



Potter's House
 Association International
 "Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"

1995 - Volunteers with a legacy

1997 - The fire
 A blessing in disguise

1998-2005
 The construction

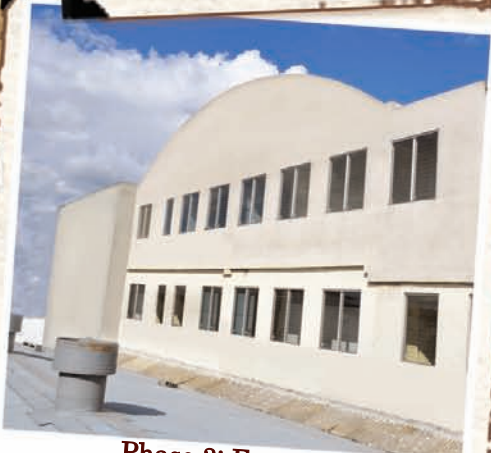


Phase 1: Front entrance and perimeter wall



Phase 2: Bathrooms

Special
 Edition



Phase 3: Four-story
 administration building



Phase 4: Multipurpose room



Phase 5: Education center

25 Years
 SERVING

Potter's House history



The Construction: Building hope for tomorrow

After the fire, friends encouraged us to build a wall around the perimeter of our property to protect it, but once again God had greater plans. He enabled us to construct a facility of steel and concrete, designed to provide new opportunities for people of all ages to get involved with the ministry. In addition, it offered better working conditions for the staff, more space from which to serve the community, and flexibility for growth.

The process was divided into five phases. The first phase was to build the wall around the property and give the structure a face on the street. We built a façade with three entrances, one for people, one for cars and one for buses and trucks. The goal for this stage was to provide a secure place to keep our supplies and equipment.

The second phase was the addition of 10 bathrooms. Prior to this, we had only one restroom, and building more was an urgent need. Upon completion of this stage, our staff members immediately felt more comfortable.

In the third phase, we built a four-story administration building, which would house offices for program coordinators and fund-raising staff, meeting rooms and the volunteer's room that many of you know. This section, which can house up to 125 people, improved working conditions dramatically by replacing offices made of wood and tin.

We could now keep the staff together in one place while using only a small piece of the property.

The fourth phase saw the addition of a multipurpose room and commercial kitchen. The impact of this section was huge. Formerly, had space for no more than 100 people at a time; in the new room, we can host up to 500 for activities

that include daily lunches, emergency shelter, weddings, evangelistic activities, parties for children, sports clinics, VBSes, graduations, medical clinics, and many other events that have benefited the 11,000 people of the dump communities. And with the addition of the commercial kitchen, we can now serve 500 people at a time; food quality and sanitation have also been improved.

Phase 5 added twelve classrooms. They are made with wood and provide learning space for 300 children. This area is where we hold our daily tutoring program—a program that provides a safe, clean environment where kids can learn.

It was a process that took seven years to complete. But the Lord was faithful in sending many friends and donors who gave of their resources so that even during this challenging time of rapid growth, Potter's House never had to take out a mortgage.

The construction of a permanent facility on the edge of the dump has improved the capacity, quality and impact of the work we do at Potter's House. The lives of thousands of Treasures are touched every year, the futures of children are shaped, the staff enjoy better working conditions, and volunteers feel at home. Today, after 25 years of service these facilities are used to build hope for tomorrow.

Edgar & Gladys
Directors

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



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