

Prayer Requests:

- *continued growth for eMi Canada as we approve projects, recruit staff and volunteers, and finish project reports for the sake of the Kingdom*
- *for a blessed holiday season for staff, supporters, and volunteers*

Praise Items:

- *for a good year of service*
- *for recent positive media coverage of eMi volunteers and trips*

Office Needs:

- *donations of airmiles or frequent flyer points for flights to upcoming Missionsfests*
- *11x17 laser printer*

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Challenges in Congo



Challenges are not unusual when you volunteer on an eMi project trip. But what do you do when your whole team arrives in the D.R. Congo and its luggage

doesn't? Well, you don't get too worried until the next day . . . this is Africa, after all . . . On Day 2, most of the bags arrive—but not the one that contains all the survey equipment. You say a prayer of thanks that the GPS was in a different bag, head on site, and begin a rough survey by walking the land, GPS in hand.

Your team also sits down with the head of the ministry, a Canadian woman whose vision is to run a program that more effectively reintegrates orphans into society than the traditional institutions. As you talk, the vision grows from "just an orphanage and school" to a school for 400 children, accommodations for teachers, an orphanage for 160, a vocational school, church, medical clinic. And, oh yeah, also a "baby house" . . . and, of course, a full-size soccer field. Working with the flattest part of the site reduces the workable size for the whole complex to 1/3 of the original 20 acres. Water comes from a spring at the bottom of the "hill" via 140 vertical metres of 40% slopes with no power source at the bottom for a pump.

By day 3 the survey equipment has finally arrived and the team is hard at work surveying, brainstorming, designing. And by the end of the week, a master plan has been presented to the ministry, who is "thrilled with what the team of engineers had accomplished". You head home, exhausted, but exhilarated to have played your part in designing a world of hope.

eMi on the Web

Since launching our new website almost a year ago, emicanada.org has received over 10,000 unique visitors from around the world. We're working hard to make our website both useful and interesting. Currently we are updating our project portfolio. Check out our recent project trips to see selected pictures and design drawings, videos, and links to any media coverage the project has received. You'll also find the project videos created by our interns on the Intern Testimonial page, more articles about eMi in our press room, current updates on our home page, and information about all aspects of volunteering, donating, and requesting services throughout our site. Take some time to browse . . . you might be surprised by what you discover.

Thanks

As 2008 draws to a close, we're reflecting on the highlights of the year. This year we've sent out six project trips with design professional volunteers from Canada, the US, England, New Zealand, and Nigeria. We've hosted student interns from Canada and the United States—and from as far away as Korea. And we've continued to design a world of hope. Thanks to those of you who have prayed, given, and volunteered. We invite you to continue to be part of what God is doing through eMi Canada.



eMiC Upcoming Project Trips

Uganda (Kampala) - [Connect Africa Ministry Centre](#) - **early February 2009**

Haiti (Gressier) - [Haiti Children's Rescue Mission Village](#) - **February 2009**

Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) - [Hope Ethiopia Community Development](#) - **February 2009**

Cambodia (Phnom Penh) - [Place of Rescue Transition House](#) - **May 2009**

For information or to volunteer please visit emicanada.org/projects.shtm