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To the Plant Today Partners --

James 1:27 tells us, "Pure and genuine love in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress." The construction of houses is underway in Guatemala! Below is a photo of the first house that is being replaced – a house constructed mainly from sticks and plastic, occupied by an elderly couple (the husband is 86 years old; the wife is 91 and wheelchair-bound).



The new home is nearly complete, and includes a concrete ramp so the woman can be transported to the outdoor toilet in her wheelchair. With the old stick house, the elderly husband had to seat his wife on the edge of a steep ledge, then put her on his back for every trip to the bathroom. They are so happy with this gift from you, our partners! The elderly man is even actively participating in the construction of the house! Below is a photo of the couple at the base of the wheelchair ramp.



And the next two photos show the construction in progress, being done by the local people. As you can see, to keep the price affordable the construction is of rough cut lumber, with tin roofing.



We have five more houses that have been sponsored (for a total of six to date), and are working with the village officials to select the next recipients. We are looking to put one house in each neighborhood where we have been working, and to give these first to those who are in the worst living conditions.

I am putting together a “house construction crew” for a trip to Guatemala from August 5 through 10. We will put up as many houses as we have crews to partner with our fellow workers in Guatemala, with 3-4 people per crew. The cost for the trip is \$1475, which includes airfare from Miami, lodging, two meals each day, ground transportation in Guatemala, and translators. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested, or if you are interested in sponsoring someone who can go but is lacking funds. In addition, we are believing for six more houses to be sponsored this year; the cost is \$800 per house and \$200 per outdoor toilet. Please pray about this endeavor, and thank you for participating in this exciting project!

Partners in His Service,

Mike