

## January 2010 Prayer Points

- Give thanks that at the start of 2010, Habitat has served more than 350,000 families, over 1.75 million people worldwide since its founding in 1976.
- The need for affordable housing continues to grow. Pray that people will continue to respond to that need and that the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place live would become a reality.
- Give thanks that the last 4 Shankill homeowner families have moved into their new homes before Christmas. Pray for the continued regeneration of the whole area and that partnering with Habitat will continue to have a long-term impact on the lives of the families and the community.
- Pray for all those living in sub-standard homes, pray that they would continue to have the strength and faith to meet the challenges they face every day.
- Pray that politicians and people throughout Northern Ireland would continue to work together for peace. Give thanks for positive progress and pray for continued commitment to build a shared future where peacewalls will no longer divide communities physically or emotionally.
- Pray for the many places where Habitat's work helps build peace. Think especially of our work here at home and of Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Cote D'Ivoire, Egypt and Jordan as well as other places where there is conflict.
- Pray for those who still need help to rebuild their lives and their homes after the 1994 Tsunami and ask that all those involved in partnering with the communities affected would find the resources to complete this work. Give thanks that Habitat has built 22,500 homes in the last 5 years transforming lives and restoring hope.
- Give thanks that 29 Global Village teams have been motivated to serve internationally this year. Pray that each team may be richly blessed as they prepare to travel and make people aware of the huge need for decent homes around the world.
- Pray that individuals will be inspired to join a Global Village Open team. That the teams would provide and opportunity for people to serve and to learn not just about the communities they will work alongside but more about themselves. Our Global Village Open team Information evening is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

- Pray for the team leader training at Corrymeela on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> January. Pray that each leader will be equipped and supported and that every team will work well together as they build alongside families in need they will meet in 2010.
- Pray that in 2010 Habitat will have sufficient resources to enable us to continue to build houses, build community and build hope at home and around the world.
- Pray for the efforts being made globally to extend Habitat's reach and serve even more families. Pray for new-builds, for renovations, for micro-finance and for the commitment to deliver innovative housing solutions to serve those most in need.