

Team Leader Information and Trip Details

About the Trip Leader

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About the Trip

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Dates: 9/1-9/9

Cost: \$1,390

Expected group size: 5-10

Trip Number: 32000

I've worked with a number of organizations repairing and building homes in the US and abroad over the past 15 years. With the Fuller Center I have led a number of builds to Haiti and I have found Fuller to be an easy organization to work and plan with. I look forward to making a positive contribution to families in South Africa as the Fuller Center commences builds there.

The Fuller Center for Housing Western Cape (FCHWC) was founded in 2013 in Cape Town, South Africa and is a Covenant partner of Fuller Center for Housing. Homeowners work hand-in-hand with volunteers to build or renovate their homes, which they then pay for on terms they can afford, with no interest charged or profit made. Bishop Louis Michael Green, Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of FCHWC is a Law graduate of the University of Western Cape. He served as a High School teacher for over 10 years. He became a member of Parliament in 1994, when President Nelson Mandela became the first democratically elected President. He served as a Parliamentarian for 15 years on committees including Housing, Finance, Education, Communication and Justice. He is presently also the Principal of a Bible School in Cape Town and Chairman of the Board of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World in the Western Cape.

The September, 2018 building trip to South Africa will be the first Fuller Center team traveling to South Africa. The local board is committed to making sure that we have well organized, meaningful work with a family to build a house and that we are able to take full advantage of the opportunity to visit Cape Town and South Africa, high on many lists of best places in the world to visit. The lure of a Fuller Center build is that we will go beyond the many tourist attractions and meet the people. We will stay in a comfortable and clean hostel, and work in one of the townships where the need for improved housing will be obvious. We will be working with the family that will own the house and with skilled local builders. No need to have experience or specific skills. There is plenty of work for all who are willing. Learning new skills is part of the fun.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in South Africa! I expect our experience will be safe, productive and rewarding!

Thank You,
Joe