

Prayer Requests:

- For a few more key volunteers in upcoming project trips
- For logistics for the Spring project trips

Praise Items:

- For excellent contacts made with new volunteers and upcoming and potential client ministries at various Missionsfests
- For an abundance of well-qualified intern applications for the upcoming semester

Office Needs:

- Donation of airline miles or points for upcoming in-country flights
- Office equipment, including a multi-media projector, laptop computer, and 11x17 laser printer

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The Birth of a Project

What goes into “bringing a project to market” at eMi? The process can be as simple as a filled-out application form . . . or it can require more coordination, as has been the case with a current Ethiopia project.

In October of 2007, eMi Canada was approached with a request to be involved in an orphanage project near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It started with a simple question, “Is this something eMiC can help with?” It was.

We attended a two-day information meeting—the first of 3 such gatherings over the next 18 months. Because this project was birthed in our own backyard, eMiC was able to be involved in the growth of the vision from an orphanage to a sustainable community development project that will ultimately encompass 4000 acres!

A year and a half later we processed an application – yes, we do have to have one – but the project was still not “typical”. Our first eMiC team (March 09) went to assist in selection of the most suitable piece of land from several parcels offered. This turned out to be a daunting task (remember, 4000 acres – 16 sq kms!) but our always capable volunteers selected a site and then established “ground zero” for the master plan to begin.

A second eMiC team (May 09) will do a survey & civil analysis to establish some detail for the large land mass. The compiled data from these two teams will become our typical report including land survey, phased master plan and **initial building plans** – the **orphanage** will be birthed!



Steve on site with Hop Ethiopia

From Design to Build

eMi Canada teams design 6-8 projects a year . . . but often these are long-term master plans with years of fundraising ahead of them.

How exciting it is, then, when emails arrive containing pictures of the construction process! Recently we’ve received construction pictures from the [Philippines](#), from [Niger](#), from [Haiti](#) and from [Uganda](#)—trips that took place in 2007 & 2008. All are in the early phases of construction . . . but they are moving forward thanks to well-laid plans and dedicated fundraising. The project reports prepared by eMi often initially play a role as a fund-raising vehicle—showing donors that the ministry has a concrete vision. Then, when construction begins, the ministry slowly sees the architectural renderings becoming reality. To share the excitement, check out our [project archives](#) . . . new construction photos are posted as we receive them.



eMi drawing in newly constructed building in Uganda

Think Golf

The annual eMi International Golf Marathon Fundraiser is quickly approaching, with a tee off time of 7 a.m. on July 7th at the Shining Mountain Golf Club in Colorado. You don’t have to be an expert golfer to join us in 100 or so holes of golf over the 12-hour golf marathon (and your flight is on us if you raise \$3000 or more!) For more information, or to sponsor an eMi Canada golfer, check out emicanada.org/events.shtm. Our goal this year is to raise over \$10,000 to keep eMi Canada operating effectively—and to defend eMiC’s gold medal in the eMi Interoffice Golf Marathon Olympics.

eMiC Upcoming Project Trips

Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) - [Hope Ethiopia Community Development](#) - May 7-17, 2009

South Sudan (Malakal) - [Hope for Children Sudan Orphanage](#) - May 14-25, 2009

Cambodia (Phnom Penh) - [Place of Rescue Transition House](#) - May 31-June 7, 2009

El Salvador (Quezaltepeque) - [Una Nueva Vida Christian Children’s Centre](#) - Sept/Oct 2009

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