



## Building with a Single Mother...



Each family's problems and misfortunes are unique in their own way. The problems are doubled for Laura, a single mother, whose husband had gone abroad to support the family financially and never came back leaving his wife and two children alone with the

difficulties of life. But life is a string of black and white lines; one bright side of life closed its doors, the other opened widely.

On May 13, 2011 Fuller Center for Housing Inc. board members: Linda Fuller, the co-founder of both Habitat and the Fuller Center along with the Fuller Center Board Chair LeRoy Troyer and several others from U.S.A. joined Gyozyalyan family at building site in Dasht village, Armavir region to build the house of a single mother.

For a very long period of time the family had been

living at a relative's empty house, who had left for Russia to live there for a while. The father of Gyozyalyan family started the house in 2008 but couldn't complete because of financial problems and left for Russia to earn some money to com-



plete the house as any time the relatives could be back and take their house back and the family would have no roof. With the income that comes from farming it is very difficult for a 33 years old widow to bring up children and build a house at the same time.

Hopefully with the help of the local and international volunteers the family will complete the construction of the house.

There would be no better gift for a single mother, then to see that her children have a decent home.

## Three Partners, Third Year Partnership, As a Result Another 15 Families Moved Out of Metal Containers



**ARDA charitable foundation, Vanadzor city municipality and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, a partnership that started in 2009 combining the willingness of partners to assist families living in metal containers.**

This year, on May 20, in

Vanadzor, took place another 15 families home blessing. Mr. Steve Lazaryan, the initiator of the program and the president of ARDA charitable foundation, an American Armenian philanthropist, joined the happy families for the special occasion of home blessing.

These families have been living in "domik" district since 1988 earthquake.

Today 32 families dwell in comfortable and new homes, and this number increased by 15 on May 20.

The homes are built using new for Armenia technology of polystyrene foam block

and local construction materials. Such homes are ecologically clean, reasonably priced and, earthquake resistant.

The construction started in 2010. The selected families along with the local and international volunteers

worked on the homes not even knowing which one is their own until later they held a draw. Volunteer groups from USA as well as AGBU youth groups from Canada and Europe volunteered helping to build the homes.

Now 15 more families enjoy the happiness of living in their own homes with proper sanitation, heating, electricity, natural gas and an oven.



## From Containers Full of Mould into Houses Full of Light...

### Yessayan Family Story.



The family of Yessayans - parents and two children aged 13 and 11, have been living in a metal container called "domik" for a very long period of time. This family has really seen enough misery, enough sorrow in its life. The mother, Vardoush, is an earthquake

survivor and her husband, Sevag, is an Afghanistan war veteran. They had also third child, a daughter, but she had died as a result of poor living conditions. But life has also rays of hope: they have talented children, their elder son,

Karen, is the Junior Chess Champion of Lori Province, one day he may become the World Chess Champion.

Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, along with ARDA and the Vanadzor City Municipality were the only hope for the family.

Now thanks to the partnership this family has already moved from the mouldy container and already enjoys the happiness of having their own simple and comfortable home.



## It's Worth to Work to See More and More Smiling Families.



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