

## Christmas Greetings

**Merry Christmas** from all of us here at eMi Canada. We've been blessed to have you join us this year in building the capacity of ministries in Haiti, Niger, India, Burundi, the Dominican Republic and Ghana— that's designs for three medical clinics, three ministry centres, two orphanages, two vocational training centres, a church and a school! **Thank you** for partnering with us. Our God has surely blessed the work of our hands.

## From the Director's Desk



**Greg Young, Director** 2011 has been a year of reflection as well as looking toward the future. This year, representatives from each eMi office around the world connected to look back on the past 30 years of ministry with the purpose of developing a new strategic plan to ensure that our work going forward remains relevant and responsive to our ever-changing world. At eMi Canada, our core activity of leading design projects remains, but newer initiatives such as disaster response, construction management and the training of nationals in the countries we serve are gaining traction and are increasingly becoming a part of who we are.

These new initiatives are exciting developments spurred on by the active participation, input and feedback of our ever-growing network of Canadian design and construction professionals. Technology and social media are leveraging communication within our network, as well as allowing us to respond more quickly and effectively to the needs in developing nations. Regardless of the increase in our reliance on technology, there remains no substitute for real people to ensure that our goal remains focused and clear: eMi is here to live out God's love to the nations.

We are excited to be walking through the stages of bringing a new staff member into eMi Canada for 2012, but we remain prayerful that more people would consider joining our team full-time. Every additional project leader means we can take on more projects, ultimately impacting thousands more people each year.

We are also thankful for our financial partners whose generosity toward eMi Canada provides for the practical needs of eMi. Will you consider how you can invest in this ministry? My heartfelt thanks to all those who journey with us as we step into 2012 and see what blessings the Lord has in store.

## Shared Office Space?

eMi Canada is growing, and we need to expand! Are there any organizations in the Calgary area who would be interested in sharing office space? Please contact Steve at 403.202.3642 or [info@emicanada.org](mailto:info@emicanada.org) for details.



Students on the eMi project site at Haiti Arise



Volunteer Brian Bute checks out silent auction items

## Dessert Evening

90 people joined us in early November to bid on a wide selection of Silent Auction items and to hear volunteers, interns and staff share the heart of Engineering Ministries International. We even had Ben Sustar - from one of our client ministries— skype in live from Niger, Africa, to share about the eternal impact eMi projects are having there. The \$4,000 we raised allows us to continue designing a world of hope. From us, and from those who we are able to serve, thank you for giving.

## 2012 Save the Date

**January 27-29** Vancouver Missions Fest (Vancouver, BC)

**February 3-5** Missionfest Manitoba (Winnipeg, MB)

**February 24-26** Alberta Missions Fest (Edmonton, AB)

**March 9-10** Mission Vision (Fort St. John, BC)

**April 12-14** MissionFest Toronto (Toronto, ON)

**May 27** Calgary Marathon Charity Challenge (Calgary, AB)

**October** Ride for Refuge (various dates, various locations)

**November 2** 10th Anniversary Dessert Evening & Silent Auction (Calgary, AB)

Please contact us if you'd like eMi to speak at your church, office or other group while we're in the area, or if you know of a conference that you'd like eMi to attend.

## eMiC Upcoming Project Trips

The first 2012 project led out of the Canada office will look a bit different this year. Long-time volunteer Patrick Cochrane will be leading a small survey team to Kenya ahead of an eMi East Africa design team later this year:

**Kenya (Lodwar) - [Agricultural Project Survey](#)**

**January 28, 2012 for 2-3 weeks**

For more projects, please check out <http://www.emiworld.org/projects.php>. Canadian volunteers are welcome to volunteer on projects led by any of the international offices.

## The Gift of a Good Design

Your year-end donation provides the gift of a good design for ministries in the developing world, allowing them to reach out more effectively to those around them. Donate online at <http://emicanada.org/donate.shtm>.

**eMiC ~ connected**

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