

Project Grandma's House

Meet 75 year old Madame Anita Pierre Baptist. She has lived in Jacmel, Haiti all her life. Her home was damaged and is crumbling due to the earthquake that struck the area in January.

Madame Baptist lives alone, no children or family left to care for her. She often finds herself sleeping outside due to the fear that her home will crumble down on her

Her concerns are justified. The home is badly damaged and could easily fall at any moment. The rainy season is already upon us, hurricane season is on the way, the threat of another quake always near. Madame Baptist needs a new home very soon.



Demolition

The first phase of the project is the demolition of the existing house. This will be carried out by a crew of local Haitians and a few volunteers.

Funds are needed for the minimal labor wages to pay our Haitian workers and to feed them and the volunteers while they are carrying out the demolition. We also need to provide safety gear (hard hats, glasses, dust masks and gloves.) We will need wheelbarrows, shovels, pickaxes, sledge hammers and wood saws.

As you can see from these photos her home has been damaged to the point where it is no longer safe to inhabit. The foundation and ground slab are still good and will be kept.



The Rebuild

Most of the materials are being provided by Care2Share. They are an amazing group that is interested in building many homes in Haiti. The idea is to build the home using materials that will last for 10yrs but that can be upgraded to a permanent structure and are to be shipped in kit form. We will return on a second trip or find a local foreman to lead the project to finalize the home.

What materials are not donated will be obtained from a local construction supply house in Jacmel, Haiti.

Building techniques that reinforce the home to resist hurricanes and earthquakes will be applied. Hardware and other materials are estimated at \$900 or so. Working on getting the materials donated. We will need a generator to run our tools. We can obtain one there for the cost of \$350

The rebuild will be carried out by a crew of volunteers and hired locals and should be completed within a week or two. Labor costs, including lunch for the entire crew, are estimated for 5 workers and 4 volunteers over a period of 10 full working days at \$850.

We hope to rebuild her home so that time, resources and funds are used in the most economical way. Providing quality, long term housing to a deserving woman and to empower the local community through grassroots energy.

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We have already received support from some amazing individuals and organizations.



Care2Share is a non-profit organization of Vietnamese - American volunteers who's **mission** is to be the intermediary to communicate people's needs and to bring relief and the human touch to the suffering and neglected people. They have donated the supplies for the project and covered the shipping of them. They are just incredible and can't be thanked nearly enough. Please take the time to see how this amazing group has helped many at:

<http://www.care2share.org>



Burners Without Borders is a community led, grassroots group that addresses gaping needs where existing cultural and societal systems are failing. They are an incredible organization that we are so proud to have as a sponsor. Please check out their many efforts at

<http://www.burnerswithoutborders.org>

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