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## Habitat for Humanity International's first volunteer

**Newburgh** - As Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh began their second Builders Blitz, a special visitor arrived just in time for the Monday kick off.

Clive Rainey, the first volunteer of Habitat for Humanity International, joined in the work at the Newburgh site on Dubois Street. It was Rainey who first introduced the concept of "sweat equity" to Habitat.

One of his early duties was serving as chair of the family selection committee for the house-building program of Koinonia, a rural Christian community where the idea of building homes in partnership with the poor was conceived. After learning that developers of middle-class housing sometimes used a family's unskilled labor on their house in lieu of a down payment, he introduced the idea to Habitat.

Pictured above: Clive Rainey.

