

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

October Events in the Habitat Faith Community

10.3 -- Community event:

Linda Vista-Annandale Association picnic

10.4 -- Glendale First United Methodist Church Mission Fair

10.5 -- World Habitat Day

10.10 -- Sherman Avenue build volunteers: Monrovia United Methodist Church, Grace Pasadena

10.11 -- Habitat event: "Harvest for Habitat"

10.13 -- Habitat event: fundraising dinner at BJ's Restaurant; Volunteer Orientation hosted by Brittany and Amy

10.17 -- Sherman Avenue build volunteers: Evergreen Baptist Church; Kenwood Street build lunch providers: St. Bede the Venerable

10.18 -- Glendale Presbyterian Church Mission Fair

10.20 -- Faith Relations Committee meeting at the Habitat offices at 7pm

10.30 -- Community event: Glendale Memorial Hospital Pastoral Luncheon

10.31 -- Kenwood Street build volunteers: All Saints

Sites to Bookmark

- [Faith Builds web page \(newly re-designed!!\)](#)
- [SGV Habitat on Facebook](#)
- [Habitat International story on how Habitat and faith interact on site](#)
- [Fun videos created by AboutFaceMedia \(under "Community" tab\)](#)

Be our guest!

Have you been reading our blog, newsletter or e-newsletter, wanting to share your own Habitat story? That's what [Bentley Prince Street](#) staff members did recently after they volunteered with us. [Interested?](#)

Questions? Comments? Ideas?

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Message from Amy

During the month of September, I was fortunate enough to better acquaint myself with four different faith groups on behalf of Habitat:

The **Islamic Congregation of La Canada Flintridge** invited me (along with our volunteer extraordinaire, **Carol Martin**) to attend a dinner celebrating the month of Ramadan. Not only was the food and ceremony incredible, but they also gave a brief spotlight to the value of community service and their work with SGV Habitat!

On our **International Day of Prayer and Action**, I had the opportunity to once again visit **Salem Lutheran Church** in Glendale, where I was able to say a few words to the congregation at two services about how working with Habitat has affected my own faith. I also led a forum in-between services where members of the church could learn more about SGV Habitat and ask me in-depth questions.

I also attended **Evergreen Baptist Church** in Rosemead. After the first service, there was an informational meeting held where I once again led a Q-&-A about Habitat's work. Afterwards, I was able to speak one-on-one with other churchgoers while they signed up for two build dates.

For two weekends in September, our office and ReStore were "invaded" by two groups of about 20 college freshmen volunteers from **Azusa Pacific University** (where I also happened to have graduated from). As part of APU's City Links program, these kids were sent out to serve the city of Azusa -- at our location, they helped clean and organize the ReStore, worked on projects in our office, and planted flowers in the front of our building.

Working with these groups last month truly reinvigorated my passion to strengthen SGV Habitat's relationship with the faith community. We simply are not able to carry out our mission of affordable housing without YOUR prayers, volunteered time and hearts for social justice. We are always impressed to see the different people come out to work with Habitat who would otherwise not engage in ministry efforts.

As you can see from the "Upcoming Events" section, my October schedule is already packed with faith-based events, and I am so excited to meet more passionate people dedicated to helping others through Habitat. If you are interested in having a Habitat presence at your next gathering, I would be more than happy to accommodate you! And, besides... though this month will be busy, I welcome any opportunity to get out of the office and enjoy the cooler weather! :)

Faith Relations Committee and Habitours

Tuesday, October 20 is the very first meeting of the all-new [Faith Relations Committee](#). It will be held at 7 p.m. at our office at 400 S. Irwindale Avenue in Azusa. We could not be more excited to re-form an official network of believers committed to the cause of social justice. One of the first ways to get involved on a deeper with Habitat is to go on a **Habitour**. A Habitour is a staff-led tour of our completed builds throughout the San Gabriel Valley that concludes with an in-home visit and snack with one of our homeowners. Interested on having a member of your religious organization represented on a Habitour? Come to our Faith Relations Committee meeting to find out more!

Holidays with Habitat

Every year, SGV Habitat joins in on **Alternative Gift Fairs** held by various houses of worship in the area. Though these events vary in scope, they all have one thing in common: supporting local non-profits by purchasing "alternative gifts," Christmas cards, and honorary gift cards. For more information, visit our [Holidays with Habitat page](#) or [download the Registration form](#).

Prayer Requests and Praise

- Job stability as well as job recovery for many of our supporters who are suffering in the current economic climate
- Blessing and success on our upcoming fundraising events: Harvest for Habitat on October 11 and the BJ's Restaurant dinner on October 13
- Blessing on our new Faith Relations Committee; that it will take the shape that God (not just its members) wants, that it can be a forum for honest dialogue and that it can help both its members as well as Habitat
- Thanks that the weather has cooled down -- finally! This is a huge blessing to our local agricultural efforts as well as to Habitat's construction workers!
- Thanks for bringing the Habitat family energy and help with staff additions in our offices and Azusa ReStore