



## Pleading the Case for the Widow

*"Thank you for supporting me. I was considered by the community as 'nobody' because of my poverty, but now I feel I am a person again. You have really pulled me from the pit. My children and I used to sleep hungry, but now I can buy food to eat. I will also buy a bed and for the first time in my life I will sleep on a bed! You have wiped my tears and clothed me with joy!"*

Earlier this year, our eMi project involved a ministry that is specifically helping widows who have had their families destroyed through genocide in Burundi, East Africa. Most of these women have suffered horrific abuse at the hands of the genocide perpetrators and, of course, many of them also have children who they must raise without any means to do so.

*"My husband died 10 years ago. His killers came and took him and 149 other men from our area to the mountain and killed them."*

In Burundi, Sister Connection is helping widows move from extreme poverty and unmentionable trauma to a hope in their future. In a society that dishonours women who have no husband, their plight has been identified and they are now being provided housing, vocational training, and grief and trauma counselling. Based on the number of widowed women in this country, this is no small task.



Widow supported by Sister Connection

Through sponsorships and building projects, Sister Connection is meeting a desperate need. eMi was able to come alongside to design a master plan for a site that will provide more counselling opportunities and vocational training facilities to help the widows become productive members of their society again.

*"Pure & undefiled religion... is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble"*  
James 1:27



eMi team with widow & family

Scripture commands us as Christians to take care of orphans and widows. eMi's mandate to "design a world of hope" for the poorest of the poor echoes this command. By designing a training centre, health clinic and transitional orphanage for Sister Connection, we are building the capacity of this ministry to reach out to orphans and widows in their trouble.



TEAM EMI at a pre-race Fun Run in Bowness Park

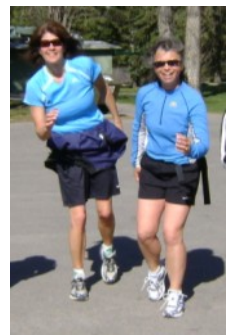
## Run for Hope

The excitement is mounting and the team is growing! Since Engineering Ministries International was confirmed as one of the official sponsors of the Calgary Marathon Charity Challenge, we've been thrilled to see almost 30 runners join TEAM EMI... some of whom heard about eMi for the first time as they were signing up for the race.

Together, the team has raised \$9,000 and counting... will you help them reach their goal of raising over \$10,000 for the work that eMi Canada is doing around the world? Check out <http://emicanada.org/marathon.shtm> to sponsor the team or an individual runner. Each donation allows eMi to continue to mobilize design professionals to volunteer their skills, making a difference for the poor in the developing world.

We have TEAM EMI runners in every race category on the May 29th Marathon Weekend, from the marathon right down to the 5 K and kids races (it's not too late to join them). We have runners who do this regularly, and those who haven't run for years. We have runners from Calgary and runners from out of town. Runner profiles are posted at <http://facebook.com/engineeringministries> (and you can see the profiles even if you don't have a facebook account).

On Race Day—May 29th, 2011—eMi Canada will have a tent on the race grounds at Murdoch Park in Bridgeland (that's Centre Ave & 9th St NE Calgary). If you're in the area, stop by and say hi and cheer on our runners as they go the distance to run for hope!



Go TEAM EMI!

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## eMiC Upcoming Project Trips

**Niger** (Niamey) - *School Master Plan* - May 19 - 30, 2011

**Haiti** (Grand-Goève) - *Orphanage & Ministry Centre* - June 3 - 12, 2011

**Haiti** (Mirebalais) - *Orphanage & Compound* - June 3 - 12, 2011

Fall 2011 projects will be posted in June. Canadian volunteers are welcome to volunteer for these trips or any other trips led by eMi offices around the world. To volunteer please visit: <http://emicanada.org/projects.shtm>

## Find us on Facebook

The Engineering Ministries international Facebook Page includes updates from the eMi Canada office and from around the world... <http://facebook.com/engineeringministries>

## IT Volunteer?

We're looking for a computer support volunteer for our Calgary office for 3-4 hours per week (or about 15 hours per month) during office hours to:

- set up computers, hardware, software
- upgrade and trouble shoot programs
- clean off computers in preparation for new interns
- provide recommendations on hardware upgrades
- assist on cleaning up address data as required
- website upgrades (if capable)

Contact Kevin at 403.202.3642 or [info@emicanada.org](mailto:info@emicanada.org) for more info or to volunteer.