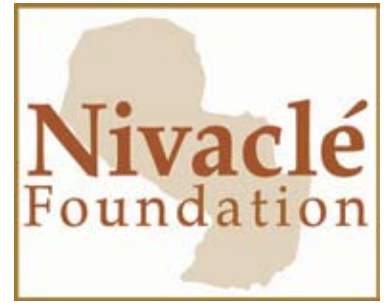


# Construction of Family Homes

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**Project Summary:** This project will provide materials – bricks, doors and windows, and other materials – to allow a family to build a secure and weatherproof home under existing roofs they built recently with help from the LDS Church.

**Background:** A recent LDS Humanitarian Services project provided building materials and tools so that 53 families living in Abundancia could erect a large roofed shelter on their lot. These structures include a rainwater collection and storage system, for the first time providing families with a source of water. However, each family still lives in a cramped, dirt-floor hovel built in 1990 as a temporary shelter. Some are attempting to transfer the plastic sheeting, sticks and mud, and galvanized panels used in the original home to the new shelters – essentially continuing the inadequate and disease-ridden housing they have endured for 17 years.



House before the new roof systems were built



The estimated cost for the materials to build a home under each roof is \$500 – if several can be built at the same time, thus savings money on transportation of the materials. Each family will provide the labor, with the help of neighbors who have construction skills, to build their own two-room home.

**Proposal:** To provide the funds for each family which qualifies (criteria include having all children attending school, active in Church, and providing \$50 – over

The cost of building materials is very low in Paraguay: bricks can be had for less than 10 cents each; other needed items are equally inexpensive. But our families typically earn less than \$200 per year at seasonal farm labor or other insecure work – and these meager funds must buy food and clothing for parents and children. Few if any families will ever be able to afford the materials needed to build a new home under those roofs, no matter how cheap the supplies.



time – toward the cost of materials) so that building materials can be brought to the home site. Village members have already committed to helping each other with the actual construction – and demonstrated this willingness during construction of the new roofs.

**Costs:**

Materials for constructing one home                      \$500

**How Can I Help?** Individuals, families, or others can make donations of \$500 (or a portion thereof). Groups could raise that amount through a fund-raising project, thus making it possible for one humble and impoverished family to build an adequate home for the first time in their lives.

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