



Homes of Hope
INTERNATIONAL

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Reflections from Homes of Hope’s Founder:

On the power of giving

“Homes of Hope participants regularly report to me that they get much more out of the building experience than they put into it. This is because they have tapped into one of life’s most important principles... *giving*. It is truly more blessed to give than it is to receive. *We only get to keep what we give to*. In almost any area of life the principle of giving is at work. If you don’t give to your family or your friends, you lose them. In education, the best teachers are the ones who help the students give the learning away, so the student retains more knowledge. Participation in Homes of Hope becomes a powerful vehicle to both give back and, at the same time, receive so much more in return. Giving is one of life’s most fulfilling and powerful principles.”

— Sean Lambert, Founder & President
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What do we owe the poor?

“It’s a difficult and complex question to ponder and think through. The most relevant answer I have discovered is that we must embrace a principle of sufficiency in working with the poor. Every family on earth has the right to have access to basic shelter, clean water, food, clothing, basic medical care, and education. Many of the world’s most famous leaders, including Jesus of Nazareth, grew up in an atmosphere of sufficiency. Using the principle of sufficiency, we can create a platform to see transformation take place in the lives of the poor.”

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Comments by Homes of Hope Recipient Families:

- ◆ When asked what she liked best about her new Home of Hope, Gloria, a mother of three responded, “Now when it rains, it’s only wet on the outside.”
- ◆ Josephine Ochoa and her family received a Home of Hope and it deeply impacted her spiritually. “I always knew there was a God, I just did not know He cared about me.” Homes of Hope is a practical demonstration of the love of God to the poor.
- ◆ At a Homes of Hope dedication, the father, Jorge, wept as he thanked the visiting group that came to build his family’s house. “I am so happy today, because now I have something to give my children when I die.” A Home of Hope helps transform the thinking of the poor from short-term to long-term.
- ◆ A mother of three and her husband who had received a new Home of Hope reported, “Since we got our new Home of Hope four months ago, my baby and my husband have not been sick. My husband was always sick before and he would miss a lot of work. He has not missed a day of work since we got our new home.” A Home of Hope strengthens the health and well-being of families.