



HomeAid  
Houston



# Breaking Ground

## HomeAid Houston Breaks Ground on "Mercy House" at the Mission of Yahweh

An overflow crowd participated in a heartfelt groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, January 19 at The Mission of Yahweh, a 44-year institution in Houston that has provided shelter, food and clothing to countless women and children in need. The HomeAid Houston project, "Mercy House," will provide an additional 16 units of transitional housing for evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Doyle Stuckey of Doyle Stuckey Homes and Randy Blanchard of Green Mountain Building Company will serve as Co-Builder Captains on this project, with special funding provided by Ameriquest Mortgage, through the HomeAid Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund.

HomeAid Houston, a charity sponsored by the Greater Houston Builders Association, provides construction of homeless housing for deserving homeless service agencies through the use of donated construction management services, labor and material, provided by GHBA members.

The Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund was created through a partnership of HomeAid and Ameriquest Mortgage, in response to the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The funds are designated specifically for housing that will benefit evacuees of the hurricanes.

Brian Binash, MIRM, president of HomeAid Houston, welcomed the crowd and then introduced Reverend Debra Witherspoon, a member of The Mission of Yahweh Board of Directors and volunteer minister with the Mission, who delivered the invocation.

A warm welcome and sincere thanks was delivered by Diane Dempcy, director of the HomeAid Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund, who then introduced Greg Neal, program manager, Government Affairs and Community Relations, ACC Capital Holdings, who shared with the group what it meant for Ameriquest to be involved with the HomeAid projects in the Gulf Coast region. The Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund is being used in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia to provide transitional shelter for Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees in those states.

Anthony Love, CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Coalition that GHBA and HomeAid Houston would partner with homeless agencies to help provide shelter at a time when the homeless in Houston have grown so dramatically and the need for beds is so great.

The Mission of Yahweh Board President Steven Prod described the history of The Mission and noted, "HomeAid's sponsorship and support of the Mercy House project is an answer to prayer. We are grateful for their generosity and The Mission of Yahweh looks forward to many productive years with this new residence." Mr. Prod then introduced Mission of Yahweh graduates Rhetta Jones and Laurie Fleming, who talked about their histories with the care provider.

# Mission of Yahweh HomeAid Houston Co-Builder Captains

## Doyle Stuckey

### Doyle Stuckey Homes

Doyle Stuckey is a name known in the Houston home-building industry since 1955, when Doyle Stuckey Homes began building in the Westbury subdivision of Houston. Fifty years and 8,000 homes later, Stuckey has served the building community as the GHBA president in 1978, Texas Association of Builders president and GHBA Builder of the Year in 1980.

He developed 14 subdivisions in Harris and surrounding counties, chartered four banks and served on seven different bank boards. He built and operated several Holiday Inns and even lectured at Harvard in 2004!

The "Mercy House" project is not the first Mission of Yahweh project for Doyle Stuckey Homes. Fifteen years ago, the builder came in and constructed the 24 bed family dormitory for the Mission.

Stuckey and his wife, Edloe, have three grown sons.

## Randall Blanchard

### Green Mountain Building Company

Randall (Randy) Blanchard, owner and general manager of Green Mountain Building Company has been involved the construction business for more than 30 years. In 1984, during Blanchard's senior year at Western Michigan University he served as president of the Student Chapter of NAHB at WMU and was invited to the national convention in Houston to be recognized as the president of the "Most Outstanding Student Chapter." It was there he met with the partners of A.R.C. Enterprises and decided to relocate to Houston.

In 1993, Blanchard formed Green Mountain Building Company, a general contracting firm specializing in high-end residential and light commercial design/build projects. The company has unique experience in the fabrication and erection of heavy timber structure and the use of other non-conventional materials.

The Mission of Yahweh has been a passion for Blanchard for the past 22 years, as he has served on the board of directors, is past chairman of the board and current serves as chairman of the Capital Projects Committee.

Blanchard and his wife, Julie, have been married for nearly 20 years and have three sons.

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HomeAid's construction of "Mercy House" will provide a 16-unit transitional refuge for women and children as they rebuild their lives in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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The Mission of Yahweh

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Built by Greater Houston Builders Association Members Doyle Stuckey Homes and Green Mountain Building Company

More than seven years ago, Ms. Fleming was a resident of the Mission. While living there she obtained her associates degree; she then went on to receive her nursing degree and is now working on her master's in nursing. Ms. Jones, a more recent resident of the Mission, is now working as a hospital therapist. Both women continue to serve the Mission as volunteers and donors. They also expressed their gratitude to the Mission of Yahweh, HomeAid Houston and the Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund for making it possible for more women to receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet and lead productive, successful lives.

"What a privilege it is for me to be associated again with The Mission of Yahweh," stated Builder Captain Doyle Stuckey of Doyle Stuckey Homes. "When I built the family dormitory 15 years ago, I never dreamed I would be blessed again in serving the Mission by constructing Mercy House."

Randy Blanchard, Green Mountain Building Company and 22-year member of The Mission of Yahweh board of directors shared, "The greatest measure of the character of an individual, or an organization, is how they respond in crisis." He emphasized, "GHBA, HomeAid, Ameriquest and every other organization and person involved in this project, have once again proven their character and integrity by stepping forward in this time of need."

GHBA President Randy Bayer, GMB thanked the HomeAid Houston board members for their work on The Mission of Yahweh project and recognized the generous GHBA members who were donating labor and materials to the projects, including Amegy Bank, Integrity Concrete, Capital Heating and Air, DR Signs, Goodman Manufacturing, Suncoast Post-Tension and Tarkett. A special thanks was given to Direct Marketing Network principles Pam Lockard and Ron Sterlekar, and Mission board member Julie Pitts, for donated production work and funding for the project.

HomeAid Board President Brian Binash, MIRM then joined GHBA President Randy Bayer, GMB and invited everyone to join them in turning the first shovel of dirt.