

First United Methodist Church—*Building Communities*

First Church's Housing Ministry and International Ministry have set the following goals:

- ▶ To work with Habitat for Humanity of Dane County (HFHDC) over the next year to help improve neighborhoods in Madison in need of revitalization.
- ▶ To return to El Salvador to help strengthen the Getsemani Community at Ahuachapán through micro entrepreneurship and house construction, in partnership with the community's leaders, HFH El Salvador, Thrivent Builds, and other churches.
- ▶ To raise funds for these local and international projects.

Our funds will cover: (1) partial sponsorship of a dwelling unit in Madison, (2) funding of the micro entrepreneurship program, including a micro finance fund and house sponsorship for the Getsemani Community in El Salvador, and (3) HFHI and other administrative fees, donations to partner organizations, team leader training and travel stipends.

We need your prayers, participation, and financial gifts to help to make these goals possible. If you wish to financially support these projects, please fill out a pledge card and place it in the offering tray during worship services or mail it to the church. For online payments, visit our website, www.fumc.org. Under the "special" category, specify "Habitat projects".



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Past Projects: Completed Work

- ▶ In 2003-2004, First Church became the first church in Dane County to sponsor a house in the Habitat for Humanity's Twin Oaks subdivision. That home was built in cooperation with the Cantu-Vasquez family.
- ▶ In 2005-2006 First Church partnered with 10 other area churches and the Severson family in the Apostles Build 1 to add another home to that community.
- ▶ Then in 2006-2007 First Church participated in the Apostles Build 2 with 9 other churches to build a house in Twin Oaks for the Xiong family.
- ▶ During the summer of 2007 First Church's crew worked on 10 houses in Ahuachapan, El Salvador. This was followed by work in 2008 on 3 houses in San Vicente, El Salvador. These builds were part of HFH El Salvador's Building on Faith program.
- ▶ Over Holy Week in 2010, First Church joined with Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ in building a house with HFH El Salvador in San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador.
- ▶ In June 2010, First Church helped the Methodist Church in Guanabocoa, Cuba construct its new church building.
- ▶ Since 2008, First Church has supported HFH of Dane County's Urban Neighborhood Initiative and helped build houses in Madison at Northport Commons and on Ridgeway Ave. and Taft St.

For More Information:

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County: www.habitatdane.org/home.cfm
Individual volunteers in Dane County: www.habitatdane.org/vol.whyvolunteer.cfm
Habitat for Humanity El Salvador: www.habitat.org/intl/lac/62.aspx
www.habitatelsalvador.org.sv/
Getsemani Community Project blog: <http://habitatelsalvador.wordpress.com/>
You may also contact the information desk on Sunday mornings or the church office (256-9061)



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