



## From the Director's Desk

Every year, since our beginnings in 2003, we at eMi Canada have looked back and seen positive growth in our ministry. Our mandate is to serve the poorest of the poor through the design of essential physical facilities for the various ministries that call on us for help. As we grow, our ability to help more such ministries grows as well. We have had a diverse project base in 2009 with trips to Africa, Central America, Asia and the Caribbean.

With this growth comes more work in the home office, and we are thankful for our dedicated staff and the consistent growth of our intern program. These students come with such willing hearts to combine their faith and their new career skills, plus they raise their own support to fund their four month internship.

All of this is not possible, of course, without corresponding growth in our supporting partners. At this time of year we want to pass on our sincere THANK YOU to all of you who are part of that blessing. We hope it is not the only time of year you hear our thanks, but please know what an essential part you play in the work of eMi Canada. As part of our team, you are also blessed for furthering God's Kingdom work. Your role is as valuable as anything we do, and for that we are truly grateful.

## A Year of Hope

After each project trip, eMi is left with hundreds of pictures . . . pictures of buildings, of landscapes, of activities . . . but especially pictures of people. It's these pictures that remind us why we do what we do. We're out there to design a world of hope for THIS child, THIS mother, THIS grandfather . . . what we're doing will make a world of difference to them. This year, we've selected a dozen of our favourite photos, taken by eMi staff and volunteers, and turned them into a 2010 calendar for you. We hope that as you leave it on your desk at work or your countertop at home and look into the eyes of the boys from El Salvador, the mother & child from Ethiopia, the girl from the Philippines, that you'll be reminded to pray for the work that eMi is doing around the world. Please accept this calendar as our thanks to you for being involved— for designing a world of hope—through Engineering Ministries International.

## Early in 2010 . . .

- our office renovations will be complete, thanks to Dr. Anita Hui, our new landlord
- all our trip leaders will be leading trips to Africa
- we'll have a full complement of new interns . . . and our first returning intern!
- we'll again be at Missionsfests in Vancouver (note the date change due to the Olympics), Edmonton and Toronto—and in Winnipeg for the first time

Please pray for us as we travel both within Canada and abroad, as we complete projects, and as we share about the work of eMi to potential volunteers and clients.

## eMiC Upcoming Project Trips

**Ethiopia** (Durame) - [School of Missions](#) - Jan 20 - Feb 3, 2010

**DR Congo** (Goma) - [Multi-Use Ministry Complex](#) - Jan 29 - Feb 9, 2010

**Kenya** (Nyangina) - [Community Development](#) - Jan 29 - Feb 9, 2010

For information or to volunteer please visit [emicanada.org/projects.shtm](http://emicanada.org/projects.shtm)

## Can you help?

Our office is looking for some equipment, including a multi-media projector, a laptop computer, and an 11x17 laser printer. Donations of these items (or towards these items) would be greatly appreciated and would help us in our project work and presentations.

We're also looking for the donation of air miles or points, to be redeemed for travel to upcoming Missionsfests. Each program has different donation policies, but we'd be happy to check into policies for you. Contact us at 403.202.3642 or [info@emicanada.org](mailto:info@emicanada.org) for more information.



Marie Ens reacts to the presentation of the eMi masterplan

## Two Thumbs Up

On our project trips we often hear gracious and heart-felt words of thanks from the ministry and praise for the efforts of our team. Sometimes the praise is animated— as when we've had songs sung to a team. But seldom will such feedback be caught so perfectly with a photograph.

Here, Marie Ens, founder of Place of Rescue in Cambodia, summarizes her feelings with an energetic two thumbs up upon seeing the SketchUp model of the new Transition Home our team designed for her older orphans. Even the dog is smiling!

What's interesting though, is that "Grandma" Ens and the executives of Place of Rescue weren't fully convinced that they needed an eMi team. Place of Rescue had a local contractor working with them, and the land and the project really wasn't that big. The application to eMi was done by their Canadian manager and representative, and even he asked that we keep the team as small as possible.

So, in the end, what convinced Marie and her executives that hosting an eMi team was a worthwhile endeavor? The eMi team knew the questions to ask. They knew how to design to fit into the local context, while maximizing the available space to meet the ministry's needs. They were able to put the ideas on paper — or on screen — and make the ministry's vision come to life. Now that's exciting!



Sketchup Model of Transition House (Cambodia)

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