

APRIL 2015

Rebuilding in Haiti

In January 2010, an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale, struck Haiti near Port au Prince. It is estimated that 220 000 people died. The earthquake left 19 million cubic metres of rubble and debris in Port au Prince - enough to fill a line of shipping containers stretching end to end from London to Beirut!



Emmanuel International (EI) has been working in Haiti for many years, partnering with OEGB (Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda) church. We were in a position to respond to the immediate relief needs as well as help with reconstruction of buildings.

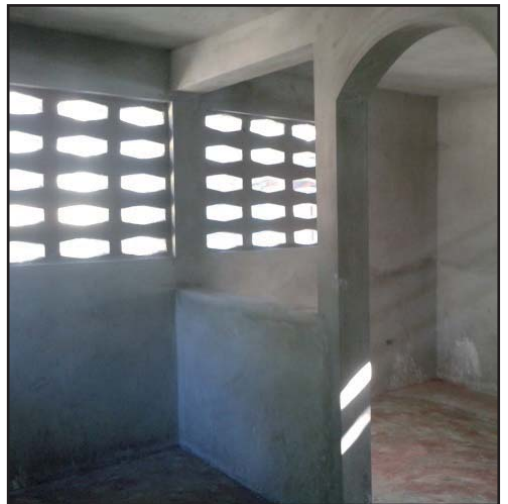
We are pleased to report the progress of Phase 3 of OEGB's Reconstruction, according to a report received in March 2015.

Cabaret Elementary School



The rebuilding plans of the school have been designed with earthquake-resistant features that work together as a whole system to resist damage in the event of another natural disaster. The structural features include walls with embedded steel bars and reinforced concrete footings, columns and a bond (ring) beam which tie the concrete block walls together. All cells that surround doors and windows will contain embedded steel bars and each wall will have a horizontal steel bar for every two layers of blocks/bricks. The steel bars will absorb the shear stress of an earthquake. The bond beam absorbs and resists the horizontal forces of an earthquake - transmitting these forces to the columns, footings and eventually to the ground. Additionally, the columns are designed to resist and absorb bending movements.

A solid foundation has been dug, reinforced with steel bars and filled with concrete. The main floor has been prepared and construction of the ground level completed.



The next stage of the school construction entails building the second floor, installing electrical features, roofing and exterior masonry work.

Marbial Church

Similar to the school's reconstruction plans, the church is also being rebuilt to be earthquake resistant. Reinforced concrete footings, columns and a bond (ring) beam which tie the concrete block walls together are being built. Next will be the electrical work, roofing and exterior masonry work.





In Memoriam



Belinda Naudé

9 June 1971 - 22 April 2015

It is with great sadness that we announce that Belinda passed away to be with our Lord, while serving in Malawi. Her death was sudden and unexpected as she collapsed while playing squash.

Please pray for her husband, John, and son, Samuel, as well as Belinda's family.



New Style Summer Get-together for EIUK!

Our popular summer meeting will be taking on a new format this July. Come and experience it for yourself!

Trinity Church

Hindes Road, Harrow, HA1 1RX

11 July 2015

starting at 11 am



Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa Monger will report on their time in Mwanza, Tanzania



calls with some of the EI family overseas



Children are welcome!

Trinity Church Harrow graciously offered to host us for our summer social event this year. It is central and easy to get to, with plenty of parking available nearby (more details on how to get there on our website).

The new format meeting will be slightly more formal, with an opportunity to hear from the Monger family, who are on home leave in the UK. We are also planning to Skype call some of the other families who are overseas, to hear first-hand news from them.

Please bring a light lunch to enjoy in the middle of the day. At 5pm we'll have a BBQ, which will offer ideal time for catching up and chatting. Food will be provided for the BBQ. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can let the catering team know how many people to expect. You don't have to stay for the BBQ if you have other plans for the evening or it would be too long a day.

It would be lovely to see you there!

Dates for your diary

Board of Trustees Meeting: 22 May 2015

EIUK summer meeting: 11 July 2015 at Trinity Church, Harrow

Board of Trustees Meeting: 30 October 2015