



San Gabriel Valley  
**Habitat**  
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building on faith

### Welcome!

Welcome to the introductory issue of "Building on Faith" -- San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity's e-newsletter for the faith community. We truly appreciate the partnerships we have with various religious organizations throughout the valley, and we want to thank you for your prayers, donations, and volunteering!

You will receive this newsletter on a periodic basis, giving you a general update on the most recent religious groups who have volunteered or donated, our prayer requests, opportunities to become involved, and announcements of upcoming events relating to the faith community. Feel free to forward it to a friend or colleague, request to submit an announcement, or use it as a starting point for dialogue.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please email our Ecumenical Outreach Coordinator, Amy, at [faithrelations@sgvhabitat.org](mailto:faithrelations@sgvhabitat.org) or 626-387-6899 x16.

### 2009 International Day of Prayer and Action



Every year, Habitat for Humanity International celebrates our spiritual supporters during the summer season, culminating in the [International Day of Prayer and Action](#) on the third Sunday of September. This is the day we ask adherents of all religions and traditions to commit to pray for the mission and work of Habitat, and the issues surrounding it -- such as affordable housing, homelessness, and community development. This year, the International Day of Prayer and Action is on September 20, and we are asking the residents of San Gabriel Valley to participate.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to involve your congregation, we have sample prayer inserts as well as guides to collecting an offering on behalf of SGV Habitat.

### Faith Relations Committee

Are you interested in deepening your involvement with SGV Habitat? Join newly-redesigned Faith Relations Committee! The purpose of the committee is to connect faith communities to the work of Habitat by inviting congregations to active service. This is done through the commitment of local believers of all creeds to join in fellowship with SGV Habitat and other spiritual leaders to advance the cause and outreach of Habitat. The Faith Relations Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis to discuss the ways in which each ecumenical organization can be encouraged in its mission, inspire its members to be involved in intentional ministry, and work together in an interfaith council.

### SGV Habitat Prayer Requests

- Fundraise the remaining \$43,000 needed for our Sherman build in Monrovia
- Fundraise the remaining \$55,000 needed for the wheelchair accessibility modifications for our Kenwood build in Glendale
- Find consistent lunch providers
- Help with the new campaign for our next building project on Geneva Street in Glendale and blessing on our upcoming fundraising endeavors
- Blessing on our Executive Director's launch of our affiliate's involvement in Habitat for Humanity International's Global Campaign
- Health and safety for our staff and volunteers, especially those working on our construction sites
- If you would like to submit prayer requests, or if you would like more information on our existing requests, please let us know!