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Bruce Hanks at Sass Jewelry keeps bees and donates a Honey Bear for our raffle baskets.



Tiffany, Lupe & Carmell work at Artistic Touch in Kellogg. They donated a certificate for a fundraiser.



Karen Macklin accepts a thank you for Radio Brewing Company which donated several certificates for our fundraisers.



Tiffany Sauer accepted the Certificate at JB's Country Garden. They have supported our Walk-A-Thon in September for many years with a fancy candy bouquet as a prize (just in case we have youth walkers).

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all."

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Why And How We Tithe

By Judy Blalock

When this organization began as a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in 1993, Norma Seaton was our president. One of the requirements was to send a tithe of 10% to the parent organization. As a Christian organization, Norma insisted this was important and ensured that the tithe was paid. She stressed that the blessings that are returned are worth much more than the tithe (Malachi 3:10). I always thought of it as “casting the bread upon the water” and having it come back buttered.

So, 10% is sent to The Fuller Center for Housing International, our current parent organization, except for dedicated funds. For instance: payment for the ads in our newsletter are used for newsletter expenses; donations specified by the donors are not tithed; and the Greater Blessings fund that was created to help low-income homeowners in our area with their home repairs limited to \$5,000. When this program was begun, we did not have funds to support it, so in addition to the 10% tithe, 5% was originally withheld for this fund until it began supporting itself with specified donations and repayments from the homeowners we helped.

We can determine where our 10% tithe is used, either to a specific project (such as tornado/hurricane repair) or in a 3rd world country. This is one way we help those who may otherwise feel the need to immigrate to another country.

They would much rather be able to live at home.



Jan Turbak accepts a certificate from John Boy Delaney for F & H Mine Supply.



Josh McDonald and Molly Roberts hold the thank you certificate for Shoshone News Press.



Hannah & Savannah work at Kellogg City Hall which has always supported our efforts.



Clarabelle Hei, President of the Good Samaritan Resident Association, accepts a thank you certificate. The group donated the funds they raised from popcorn sales.

From Ryan Lafigliola, VP of International Programs:

"We would like to thank you once again for your participation in the Fuller Center's tithing program last year, and are happy to share with you today the family who directly benefited from your tithe! We needed about \$9,500 to complete this home in Cameroon, including getting a new brick machine operational, and your tithe of \$1,000 contributed to building the home of Beatrice Njumbo's family. Please see the attached profile of the family as well as a magnet that you can display as a reminder of your impact. This is not just any family in Cameroon - this is specifically whom your funds benefited. They in turn will repay the costs on a no-profit, no-interest basis to bless more families.

The inspiration for tithing is not our own and not even Millard Fuller's alone. Rather, it comes from the Scriptures. For instance, the Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians was encouraging the churches (akin to his Covenant Partners) in different parts of the world to share of what they'd been given, writing: "At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need." That's exactly how we view the tithe, and we've often been amazed at how some of the world's poorest places - like Madagascar in 2022 - participate in this act of sharing.

And best of all, it comes with a promise. In the book of Malachi chapter 3 it says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'"

We do believe you are blessed through tithing, and we thank you for helping to change the life of this family."



Beatrice raises her three granddaughters ages 4, 6 and 8, living in an old small one-bedroom house made of planks. She earns her income doing small-scale farming and through entrepreneurship, such as reselling firewood and selling homemade fried donuts three days a week at the market.

A deeply faithful woman, even when living in her shack she said "we thank the heavenly Father for His care and provisions," but she has long dreamed of a small but decent home "where I will be saved from mosquitoes' bites and cockroaches entering this old plank house." She enthusiastically joined the masons in working on her home, and thanks to your help, her dream is now completed!




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And of Tom Higbee*

From Verne & Judy Blalack
*In Memory of Bernie Ussery
And of Lorraine Jones*

From Marilyn White
In Memory of George Fisher

From Marbie Higbee
In Memory of Jay Higbee

From Aleta & Doug Pottenger
*In Memory of Judy Stabile
Of Kent Larsen
And of George Powell*



Upcoming Events

March 14th — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

Board Annual Retreat meetings, time and location to be determined



Thank You, February Donors

**You warmed our
hearts with your gifts.**

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- Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- Here is my gift of \$ _____.
- I have a house and/or land to donate.
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- I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

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Wish List



We are down to a skeleton crew and implore you to help.



Construction Supervisors – need not do the labor.

Construction volunteers to work with the Supervisor.

PR Chair

Volunteer Coordinator

And others – Call Judy 208-682-3240 & leave a message

What is the Fuller Center for Housing?

The Fuller Center for Housing, faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

The Fuller Center creates partnerships within communities that bring together churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations to build decent, affordable homes in partnership with people who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means.

The Fuller Center works in collaboration with our covenant partners, other service-oriented organizations and countless volunteers to build and repair homes. All homeowners work hand-in-hand with volunteers to build their own homes, which are then sold to them on terms they can afford, based on the Biblical idea of no-profit, no-interest loans.

With some smaller renovation projects, an innovative payment program called The Greater Blessing Program is utilized, whereby recipients promise to repay the loan amount without signing an actual mortgage agreement. They decide the monthly amount they can afford to repay and the period of time that it will take to repay the cost of repairs. There is no legal obligation to repay these loans. It is a leap of faith in the basic goodness of humankind and is proving to be very successful.

We are committed to good stewardship and work hard to keep our administrative costs low and to select our recipient families wisely. This helps to ensure that the vast majority of your tax-deductible gifts go toward building and repairing homes for those in need.

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