety and security.



BIG BUILD, NEPAL

If you are unsure which trip to choose as your first Global Village experience, the Nepal Big Build would be ideal. This unique event will bring together hundreds of volunteers from all over the world to build decent homes for low-income families in Jaymangala, Chitwan. We hope to build at least 100 houses in seven days, using various local construction methods. Whether this is your first Global Village trip or you're a seasoned volunteer, we would be delighted if you could join us.

We are currently planning trips for 2015. Register your interest at supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk or call 01295 264240.

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EVEREST BUILD II
NEPAL
October 7-13, 2012

CHANGE HEARTS
JOIN HANDS
BUILD HOMES

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Our supporters raise money for vulnerable families in many different ways and we are extremely grateful for every penny that is sent to us. This year, we have bought a limited number of charity places for the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 12 October.

The 13.1 mile scenic route winds through four Royal Parks: Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James' Park and Green Park. Runners will be able to admire the incredible views that define our capital city as well as its most iconic landmarks including Buckingham Palace, the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament. It is a memorable way to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity and we'd love you to join us.

We only have seven places left so if you want to fill one of those places, get in touch now! Email supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk or visit www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/royalparks2014



We are delighted to announce that we have joined with Skyline Events to deliver exciting new challenge events over the coming year. If you are a business interested in doing some team building while transforming lives, or if you are an individual looking for a fitness challenge, we have something for you!

Sign up now for the London to Paris bike ride from **20-24 May 2015** – there's plenty of time to train and raise funds and it's an incredible journey from our capital, finishing at the much loved Parisian landmark 'Le Tour Eiffel'. Email supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk for further information.



HOPE BUILDERS UPDATE

A lot has happened since HBF and Habitat for Humanity Great Britain launched the HOPE Builders campaign. Very soon we will be launching the second phase with exciting opportunities for the UK house building industry. Register your interest at: supporterservices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk.

- » Over **25** companies have joined the campaign and become HOPE Builders
- » Crest Nicholson celebrated their **50th** Anniversary by raising over £120,000 through a variety of events
- » 13 Crest Nicholson staff built a home in Malawi
- » Charcombe Homes has committed to donate one house for every house it builds 
- » HOPE Builders helped in immediate disaster relief in the Philippines by funding emergency shelters after Typhoon Haiyan
- » HOPE Builder donations have lifted over 200 families out of housing poverty. 



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