



Big smiles follow the signing of the Pelham home mortgage. Pictured here are Amethyst's sponsor-Janice DeVoe, Amethyst Pelham and her dad, Fred Stone, and SV Fuller Center's Secretary Kathy McPherson and President Mike Humphrey, and seated is Attorney Charlie Cox.

*Photos by Judy*

### ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION REPORT (sort of)

By Verne Blalack  
Construction Supervisor

Early in the year Kevin said that he expected to have the Mullan home done in July. However, construction seems to always take longer than we wish. Anyway, the Mullan home is finished, except for the late arriving bills. I got one from \_\_\_ who said she was sorry, but while she was away (on vacation?) her replacement neglected to bill us for September and October! Even I must admit that Mullan rehab was tough and more expensive than I figured. None the less, it's a beautiful super insulated home with a fantastic view and is appraised for thousands more than we sold it for. It cost less than a new home and best of all the grandparents live right across the street!

All the site supervisors have been laid off for the winter. Next spring we'll start on Darnell Kriedeman's stem walls. In the meantime, homeowners-to-be, community service folk, and Swede, our Experience Works man will be filling Darnell's ditches by hand, reorganizing our storage units, etc., under my supervision.



Both Fuller Center & Habitat entities are encouraged to work with other housing organizations. Here Verne & Judy Blalack (top & Middle right) meet with Habitat for Humanity of Idaho delegates from around the state. As HfHID Board Members-at-large, Verne serves as treasurer & Judy as webmaster.



Verne explains to helper, Penny Welsh, how the trenches at the Kriedeman site need to be shoveled full before winter.

*Photo by Carolyn MacPhee*

### COORDINATED EFFORT

By Robert D. Larson  
Site Supervisor

There have always been different opinions as to what "the All American Dream" really is. Some say it's a good job you like doing, and others say it's owning your own home, and even better it's building the home yourself. Some will say it's having a happy family, and some may say it's to have your debt under control. Improving the education of the family and yourself is always a good one.

We, at The Fuller Center, can say that all of these things can be combined to make "The All American Dream" become real. We know it can happen because we have seen it happen. We have seen people with very little become people with very much. People who have given up on owning a house—now are home owners. People who couldn't manage their debt—now manage all their needs.

None of this just happens. It takes a lot of time, training, hard work, and people to do it. It takes the staff, board of directors and committee members of The Fuller Center, the future home owners, and other volunteers to turn a set of plans into a home. It takes the family of the future homeowner to understand how important they all are or our program will not work.

We thank you all.

*Give her the fruit of her hands.  
And let her own works praise her in the gates.*

**Proverbs 31:31**

## EARTHQUAKE RUBBLE WILL BE RECYCLED TO BUILD HOMES FOR HAITIANS

Submitted On October 19, 2010



### Homes will be built recycling rubble.

By Bob Allen

**Associated Baptist Press**

(Reprinted from The Fuller Center Website: [www.fullercenter.org](http://www.fullercenter.org))

DECATUR, Ga. (ABP) – The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is entering a new relief phase in Haiti, moving families into permanent homes built from the rubble created by the Jan. 12 earthquake that left them homeless.

The newly formed **Haiti Housing Network** is a collaboration of the Atlanta-based CBF, Conscience International, **Fuller Center for Housing** and Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Using rubble from a family's previous home, permanent

housing for earthquake victims can be built for about \$3,000.

The network has set a goal of building 1,000 permanent homes in the area of Grand Goave, Haiti, over the next three years.

"These are perfect projects for churches," Tim Brendle, a former missionary to Haiti who has been coordinating the Fellowship's relief efforts in Grand Goave, told the CBF Coordinating Council Oct. 14. "We will encourage churches to provide the funding and a volunteer team to come to Haiti and erect these as long as the need continues."

Using hard work and ingenuity, Brendle said mission volunteers will be able to build modest houses for Haitian earthquake victims for about \$3,000 each.

Beginning with a trench foundation, steel mesh is erected into a basket-style wall form that is filled with earthquake rubble broken up with sledgehammers.

Field-made metal hooks keep the mesh evenly spaced. When the wall baskets are filled, mortar is added to stabilize the structure. Additional coats of mortar provide a finished look, not unlike a concrete-block exterior.

Add a wooden roof frame covered with tin, Brendle said, "and you have a very serviceable home."

The technique was developed by Conscience International, a humanitarian and advocacy organization that has a formal partnership with the CBF.

Using materials from a family's destroyed home allows them to remain in their old neighborhood. It aids with cleanup and solves complicated land-use issues. Construction materials are purchased locally, and Haitians are employed, boosting the local economy.

Nine months after the Haiti earthquake, Brendle said housing remains a critical issue. Hundreds of thousands of people are still without reliable shelter, living in tents amid elements like heat and rain and the constant threat of living in an earthquake-prone zone.

"Many families with young children are eager to get out of tents and into such houses," Brendle said. "As we learn and perfect this process, dozens of these houses can be built, providing permanent starter homes for Haitian families."

Brendle said the homes will have a small porch in front and a privacy enclosure for a shower in the back. They also will have a composting toilet.

Because of the strength of the steel basket and the fact that the contents are allowed to shift during an earthquake, he said engineers believe the houses will withstand an 8.0 earthquake with only minor cosmetic damage.

[See The Fuller Center's Web site [www.fullercenter.org](http://www.fullercenter.org) about volunteering there *or elsewhere* on a build.]

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Kevin Hutchings installs asphalt roofing to a storage building on one side while Verne supervises Adam Hutchings as he learns to roof on the other side.

*Photo by Judy*



New volunteer, Carolyn MacPhee, takes shots during the last cleanup days at the Pelham home.

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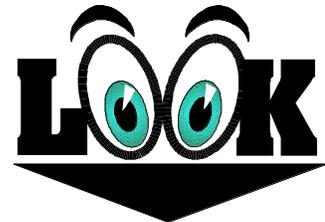
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## Coming Events

Nov 6-7—Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair, Silver Hills School, Osburn, ID

Nov 9—Partnership/Construction Committees, 6 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg

Nov 9—Board, 7 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg

Nov 25—Thanksgiving

### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Verne and Judy Blalack  
In Memory of Bob Mellis  
And of Lee Stoddard*

*From Pat & Ray Sales  
In Memory of Lee Stoddard*



Josh Baugh and Kevin Hutchings unload T-111 siding donated by The GUESTHOUSE Inn & Suites.

*Photo by Judy*

## Greater Blessings

We thank Dorothy Walbridge for her donation and the Sales and Blalacks for designating their contributions to the Greater Blessings Program.



Stephanie Swainston works at the office computer while her son, Alex, practices his drawing and writing.

*Photo by Judy*



When our new thank you writer, Carolyn MacPhee, visited our office, she met Mark Thyr, who donates our office space (center) and her neighbor Skip Forcey who works part time at the Farmer's Ins. Agency.

*Photo by Judy*

### Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

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Witnessing the signing of the Pelham mortgage documents are Amethyst's dad, Fred Stone; Janice DeVoe, Amethyst's sponsor; Amethyst Pelham; Charlie Cox, Attorney; Kathy McPherson, SVFCH Secretary; and Mike Humphrey, SVFCH President. *Photo by Judy*



# Wish List

- Grant Writer**—Christina has enrolled in college, ergo no free time.
- Construction Volunteers**—This “little old lady” (me) helped Verne one day when there was no one else.
- Donated use of a building** and/or land where we could establish our own Re-store in the Valley.
- Newsletter deliverers** in Kellogg to take those we leave in cafes & waiting rooms.
- Applicants** for the next home—call Marilyn White at 753-4131.
- Buy “Little Shop” Raffle Tickets**—we need to sell 80 more before we can have the drawing.



Bob Larson and Rick Gilbert collect pieces of countertop donated by Wong Financial in Kellogg. *Photo by Taylor Jacobs*

## Visit our Booth at the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair

Nov. 6 & 7 at the Silver Hills School in Osburn

See inside here for the list of items in our “*Basket of Plenty*”  
We also will be selling raffle tickets for the “*Little Shop*”,  
And we will be raffling an oil painting by Laney donated by Barbara Canterbury

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