

# House Construction

*"Building Hope, Restoring Homes "*



Margaret Muthoni (9 years old) is part of our Orphan and Vulnerable Care Program at our Pondo Baptist Center. She is the first born in a family of five. Her mother, who is a Christian attends Pondo Baptist Church however her father is not a believer. Margaret comes from a very vulnerable home; a rundown house and an incomplete toilet.

The house construction project in partnership with Grace Church, SC and Pondo Baptist Church aimed to provide this vulnerable family with safe and stable housing and a functional toilet. Through this project, we sought to restore hope, dignity, and a sense of security to Margarets family.



*(Margarets family home and toilet before)*

## Day 1:

This marked the beginning of our exciting house construction project in collaboration with dedicated volunteers from the community and the team from Grace Church. The energy and enthusiasm was visible as we gathered at the construction site early in the morning for introductions and prayers. The first task was to lay the foundation, which required meticulous measurements. The Grace team worked closely with the local team, ensuring that everything was set up correctly for the build. With shovels in hand and teamwork at the core, we successfully completed half the wall structure by midday. The sense of accomplishment was evident on everyone's faces as we moved on to the next phase.



In the afternoon, we began constructing the walls. The volunteers, both experienced and first-timers, worked seamlessly together, passing wood and hacksaws with smiles and laughter. As the sun began to set, we concluded our productive day, leaving behind a sturdy foundation and pillars that symbolize the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of the deserving family.



## Day 2:

Bright and early on Day 2, we gathered with renewed enthusiasm, ready to continue our house construction journey. Today's focus was on completing the roofing, putting up the iron sheet walls in the house and toilet and cutting out the windows and doors. With the support of our skilled volunteers, the roofing process was swift and smooth. The collective effort and determination of the team were evident in the steady progress we made throughout the morning.



By midday, we had successfully completed the roofing, and the house began to take its final shape. The smiles on the faces of the volunteers were a testament to the fulfillment they felt in contributing to this life-changing project. In the afternoon, we worked on the flooring of the house, leveling the soil on the side of the house and finishing up the toilet.



As the sun began to set on Day 2, we gathered together for a heartwarming closing ceremony. We took some photos with Margaret's family, the team from Grace and the community members present.



With hearts full of gratitude, we thank our dedicated volunteers for their selfless efforts and unwavering commitment to the project. Together, we celebrate the transformation of an idea into a tangible reality – a home that symbolizes hope, love, and the power of unity.



*(Margaret's new home)*

The house construction project exemplified the Christian values of love, compassion, and service by providing safe and stable housing for a vulnerable family. The project aimed to restore hope, dignity, and stability to their lives, demonstrating God's love through tangible acts of support. Through the collaborative efforts of skilled workers, volunteers, and the Christian community, the project created a transformative impact, not only in providing a physical shelter but also in empowering the family towards a brighter future.