

Honolulu Habitat always enjoys when *Habitat Shelia (HS)* comes around. She brings smiles and regales us her latest adventure; which, most recently included her Global Village trip to Vietnam. Occasionally her visits are coupled with challenges like, “I dare you to try this hot candy I brought back from El Salvador;” which, has sat unopened in the office.

*HS*'s relationship with us begun in 2009 on a Critical Care Nurses Build, which led to rallying groups of nurses to volunteer with our home builds. Since she retired, *HS* has become a weekly volunteer fixture-that is, unless, she isn't off gallivanting around the world with Global Villages.

Since 2011, *HS* has traveled with 11 Global Villages. Six to Zambia, Costa Rica, China, Nicaragua, El Salvador and most recently, Vietnam. She says that she stumbled upon Global Village opportunities when she was looking for volunteer opportunities with the local Habitat affiliate. Her first trip to Zambia was advertised with the disclaimer of a very rural, no electricity, and no running water experience. Her reaction was, “Hey! That sounds great, no one will be able to reach me!”

Yes, *HS* is awesome because she has chosen to give her time and money generously to Honolulu Habitat. However, what makes her truly admirable, is the fact that she rejects any sort of public recognition and tries her hardest to remain as anonymous as possible. “All I need is a simple *thank you*, and that is good enough for me.”

