

BUILDING MOMENTUM

After an eMi team comes through, things start happening . . . time and time again, we've seen that a design on paper helps to build momentum. We were excited to receive a newsletter this week from Kevin's [Campus Development project in the D.R. Congo](#). Since the team was there early in 2014, Shalom University has:

- upgraded the electrical substation on campus to improve the safety and quality of the campus electrical system (the eMi electrical engineer actually headed back to Bunia to help out with that one)
- completed the floors of a classroom building on the West Campus (construction was stalled before the eMi team got there—the Phase I design was to finish construction that had already been started)
- restored service from a second well on campus, installed water purification equipment, and progressed on a rain water capture and distribution system, all as per the eMi design to improve the quantity and quality of water on the campus.

Small steps in a master plan that will require years to be built out—but making a real difference in the lives of the students today!

GOING THE DISTANCE

A couple months ago, I was at Mission Vision where the theme was *"let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."* from Hebrews 12. At church that Sunday, I shared that while our project trips often feel like sprints, really, our life with Engineering Ministries is not a sprint, but a marathon. In my family of runners, we know the difference. As part of the Calgary Marathon Charity Challenge (raising money for eMi), Talia just ran her first half-marathon and Kaisa ran 15 K over two races that day. Kevin's currently training for an 80 K. All three know what it means to run with perseverance.



They also know the value of a good support team—a cup of water, an encouraging word—helping them get through the race. Thanks for being [our support team](#) as we go the distance with Engineering Ministries International.

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HAITI—TOGETHER

I couldn't help but grin as I listened a bunch of Haitian kids shouting *"Kai-sa, Kai-sa"* and then something in Creole that I'm sure meant "catch me if you can." As Kaisa did laps around the outside of the Children's Centre, chasing and being chased, Talia was still doing crafts in the shade with some of the other kids. Communication was limited to very basic French, but that didn't seem to matter. The kids were enjoying each other and were simply being kids.

These kids, ages 3-14, will eventually be the first residents in the [Welcome Home Children's Centre](#) that Kevin & his Engineering Ministries International team were in Haiti to design. Their current rented facility is bursting at the seams (two bedrooms—one which was intended to be the living room—for 13 kids!) and the landlord is unwilling to renew the lease. The team of engineers & architects did a detailed design of the infrastructure and the first building—which will house the children for now, and eventually become a guest house—as well as a phased master plan for the new land that includes dorms to welcome home more children, as well as a school. Construction is starting this week, and the children will hopefully be in their new home sometime this fall.

Thanks for your prayers and financial support that made it possible for our whole family to go on this project trip! It really was an amazing experience all around. Read more details on our [blog](#). **NEXT UP:** [A Children's Home in Uganda](#) in September (for Kevin)



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