

Bago, Myanmar



Myanmar offers unique and meaningful experience for the

- *Curious:* A country newly 'opened' to the international community
- *Green:* Build with sustainable construction material (bamboo)
- *Open:* Tanaka, traditional dance, community tour, house decoration and dedication

Why Myanmar: Partner with the youngest and smallest Habitat office in the Asia-Pacific region in serving the poor and vulnerable. Since Feb 2017, Habitat Myanmar has built 95 bamboo houses and hosted over 400 GV volunteers in Bago. One in three houses in Bago region are bamboo and hut that need repairs every 3 years or so. Access to clean water and improved sanitation is very limited. Some areas get inundated during rainy season and water is scarce during summer.

Project description: Typical volunteer tasks include: dig holes for footings, mix and pour concrete, set up bamboo frames, weave bamboo mats for walls and flooring, erect walls, install door and windows, carry construction materials.

What to expect: Travel for 3 hours to Bago from Yangon. Slow internet connection in Bago. Tropical climate. Meet friendly host community and gracious Habitat staff. Experience rural and Buddhist culture. Build a bamboo house, and decorate it for the handover ceremony.

Team size: 12-25 volunteers

Build with other GV teams: We encourage teams to come during suggested hosting dates for each month and meet other international volunteers

