



We of the
Silver Valley Fuller
Center for Housing
wish you all a very
Happy New Year.
Our thanks to the artist
for this card,
(Granddaughter)
Kayla Blalack.

A before & after at the Osburn House



Photo by Judy



Photo by Kayla

Although the Osburn house which we will sell to John “Boy” Delaney is in a cold weather holding pattern, there have been significant improvements as shown by the two photos above. On the left, last spring, Verne Blalack and Clint Kunze evaluate the effort involved to remove the sagging ceiling, sopping flooring, and black mold. On the right, is the room today with a completely new sloped roof, solid floor and sturdy walls. Our thanks go to the work crews who made the difference.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Systems Design to the Rescue

When Melody Darg's furnace went out, she talked to Verne at the ReUse Store and filled out a Greater Blessings Application. She had been using two small electric heaters and left her oven door open to try to heat her trailer home in the sub zero weather. A few days previously, Jeff Crawford of Systems Design had stopped at the ReUse Store to tell Verne he had some free time in case he was needed. — And, he certainly was needed.



Jonathan shovels the carport. *Photo by Melody*

Jeff was able to fix her furnace long enough to get a new one installed. Melody was very concerned about the weight of the snow on her carport and was afraid it would collapse on Jeff & his son Jonathan. So before bringing in the new furnace, Jonathan carefully shoveled some of the snow off.



Jeff Crawford installs Melody's new furnace. *Photo by Melody*

Melody still needs to have her carport reinforced, so if someone can help, let us know.



A customer at the ReUse Store offered a great suggestion to salvage dryer drums for sale as fire pits since they are made of steel. Come to the ReUse Store to get or order yours.

Our Christmas Potluck



Board members, family, and friends join around an expanded table to enjoy to great food and fellowship at the annual Christmas Potluck. *Photo by Judy*



When Ellie and Mary Lou Kinsey take a break, April Muhs entertains with Christmas carols on her accordion—fun to sing along. ☺ *Photo by Judy*



Norma Seaton served as hostess while the Board had a short meeting before the potluck. Here she visits with John "Boy" and Verne. *Photo by Judy*

The Importance of Tithing

When we became affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, our first president, Norma Seaton, stressed the need to tithe. We have continued all these years.

(It seems to me that if you cast your bread upon the water, it will come back buttered.)

The 10% tithe we sent in on the \$10,000 donation made by the Pringles in honor of Verne and me is enough for one house. ☺ Judy

November 23, 2016

Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing
Attn: Judy Blalack
Smeltonville, ID 83868-0338

Dear Judy,

As this year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment and thank each of our Covenant Partners who chose to share of their resources by tithing to help those most in need.

We assigned your tithe this year to help support our work in El Salvador, where families were living in truly awful conditions -- no toilets, swarms of disease-carrying mosquitoes, and only the simplest homes of mud, tin and plastic. Your gift helped to complete a 77-home community where each family will have a new home with a concrete floor, block walls, dry metal roof, kitchen, flush toilet, running water and electricity! The families helped to build the homes and will repay the costs on a no-profit, no-interest loan -- just like we do here.

The total all-inclusive cost of each home was \$7,000, but thanks to a special grantor that agreed to cover \$6,000 of the cost, each \$1,000 contributed allowed us to complete another home. Your tithe of \$1901 since October 2015 allowed us to complete an entire home and about 90% of another.

We'd like you to meet the specific families that benefitted from your tithe:

The Aguilar family is a single mother Marlene (37) and her three children. The oldest is her son Luis Alberto (16), who just finished 11th grade and wants to be an engineer when he grows up. Her 2nd son is Erick (12), a good student who wants to be a social worker. Her youngest is her daughter Pamela (7), who is in 1st grade and wants to be a doctor. Marlene earns income by working as a maid.

Their old house was one room of rusty metal sheets in which everyone slept, ate, cooked, and attempted to study. The roof leaked so their beds would often get wet, and mosquitoes and flies were in abundance. Having their new home is the fulfilment of her dream, a place where she can raise her children and someday leave to them. She loves having a dining area with a table and chairs so they can all eat together.

The Ardon family consists of Reina (52) and her son Oscar (31). Reina makes tortillas to sell and works as a maid, while Oscar works on a farm picking coffee. They lived together in



Reina Ardon receives the keys to her new home.

a small shack constructed of mud and sticks, which exposed them to insects, inclement weather, and as a result, disease.

Getting clean water for drinking and cleaning was also a major difficulty. Now with their own home, they will have improved health, stability and safety. It has fulfilled their dream.

The work you are doing in your own community is greatly needed, so we give you special thanks for choosing to lift your eyes to help those around the world who are living in even more desperate conditions. Your tithe has really made a difference, and

we know that God will bless Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing for it.

Thank you for your partnership, and we look forward to blessing more families again next year.
In Christian partnership,

David Snell
President & Co-Founder
The Fuller Center for Housing



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in Memory of Burt Malech*

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And From Kathi and Tim Pierson
In Memory of Frank D. Norris*

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John Delaney, Kathy McPeak

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Coming Events

Jan 10—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM,
Mountain View Congregational Church
Board Elections



My thanks go to Linda Amonson who handled December's mailing workshop—covering for me while on our vacation. Linda also took this delightful photo of Jackie Kannegaard with her granddaughter, Rachael Kannegaard. What a nice way to spend family time helping our housing ministry.

Sorry about no pickups & deliveries—we have no pickups running at this time. Please call 682-3240 if you can help.

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Ellie Arguimbau and Mary Lou Kinsey entertained us at our annual Christmas Potluck party held at the Mountain View Congregational Church. *Photo by Judy*



Ellie and Judy visit with John “Boy” at the Osburn house. Construction is halted until warmer weather. *Photo by Kayla Blalack*

Last summer I chose to become a Board Member of the parent organization, The Fuller Center for Housing (International).

At that time I said I would honor my commitments for the rest of the year.

Now that year is over and we need others to step forward to assume those duties.

Judy

Wanted—Very Much Alive

- ✓ Fund Raising Chair
- ✓ Public Relations Chair
- ✓ Greater Blessings Chair
- ✓ Board Members, including Pastors or Church Elders

{I Will Serve as Mentor. Call me at 682-3240. Judy}

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