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Reflecting HIS glory...

Involvement with Haiti Earthquake Response



EMI is working in Haiti with Samaritan's Purse to set up water and sanitation

I will likely be headed to Haiti soon to help with earthquake response in a water and sanitation capacity. EMI has sent three teams of engineers and architects to date, and plans for two additional teams are being developed. The fourth team which leaves on February 22 will be focused on structural analysis, serving Compassion International. The first team of two, which I would be a part of will assist Samaritan's Purse with additional water and sanitation tasks. So far, EMI's teams have been involved with water purification, latrine setup, structural assessments (giving people confidence to move back into undamaged homes and hospitals), prayer, and more. I have included an EMI story from Haiti at the end of this newsletter.

Please pray for me as I consider going, and all that I would be leaving behind with my engineering job, the *Perspectives* class coordination, and support raising for my transition to full-time staff with EMI. May God's grace lead me and cover in my absence. Also pray for the teams headed to Haiti. Pray that they would be a blessing through providing confidence in structures that are safe, as well as through the

water and sanitation work. Ask God to provide strength during long days with little rest, and may His glory be seen in a real way through His people serving! Pray that many would put their hope in Christ and fix their eyes on Him.

Who is EMI?

Engineering Ministries International is a Christian ministry that designs facilities that serve the poor in developing countries. EMI exists to empower local churches and ministries to serve the poor and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With a vision for glorifying God by offering hope to spiritually and physically poor, EMI mobilizes design professionals, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus by helping others change their world — through developing hospitals, schools, orphanages, bridges, water supplies, electricity and more.



I first heard about EMI in college from another civil engineering major, but I did not contact EMI until November 2008 for a hospital renovation project trip to Sierra Leone. Knowing my heart to serve through missions and after a subsequent trip to Sudan, my project leader Henry began to describe the process to join staff and asked if I would consider. By October 2009, EMI staff and I sensed God's leading for me to join the EMI team as a full-time civil engineer, and I was officially appointed this past January. Lord willing, I will have the needed monthly funds and begin working daily in the EMI Colorado Springs office as a staff engineer by July 1.

Prayer Requests:

- For guidance and strength in preparing and going to help with disaster response in Haiti
- To trust God more, stepping out in faith and sharing my need for ministry partners
- For good time management as I work at my engineering job, raise support, and coordinate the college-level *Perspectives* class
- That God would lead me to a strong discipling community in Colorado Springs, where He will continue to grow me

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...so that peoples hope in the LORD

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The theme of World Mandate 2010, held January 29-31 in Waco, TX, was "Let Your Kingdom Come."

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Monthly Support Update

Praise God for providing 26% of my monthly financial goal!



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Reflection on World Mandate 2010 in Waco

I praise God for the opportunity to attend World Mandate, the annual missions conference with Antioch Community Church in Waco, TX last month with Brian, my former roommate! The Lord used this conference to encourage me and to confirm the passion He has put in my heart for reaching out to peoples around the world, especially in the West Africa region.

Some of the most significant words from the sessions were, "The places we are to run to are pain and broken places in people's lives." God is at work through pain, and He desires to use His people as rescuers pointing to Him. I was reminded that "The

LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

God has continued to emphasize the importance of ministry through what we call disasters, and I am excited to assist some with EMI's disaster response program. God's heart is for us to run to the pain, not away from it.

I was encouraged and convicted to hear that the thing that helps church-planting movements in other countries among other cultures most is being part of a discipling community at home. And, as I travel to needy places, I need to remember that I am not the people's savior—Jesus is, and I

must abide in Him.

Praise God for how He uses followers of Christ to be blind-eye-openers, through all of our failure and lack so that He gets all of the glory!

May the passion and excitement stirred up at World Mandate spread to the ends of the earth as, for Your glory, You will be faithful to reach every people with the message of Your gospel. May I be a sponge to soak in Your rain so that You might use my life to wring it out on others who are dry and thirsty! Let me delight in You and trust You more. How I need more of You in my life...You alone are faithful!

An EMI Story from Haiti

Yesterday, Josh and Erik went to the shelter cluster meeting. They talked to Luca Pupulin and they are talking about 13 sites for 1700 tents and potentially 5000 more. He has transport and heavy equipment from the Canadian government. He needs our tech support in planning the camps. Sounds like SP [Samaritan's Purse] and FH [Food for the Hungry] are interested in helping establish those camps. Josh will work these connections today. At the Shelter meeting Josh raised his hand at one point to say we were engineers and could help with camps... he was swamped at the end of the meeting. Structural assessment is a HUGE need for everyone.

Yesterday, Micah and I, with others on occasion continued to do structural assessment. We started at Samaritans Purse headquarters on Delma. They have two three story buildings. One needs repair before it can occupied (but is fine for them to work on getting things out) the other building is in great shape. One concern that Micah has is that he read the USGS report on this quake, come out yesterday? It says that there is a 3% chance of another 7. or greater in the near future. That is something like a 100% greater chance of it happening again when compared to normal design criteria... my numbers not his.



Compassion has 50 church partners that need help. Compassion is going to help these churches with facilities. Some will need structural assessment some will need design work.

After Compassion we went to a hospital that was visited the day before. Finished up some work there. A portion of the building was not safe. Then on to the CDTI hospital in down town PaP. It is the best hospital in Haiti. Bad damage in one wing. We start today by returning there, we hope to see the design drawings today to understand how the building reacted.

I forgot, we started the day by visiting FH distribution center. They were afraid to use it. Yet they have staff sleeping on the streets. The house is in amazing shape. Only separation cracks between infill walls and structural frame, minor cracks at that. The house is back in use.

The water filters are a hit, a real need. We need more! We give them at hospitals for use by patients who are in tent cities outside the facilities, so many people in tents! They are getting medical help but not enough room inside.

So it is a new day. His mercy will be enough for today.

Glen (former CEO of EMI)