

TESTIMONIAL

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My name is Ryan Barlage and I currently work at steel coil coating factory in Northwest Ohio where I live in my newly built home with my wife Jennifer and dog Milo. We built our house in 2007, the year before we got married, and if I had to do it all over again there would be no question that I would use Insulspan walls again. I worked construction for about 5 years before I changed jobs and that is where I learned about these types of walls. I helped build someone's house with them, and my old boss told me he used them 20 some years ago.



During the building of my house I was the contractor and did all the work myself on my days off. I had friends and family help, and not all of them had any building experience or wood working ability at all, but we were able to move into our home within just 7 months of starting. I would say that a big part of getting done so quickly was the SIP walls. Five friends & I started setting the walls about 8:30 on a Saturday morning and by 3:30 that afternoon, only 7 hours later, we had every panel set, screwed, and glued in place. That means in 7 hours 6 of us had the walls up, which by the way are fully insulated, and every window and door opening is framed in and perfectly plumb on all the sides.

We have 15 windows and doors including a 12' W x 6' T window, and when we installed them every rough opening was perfect. No shimming them at all, we sat a level on the window and it was right on. My house is out in the open and facing the West which gets pounded by the cold winter air and our electric costs have been extremely low. Our heating and cooling is Geothermal that is all electric, and the week before Christmas we lost power for about 4 days straight and I don't have a back-up heating source. The temperature was 10 degrees and with wind-chill was about 25 - 35 BELOW ZERO. We had no heat and our entire house stayed about 58 degrees the entire time.

I would have to say that if I would have gone the other way with a stick built house there is no way my house would have been this air tight and energy efficient. During the design process it was really easy working with the design people and the sales rep. If I ever had to make a change to the layout, all it took was a phone call and they were excellent to work with. For being a first time home builder I would have to say that Insulspan made the process that much easier for me. I would recommend anyone that wants to build a new home use these walls and take a lot of the headaches out of the picture on the first step of building.