



THE
FULLER CENTER
FOR HOUSING

ARMENIA



GLOBAL BUILDER TRIPS

The Problem:

Over one billion people around the world live in poverty housing. Every third child in the developing world does not have adequate shelter; 40,000 families in Armenia do not have a permanent house. They live in metal shipping containers; dark, humid basements; partially destroyed or half-built houses; or overcrowded apartments.

The Solution:

The Global Builders Program hosted by in-country Fuller Center for Housing covenant partners are reshaping world communities by constructing homes for low income families for a fraction of what they cost in the United States. Global Builders Program welcome volunteers of all skill levels. Foreign-language skills are not necessary.

What will you do?

As a Global Builders Program volunteer, you will travel with a team to another country and partner with one or more families to help them achieve their dream of a safe, decent, affordable place to live. You will be immersed in the richness of another culture and make new friends from all over the United States and possibly the world. Building a Fuller Center home is a genuine community action experience, because a lot of people show up to help achieve a common goal. The result is a miracle for the family in need.



What's in it for you?

You get to accomplish something truly wonderful, changing the world into a better place, experiencing another culture, acquiring lifelong friends and truly making a difference. In some cases, you may be able to practice a foreign language, or study firsthand innovative, low-cost and durable building techniques utilized by other nations. You will have an opportunity to build something with your own hands, and to transform the life of a family by turning love into action.



Volunteers at the site



A completed house

Join us in this life-changing experience: come to Armenia for a 10- to 14-day trip to build and interact with Armenian families in need, and to see the ancient country of Noah's Ark!



Global Builders team in Khor Virap village

Traveling to Armenia is possible via international flights and FCHA staff will assist you to get to your accommodation site. The current building projects include completion of half-built houses and renovation of deteriorated houses.

Trip costs are under \$2,000 per person (excluding airfare and visa.)

The Fuller Center for Housing Armenia (FCHA) is hosting Global Builders teams in 3 different areas:

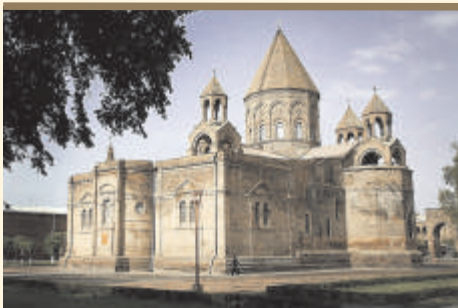
Yerevan area

Yerevan, founded in 782 BC, is the capital and largest city of Armenia. In fact, Yerevan is the oldest, continuous city in the world. It is situated on the Hrazdan River, and is the administrative, cultural, and industrial center of the country. With the growth of the economy of the country, Yerevan has been undergoing a major transformation as construction sites have appeared all over the city since the early 2000s. Today, the appearance of the new buildings, roads, restaurants, etc. gives an impression of a European city. In 2007, the population of Yerevan was estimated to be more than 1 million. The city has a well-functioning subway system to get around.

Host months – April to October

Team size - 6 - 18 volunteers

Sightseeing - The Holy See of Mother Etchmiatsin Cathedral; Khor Virap Monastery, where Grigor Illuminator was imprisoned for 13 years before Armenia proclaimed Christianity; 1st century Garni temple; Geghard Monastery, carved from a single rock; Lake Sevan, one of the world's highest lakes; Matenadaran, the largest repository of Armenian manuscripts; the Genocide Memorial and Museum.



Etchmiatsin Cathedral

Vanadzor area

Vanadzor, the administrative center of Lori region, is the third-largest city in Armenia with a population of approximately 100,000. The city, built in Pambak river valley and surrounded by stately mountains, is considered one of the most picturesque urban areas in the entire country. Its history dates back to the Bronze Age, with interesting tombs and other discoveries housed in the local museum. The beauty and coziness of the town is marred by two districts of metal containers housing hundreds of families—a daily reminder of the 1988 earthquake that caused serious damage to the city. Yet the city is making efforts to prosper – opening its hospitable doors to a growing number of tourists.

Host months – Late May to early October

Team size - 6 - 12 volunteers

Sightseeing - Dilijan town, Haghartsin, Sanahin and Haghpat churches built in the 12th and 13th centuries; Dsegh village, museum of famous poet Hovhanness Toumanyant; botanical garden; and Gyumri, the second biggest city in Armenia.



Girl in traditional dress with bread

Yeghegnadzor area

Yeghegnadzor city is the administrative center of Vayots Dzor region, situated 120km to the south of Yerevan. The surrounding area is one of the richest in its variety and quality of sites and activities for visitors.

The region is famous for its wines and cheese. The Areni winery offers wine tasting in its cellar. There are a number of churches and monasteries to visit.

Host months – April to October

Team size - 6 - 12 volunteers

Sightseeing - Jermuk resort town famous for hot mineral water; Khor Virap Monastery; Noravank monastery built in the 13th century; Tatev monastery, started in 848 AD; and Karahunch, the Armenian Stonehenge.



Khor Virap Monastery

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