

Building Hope at New Home



At Overland Expo 2013, many of you met the tireless adventure motorcycle enthusiast Ron Grace, who, after discovering shocking poverty and neglect right here in America,

founded Lost for a Reason. This hands-on charity "helps children in need in places we love to ride." Ron and his crew, with the help of <u>Black Dog Cycle Works</u>, raised over \$2000 at Overland Expo, and Black Dog helped them raise \$2500 more. The Lost team just returned from their summer work/ride trip to the Navajo Nation near Kayenta. They delivered much-needed new clothing and food to the Food Bank, and rolled up their sleeves to accomplish repairs on the shelter there as well as build an addition to a one-room home for a family of seven.



"We started the floor for the family of seven, and because of the increased awareness and donations, we were able to buy new roofing and fix their leaking roof as well! The

shelter home got a remodeled entry way, and re-worked paver stones to make things safer for the residents. The also got a new lockset and a repaired entry door to make things safer as well as more comfortable.

"Poverty and the problems that arise in struggling cultures are old issues," wrote Ron. "We are simply helping to gather people together to make a stronger impact. There are many people—more than I knew—who take this very personally, because when we travel, especially by motorcycle, we see things closer-up than if we quickly brush over an area in a plane or train. We smell the food, feel the hot and cold, and best of all we talk to the people! Once we see the need for our help, then we have to help, it's as simple as that."

If you'd like to get involved with Lost for a Reason, visit their <u>website</u> or their <u>Facebook page</u>.



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