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#### WAYS TO HELP

Humanitarian  
Goods Collection:  
September 24-28

#### Priority Items

- Children's Clothing (ages from 0 to 17)
- New Shoes for all ages
- Food
- Hygiene Supplies
- School Supplies
- Blankets and Bedding
- Medical Supplies
- Mattresses
- Chairs, Tables, Child sleeping cots

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mission chair for  
more information

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# Project AGAPE

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## JULY - AUGUST NCC VIM TEAM

The building team of five volunteers from North Carolina Conference arrived on July 29. With no office in Yerevan the best decision was to take the team from airport straight to Berdzor. The team arrived around 4:00 am and although it was not easy for Gevorg and Hakob to drive that long distance after the sleepless night, they did a good job taking the team safely to the final destination. Three of the team members came with the September 2011 team of volunteers and one of them - Rand Whitney, brought his daughter with him during his second trip.

The project that the team was offered

and agreed to work on was the renovation of the roof of the building on the AGAPE property that serves

as office and a warehouse to store and distribute humanitarian aid. The renovation of the warehouse's 50-60 years old roof was very important, as it would be at the very least a blameful and guilty conduct to let the goods donated by so many kind-hearted United Methodists, passing thousands of miles get spoilt because of the leaking roof. Many teams tried to partially repair it along with their main project using different techniques, but all were just temporary, short term repairs. It was getting harder and harder to manage storing the goods in a place that didn't leak, as no one could guess where the next "wound" would open on the deteriorated roof. The team did a great work buying new tin for the roof and replacing the old tin with new shiny stainless steel. The building

Four team members - (L-R) Caitlin, Geof, Rand & Caitlyn working on the warehouse roof



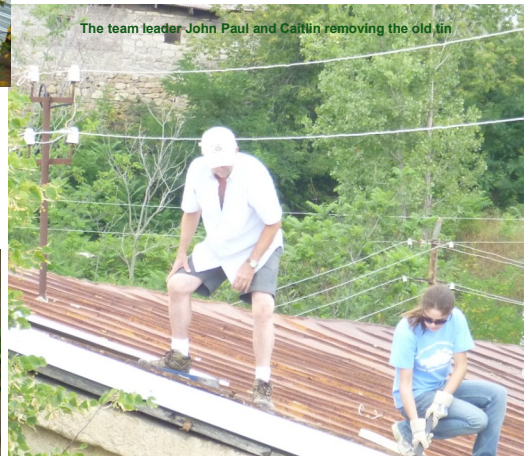
is very big: it's big enough to have two big warehouses on the left side, as the Children's Home warehouse is next to the AGAPE warehouse, and the office, the sewing room for the children of the

Christian Education Center and the garage on the right part of the building. Getting a table saw in the July shipment just before the team's arrival was like God's planning, as this important tool was invaluable in helping the AGAPE staff to supply the team with necessary wood parts for the roof to replace the rotted rafters and strips using the lumber from the trees shortened at the AGAPE property. It helped to essentially reduce the cost of the construction material used for the roof replacement and not to spend time

Father and Daughter moving the tins to the roof



The team leader John Paul and Caitlin removing the old tin



Gevorg & Arthur supplying the team on the roof with tins



and efforts at the lumber mill in the town where the old machine jams on continuous bases. Everything worked just wonderful and the 2/3 of the huge building's old roof was replaced soon. It would be misdeed to underrate the importance of this project, as the social condition of the people living in this country still under ceasefire and unresolved conflict continues to be one of the worst in the world and for many families living in this area the humanitarian aid they get is invaluable in helping them to continue in life and not to completely **LOSE HOPE ...**