

Team Leader Information and Trip Details

About the Trip Leader

Team leader name: Mike & Trish Rodrique

Currently lives in: Polson, Montana

Occupation: Retired builder/Physical Therapist

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About the Trip

Location: Papua New Guinea

Dates: October 13-27, 2018

Cost: \$1,980/person

Expected group size: 16-20

Trip Number: 60001

Mike and Trish Rodrique:

Mike is a civil engineer and was a general contractor for many years. He is familiar with all aspects of traditional frame, concrete block, brick, and log construction. Trish is a retired physical therapist and worked on-call for various physical therapy facilities. Trish and Mike are the parents of two adult children and grandparents to a 6-year-old granddaughter and a 3-year old grandson. Needless to say they enjoy their role as grandparents very much, but visiting is a bit of a challenge as they live in Cambridge, England.



Mike and Trish on a build in Hawaii

Mike and Trish have traveled together all over the world, and with a wealth of experience behind them, they are eager to share their love of travel and interest in building homes with those in need. After participating in a Habitat build in Creel, Mexico, in 1999, Mike and Trish began leading Global Village Habitat trips in 2001. They have led 37 Habitat trips to the North and South Islands of New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Fiji, Hawaii, Alaska, Honduras, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Russia, Cambodia, Jordan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho, Madagascar and South Africa. They have led one trip for Fuller Center to Bolivia and now look forward to leading more Global Builder trips.

Trish and Mike live on Flathead Lake located in the northwest corner of Montana, an hour-and-a-half drive from Glacier National Park. When in Montana they spend their “free time” working on their own home building projects, volunteering with Mission Valley Live (a presenter of live performing arts), hiking, skiing, rafting, kayaking, swimming, sailing, biking, and entertaining guests.

We hope to help each team member meet as many Papua New Guineans as possible and to understand their unique culture and the reality of life in PNG. In addition we look forward to working with the partner families to help them build their new homes.

We will be building homes in the Kavieng area. The homes will be built with wood. The work will typically involve helping the carpenters, sawing, hammering, constructing walls, pulling nails, installing rafters and iron roofing.

If someone wishes to join the team for only one week, at a reduced price, please contact Mike and Trish to discuss this option.

Fuller Global Builders Trip

Saturday, October 13 – Fly to Kavieng, Papua New Guinea.

- **Airport pickup by country host at Kavieng, PNG on the island of New Ireland**
- **First team dinner in open-air dining room; Sleep in rustic bunkhouse (2 people/rm)**

Sunday, October 14

- **Recover from traveling and tour Kavieng. Snorkeling, Church services**
- **Welcoming Dinner and Orientation**

Monday, October 15 – Begin Build

Monday – Thursday, Oct. 15-18

- **Breakfast at our compound dining room**
- **Work at the build site**
- **Lunch on site or in dining room**
- **Time after building and before dinner to clean up**
- **Dinner in dining room**

Friday, October 19 – Begin activities of Free days

Saturday – Sunday, October 20-21 – Free day activities, snorkeling, diving, touring, bicycling

Monday, Oct. 22-26 – Build - Same schedule as previous week

**Friday Oct. 26 - Last day of Build to finish up project
House Dedication & Goodbye Ceremony
Last Team Dinner**

Saturday, October 27 - End of build, early morning departure. Optional stay in Lae to see Morobe Sing-Sing show on Sunday or start of return trip or independent travels

**Sunday, October 28 - Optional Morobe Sing-Sing or
Depart for home or begin independent travel**

Cultural Activities during the build: visiting school(s) with optional opportunity to volunteer in the school, visiting craft shops, and touring essentially unchanged villages along the coast of New Ireland. After the build: Optional attendance at the Morobe Sing Sing in Lae (one of the most unique, exciting, cultural experiences one can have in their lifetime).

Mike and Trish have travelled in PNG in the past and are prepared to talk to applicants about other exciting independent PNG travel options.