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Backgrounder:

Engineering Ministries International Canada

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Engineering Ministries International Canada is a non-profit Christian development organization mobilizing architects, engineers, surveyors and other design professionals who donate their skills to help children and families around the world step out of poverty and into a world of hope.

eMi Canada exists to transform lives by providing hope to the poorest of the poor.

eMi Canada is a Christian ministry that designs facilities to serve the poor in developing countries. These facilities, such as orphanages, schools, clean water projects, and medical centres, directly impact communities by meeting physical needs and communicating God's love in a practical way. eMi Canada partners with overseas missions and indigenous ministries who have a vision to help the poor and present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To produce their designs, eMi Canada blends their team of in-house project managers with volunteer engineers, architects, land surveyors and construction managers recruited from Canada and around the world. These volunteers donate their time and travel costs to join the teams, adding their expertise and insight to give client partners the best designs possible.

Worldwide, Engineering Ministries International has been in existence since 1982 and has worked on more than 1000 development and relief projects in over 90 countries. Currently, eMi donates over 60,000 hours in services to their client partners each year.

Engineering Ministries International Canada opened its doors in 2002 and registered as a Canadian non-profit in the spring of 2007. Based in Calgary, eMi Canada currently has four full time staff members, two architects and two engineers, and leads 6-9 project trips per year. A project trip consists of eight to ten design professionals, from architects and engineers to surveyors and drafters, who spend just over a week at a ministry site in a developing country. The eMi team helps survey the land and assesses needs and resources, then provides a master plan including infrastructure design and drawings that can be later used for construction or fundraising.

Projects are scheduled about every four months, working around university schedules to allow architecture and engineering students to take part in eMi's intern program. Students use their skills as part of a project team and are mentored by experienced design professionals as they assist in a project trip from pre-trip planning to final report writing.

Since opening its doors, eMi Canada has been involved in almost 50 design & development projects in countries like Cambodia, Brazil, Haiti and Niger, as well as mobilizing Canadian volunteers for disaster response opportunities.

More information about Engineering Ministries International Canada is available at emicanada.org.

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