NEW SECURE HOUSING

For Families in
The Caribbean and Latin America
**Project Goal**

Improve the quality of life for disadvantaged families in the Caribbean and Latin America with the provision of sturdy living accommodations, complete with basic amenities.

**Project Description**

The **New Secure Housing** project is being established under Food For The Poor’s (FFTP) Housing program to provide impoverished families with safe alternatives to their precarious living conditions, which for many will be their very first real home.

Each house is being built to accommodate an average family of 6. Quality control inspections ensure that the firmer foundation and significant structural improvements will withstand years of extreme weather conditions, and extend the life of the house.

The house includes:
- A living area
- 2 bedrooms
- Indoor sanitation with toilet, sink, and shower/shower area
- Cooking area with sink and eco-stove (depending on location)
- Concrete water cistern/plastic storage tank (depending on location)
- Municipal electricity connectivity/solar-powered light kit (depending on location)
- Furnishings, such as a dinette set for 4 and 2 beds

All these construction enhancements, combined with increased materials and labor costs in all countries, as well as fluctuating foreign currency exchange rates, have enforced the necessary price increase of an FFTP-built house. However, the impact of your gift cannot be overstated. For less than $10,000, your gift is the answer to relentless prayers from every destitute family for a safe place to call home… and nothing short of a miracle!

**Total Project Costs: $9,800.00**
Overview

El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua

El Salvador is one of the smallest, poorest, and most densely populated nations in the Western Hemisphere. The country’s large population and limited amount of land stretches its natural resources to breaking points and contributes to housing shortages. Education is also a major concern, as many children do not attend school. Only about half of the people living in rural areas can read and write.

Unlike its neighboring countries, El Salvador does not border the Caribbean Sea, and it has no new frontiers where people may move. With an estimated 800 people per square mile, El Salvador’s population is up to 10 times denser than that of other Central American nations. An estimated 32.7% of the population lives below the poverty line.

FFTP has been actively working to help the poor people of El Salvador since 1996.

Guatemala, the largest country in Central America, is home to more than 15 million people. An estimated 59.3 percent of Guatemalans live below the poverty line. A sad result of this widespread poverty is that Guatemala has one of the highest rates of chronic child malnutrition in the world.

Less than half of all rural Guatemalans have access to running water, only a quarter have access to electricity, and only about one in 10 have access to modern sanitation facilities. Guatemala’s severe food insecurity and lack of accessible, affordable medical care has led to high infant, child, and maternal mortality rates.

Guyana is a small country, about the size of Idaho, located in northern South America. The World Bank has rated Guyana as one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. Thirty-five percent of the Guyanese population lives below the poverty line, with indigenous people being disproportionately affected.

Urban slums and rural farming communities suffer from inadequate healthcare and poor educational facilities. The rural poor are often completely cut off from any sort of population center or modern services. Among the urban poor, families are often forced to live in hazardous conditions in makeshift shacks.

FFTP has been working in Guyana since June of 1991, delivering food and other basic items to the country’s poor. FFTP is now the leading organization providing relief and sustainable development projects throughout Guyana.
Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. An estimated 60% of the population lives below the poverty line, searching for enough food to eat, clean water to drink, and a safe place to live.

In the most recent Human Development Index (HDI) report, Haiti was 169 out of 189 countries, with an HDI value of 0.503. HDI is a summary measure of average achievement in key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, being knowledgeable, and having a decent standard of living. Haiti is the only country in the Latin American and Caribbean group in the “low human development” category. With a gross national income of $1,665 per inhabitant, 41.3% of the population is considered multi-dimensionally poor. The vast majority lacks basic needs such as food, proper housing, education, and health care.

FFTP began working to help the poor of Haiti in 1986. Today, the organization is one of the country’s largest providers of emergency relief and sustainable development projects.

Honduras is an impoverished country bordering Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. With more than 60% of the population living in poverty, Honduras faces many serious barriers to progress.

Unemployment and a widespread lack of opportunity contribute to the challenging landscape. Malnutrition is rampant in Honduras, and infant and child mortality rates are high.

Honduras remains one of the most vulnerable countries to natural disasters in the world, frequently being affected by severe droughts that deplete the availability of basic crops.

Jamaica, the third largest island in the Caribbean, is home to about 3 million people. The island’s beauty continues to be marred by an alarming increase in poverty, violent crime, and unemployment, which stands at 10.4%.

Throughout the island, there is a tremendous need for decent housing, orphan care, modern school buildings, agriculture initiatives, and other income-generating projects.

FFTP has been working in Jamaica since its founding in 1982. What began with small-scale food distributions in Kingston has now grown into a massive network of like-minded groups and individuals working together to help Jamaica’s poor.

Nicaragua is an impoverished Central American country about the size of Pennsylvania with about 6 million inhabitants. Outside of Haiti, Nicaragua is the poorest
country in the Western Hemisphere. Approximately 39% of Nicaraguans live in poverty conditions.

Nicaragua ranks 126 among 189 countries in the United Nations Human Development Index. This disadvantageous position in human development is due to the precariousness of the health system, the lowest investment in education in Central America, and limited access to basic services such as water, sanitation, and housing.

Natural disasters, such as chronic droughts, are another constant threat to the Nicaraguan people, a large percentage of whom rely upon agriculture for survival.

FFTP has been working to help the poor of Nicaragua since 1998. Alongside our in-country partner, the American Nicaraguan Foundation, we continue to bring aid and sustainable development projects to those most in need.

**New Secure Housing For The Poor**

Crushing rates of inflation and unemployment exacerbate the already depressed economies in the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. Over the last year, as a result of the global pandemic, families who were previously living on the brink have been plunged even further into disastrous living conditions.

The underserved residents of these countries often make their homes in tents or rickety shacks made from cardboard, plastic, tin, or other discarded materials. Their rudimentary dwellings have dirt floors, and provide little protection against the elements or even intruders.

These families are highly susceptible to waterborne diseases because of their unhygienic practices. With no water or indoor plumbing, they relieve themselves in bushes or in shared rivers or watering holes with local farm animals – all contaminated water sources from which they retrieve their daily household water supply.

An FFTP-constructed house gives families the opportunity for home ownership that helps them maintain unity in their communities and achieve a better quality of life.

In Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua, each dwelling sits on a concrete foundation and is built using concrete blocks and a sturdy zinc roof.

In Guyana, each house is built from wood on stilts due to the country’s low-lying landscape and its risk for flooding.

In Jamaica, each dwelling sits on a cement foundation, framed with wood panels, and sheltered with a zinc roof.
FFTP is committed to improving the quality of life for needy families in the Caribbean and Latin America. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to accomplish this, giving them a reason to hope where previously they had none.

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.”

Psalm 121:1-2
The countries we serve
Housing conditions of the poor

El Salvador
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Nicaragua
Guyana

Proposed House for Food for the Poor

Floor Plan
Honduras
Through the support of our generous donors, countless families have benefited from a sturdy FFTP-built home.
These are some of the amenities that are provided with the gift of a new home. Depending on their location, families enjoy eco-stoves, wash stands, and indoor sanitation facilities that transform their house into a more wholesome and comfortable home environment.
The solar-powered kit includes solar panels and a 17Ah battery, enabling a home to have three 5-watt lamps, outlets, and USB plugs. Prior to its first use, the kit must be charged for three days; when used properly, it is expected to function, as intended, for three to four years.
“My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.”
Isaiah 32:18
## Budget

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_The funds you generously contribute to Food For The Poor will be used toward completion of your project of choice. If any of your donation exceeds budget cost, rest assured that it will be used to fund other Food For The Poor programs and organizational support designed to meet the urgent needs of the poor._

_Contributions are tax-deductible under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3)._
About Food For The Poor

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of hungry children and families living in poverty primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicine, educational materials, homes, support for vulnerable children, care for the aged, skills training, and microenterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit www.FoodForThePoor.org.