

## Tres Amigos in Guatemala

Nov 14 – Nov 22 2009



During the above week Ron Bostick, Larry Carlson, and Bill Boyer were part of a 19 person Lutheran team that worked on four Thrivent / Habitat homes in Guatemala, Central America. Ten percent of all the Worldwide homes built by Habitat is located in Guatemala.

All home construction in Guatemala is done with concrete block. They worked four days mixing concrete and mortar, preparing rebar for sturdy wall construction, carrying block, and moving dirt.

As in the USA, family members are asked to help in the construction. From the smallest family member to the oldest, everyone lent a hand.



The team had great weather. The house (approx 500 sq ft) was 7000 feet above sea level. The sun shined every day and a light coat was needed in the evenings.

Habitat insured that the team had clean accommodations and bottled water everywhere. They had one free day in Antigua which allowed the team to do some site seeing. While in Antigua, they saw puffs of smoke from the top of an active volcano.

They also had the opportunity to visit a local weaver family that shears the sheep, make the yarn, and weaves the final products. The prices were very reasonable.



The team returned home knowing that we had helped make a difference in the lives of a Guatemalan family. They thank God for giving them the opportunity to serve others in another culture.

Ask Bill, Larry, and Ron about their experiences. You might hear 3 versions of the same story.

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