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Ken's Tiny Home!

By Frank Culnoh

Silver Valley Center for Housing would like to announce our next home project this coming spring 2026. SVFCH acquired a Tiny Home this past summer - we just received the Tiny Home on Nov. 30. The project is expected to start this coming Spring, which will involve preparing the site for a concrete foundation, domestic water & sewer connections, electricity, moving and setting the home on the foundation (once completed), utility connections and front porch remodel. SVFCH looks forward to announcing dates of these upcoming project workdays after the first of the year so our volunteers can place the dates on their calendars.



We will be dedicating this home to our next recipient, Ken Fairchild. The dedication ceremony will be determined at a later date once we have made progress on getting the home situated.

-Frank Culnoh, Construction Supervisor

We would like everyone who has participated in acquiring and preparing for this project. Josh Winters and Frank Culnoh prepared the house for transport. Jessica Barker and Tami Atkins assisted with permitting and procurement of the home. We would also like to thank everyone else who assisted with getting the house to Osburn.

Donations can be made to help offset the cost of Ken's home by sending a check to SVFCH (see page 5 for mailing address), please note on your check "Ken Fairchild's Home Fund".

It took several months to get the proper permitting to transport the home, but it has finally arrived!



John Boy looks on as the home is moved onto the lot



The home has a nice porch where Ken will be able to relax and enjoy his very own home!



Ken stands outside his future home in Osburn

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord"

Luke 2:10



Fuller Center's 20th Anniversary Build in Peru

By Judy Blalack. Photos by Judy Blalack & Chris Johnson

Last spring as an international board member of the Fuller Center for Housing (FCFH), I voted to have our fall board meeting in Peru during the 20th Anniversary Build. Verne and I enjoyed traveling, but we never made it to Peru. So, I asked if my sons wanted to join me. Both Tallis and George said yes to the home construction and also to a side excursion to Machu Picchu after the build. We paid our fees, booked our flights, and prepared to take some extra tools to leave for the homeowners after the build. However, not enough FCFH board members could make it to Peru for a quorum so that board meeting was cancelled. Since my boys still wanted to go, we went.

There were about 50 volunteers, which is a lot more than for a normal build trip. A tremendous amount of planning by both The Fuller Center in Georgia and locally with the incredible leader there, Zenon, created a friendly workplace with lots of activities. Although we were not able to complete the 20 new homes under construction, a significant amount of progress was made and all of the homes had a formal blessing at the end of the week.

We three all found the experience challenging, educational, and friendly. 17 of us traveled on to Machu Picchu where we were impressed by the Incan engineering skills that have allowed many of their buildings to still be in remarkable condition over 500 years later in an area with very destructive earthquakes.

For more photos by Chris Johnson, Fuller Centers Communications official go to <https://fullercenter.org/peru20/>.



House #3 when we first arrived. Our job was to clear off the ledges of the footings, then Tallis & George spread out blue plastic which was filled with dirt and tamped. (Photo by Chris)



New job was collecting nails lost in the thick dust & also trash using a magnet. I walked miles and collected lots of trash. Tallis is shoveling fill.



I helped by keeping the bricks damp until they were ready to be used, so the mortar would adhere.



Excellent dishes of chicken, pork, and beef & fruit and vegetables were available every dinner.



Walls grow on house 3. Pictured here are Brandi, George, Tallis, Larry--the homeowner, and supervisor Michal.



Fuller Center's 20th Anniversary Build in Peru, Continued



I enjoy visiting with President David and Shiela Snell during lunch.



One hands-on job that was sometimes heavy was moving the boulders into spaces where concrete was poured over them.



Walls have certainly grown on house 3



I had some helpers one evening. They were excited to find anything to put in the bucket.



Local homeowners provide a fantastic potluck dinner the last evening as a thank you for our labor.



We drove past some older Fuller Center homes.



The Aliaga family poses with David Snell while their contribution to the potluck dinner cooks outside behind their home we helped pay for.



Dedication of the home where our \$5,000 tithe was used. Silver Valley is listed on the sign. It was mostly completed before we arrived.



Dedication of house #3 where George & Tallis spent most of their labor and I started.

Final group photo including the families, Spanish interpreters from Brazil and our Fuller laborers dressed in green. The first houses are not quite complete. I'm at the far right back row with the red hat next to son, George.



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Honoring Jim Taylor

Jim began working with my husband, Verne, on our builds with Habitat for Humanity and continued with our second organization, Fuller Center for Housing. He was one of my "go to" supervisors for many Greater Blessings projects such as the 2 steep stairs up the hillside in Wallace. In 2019, he supervised 3 of the 6 projects we had while the Fuller Bike Adventurers were here. His last project was this year when he designed and supervised the ramp for his friend Garry Dodge. He called me afterwards and thanked me for helping facilitate this project as he knew it would be his last one. Thank you, Jim. We miss you. -Judy



In 2019, Jim Taylor of Taylor Made Construction teaches the Fuller Center cyclists how to construct the deck flooring for the Riley home—one of the 3 projects he supervised.



Help Needed: We are looking for a **volunteer to adapt our website** for easier access - please contact Tahnee at 208-512-9869 if you can assist!

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January 13th — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

Wish List

Specific Needs:

- Construction Supervisors – need not do the labor.
- Construction volunteers to work with the Supervisor.
- PR Chair
- And others –

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