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## SAVE THE DATE 2016

Jan 29-31 [Missions Fest Vancouver](#)  
*Vancouver*

Feb 5-7 [Missionfest Manitoba](#)  
*Winnipeg*

Feb 19-21 [Missions Fest Alberta](#)  
*Edmonton*

Mar 11-12 [Mission Vision](#) *Fort St. John*

Mar 18--20 [Jesus to the Nations](#)  
*Halifax*

May 29: [Calgary Marathon Charity Challenge](#) *Calgary*

June 24: [Phil Callaway Benefit Concert](#) *Calgary*

Aug 2: [eMi World Golfathon](#) *Colorado Springs*

Oct 1: [Ride for Refuge Bike Fundraiser](#) *Canada-wide*

mid-Oct: [EMi Conference](#) *San Diego (tentative)*

Nov 7: [Dessert Evening Fundraiser](#) *Calgary*

## "Away in a Manger"

Jesus didn't start his life on earth in an artfully designed hospital – or even a solidly-designed house. His first hours . . . days? . . . were spent in a manger, perhaps in a stable. Did anyone think about the design? Did the owner orient the stable to take advantage of established weather patterns for passive cooling or heating? Were the columns sized to give good structural support while allowing for a practical layout? Did anyone think about the design at all?



But make no mistake – Jesus' coming was part of a grand design, master planned before the creation of the world. And the master designer continues to unfold his vision for our future, giving us the strength, wisdom and hope we need.



Edgar & Sheny (left) worship at the orphanage groundbreaking

## Upcoming Project Trips

January 28-February 8, 2016 [Children's Home NIGERIA \(Irrua\)](#)

February 4-16, 2016 [Ministry Centre CAMBODIA \(Phnom Penh\)](#)

February 12-22, 2016 [Outreach Centre MEXICO \(Rosarito\)](#)

More projects: [emiworld.org/projects.php](http://emiworld.org/projects.php)

Canadian volunteers are welcome to volunteer on projects led by any of our partner offices.

## Why Vision needs a Voice

His name is Edgar. He grew up with a loving mother, but his father abandoned the family when he was five. This loss germinated a dream that when he grew up, he would start an orphanage.

He did grow up, and he married a beautiful wife, Sheny. Years ago, **God had planted a dream in her heart too** – the dream of helping abandoned babies and giving them a bit of the love that her parents gave her. But it seemed impossible. "We had become busy in other things," says Edgar, "and the desire for an orphanage was just there on the back burner."

Edgar & Sheny worked with Impact Ministries, an organization that provides schooling in Guatemala. Edgar had gone to one of their schools, and was now on the leadership committee. And one day, Sandra, another committee member, **shared the dream God had given her** – for an orphanage! "Now I see clearly that it is God who gives us ideas and dreams," says Edgar, "He is the one who takes care of everything else."

An orphanage committee was formed, Impact Ministries had even been able to buy land, but Sheny still wondered when it would happen. Then the Engineering Ministries International team arrived. **"It's a miracle!** It's incredible! Those who came were specialists in different

areas." says Edgar, "There were surveyors, civil engineers, a structural engineer, an electrical engineer, and architects. The Lord . . . brought them together as a group, and sent them to us."

The orphanage committee, including Edgar & Sheny, voiced their vision and dreams, and the eMi team listened carefully. They synthesized all they heard and put it onto paper. They **gave voice to the vision**, and made it into something real. The final presentation was a high point: "There were no buildings in place yet," says founder Les, "but it was being birthed."

Since that final presentation in February, the Orphanage Committee has broken ground. With construction underway, **the true impact of giving voice to this vision is still unfolding.** Says Sandra, "I can only imagine what God will do through the children who grow up in the orphanage and who they will one day become."

## Give Voice to Vision

- **DONATE** so that eMi can give voice to another vision like that of Edgar & Sheny [www.emicanada.org/voicetovision](http://www.emicanada.org/voicetovision)
- **VOLUNTEER** and use your technical skills by being part of a team giving voice to vision [www.emicanada.org/volunteer](http://www.emicanada.org/volunteer)