

# Travel This Summer Travel with Habitat and Thrivent Builds Worldwide

## The Basics –

- Habitat for Humanity seeks a world where everyone has a decent place to live in. It has spread from a small effort in southern Georgia in 1976 to over 80 countries, and over 1 million families impacted. The key program partners with families with housing needs who are willing to add sweat equity to the preparation of their home, and mobilizes community resources and volunteers to prepare a home.
- Nearly 40 countries can host international volunteers, where teams travel to build alongside a national affiliate construction team for a week or more, to speed the completion of a home.
- Thrivent Financial has sponsored over 1000 volunteer teams since 2006 with Habitat, adding funds to participant fees to help a build, and subsidizing Thrivent members who travel on a team.
- Fees cover all land costs – transportation, lodging, meals, cultural activities, translators and a donation for build materials. Airfare is extra, and *travel is welcome before or after the build week*.
- Just show up at the right airport on the right day and you are set to go!

## Thrivent Builds Worldwide Trips in 2018 with Dave Tirsell

- Recruiting teams of 12 for two trips, age 18 on up
- **No construction experience necessary – just flexibility to adapt to the project of the day**
- **Romania - June 15-23 – Darmanesti** in the Carpathian Mountains, northeast of Bucharest
  - Fees - \$845 for Thrivent benefit members / \$1345 for non-members
  - Most likely wood construction on a duplex or fourplex building
  - Romania is a tithing partner with Macomb Habitat, for Dave's 3<sup>rd</sup> trip there. Great setting in the mountains.
- **Dominican Republic - Aug. 25-Sept. 2 – Construyendo Juntos (Building it Together) in San Juan de la Maguana**
  - Fees - \$1050 for Thrivent benefit members/\$1400 for non-members
  - Most likely concrete block single homes – we assist the mason build.
  - A stable Caribbean location with strong Habitat efforts, use those Spanish skills!
- **A deposit of \$350 holds your spot on the team, the rest is due at least six weeks before the trip.**
- Trip expenses go through Habitat International so are a tax deductible donation.
- These will be Dave's 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> build trips with Habitat to 16 countries, having served as leader on four of those, & leading seven mission teams to four countries with Trinity Lutheran, Clinton Twp. members (eyeglass clinics).

## Next Steps

- **Interested? Contact Dave at [dctirsell2102@yahoo.com](mailto:dctirsell2102@yahoo.com)** to express your interest and find a time to talk through your questions.
- Once cleared to be on the team, Dave can provide the links to make a deposit and complete registration
- There are ways to help you raise the funds for your trip online.
- You can confirm your Thrivent membership status to know the costs with any Thrivent Financial rep.

