

MAY 2016

Rebuilding in Haiti... an update

Cabaret School

Pam and Richard McGowan went with a short term team to Haiti to help with rebuilding earlier this year.

In February 2016 we were privileged to join a visiting work team from Springvale Baptist Church going to Haiti. The team of 16 (including ourselves) based our activities out of Port au Prince. We had the opportunity of visiting a number of projects on which EI Canada has been partnering with the Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda (OEBB) since the earthquake in January 2010. The team from Springvale was working specifically on repairs and improvements to the Freedom House orphanage in Port au Prince, which is also overseen by the OEBB.

Update on Reconstruction since the 2010 earthquake

The Cabaret School (with 200 students) and Church (with 500 members) have been rebuilt to higher earthquake resistant standards to resist damage in the event of another natural disaster. Students are enjoying being back in school. Future plans, if funding permits, include rebuilding an area for a dining hall. This would also provide a place in the event of need for disaster shelter in the future.

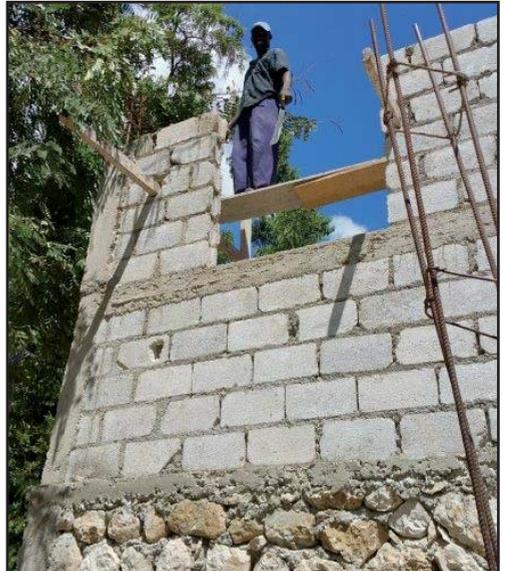
We had the opportunity to visit Cabaret and see the completed buildings.



Bethesda of Cabaret Church

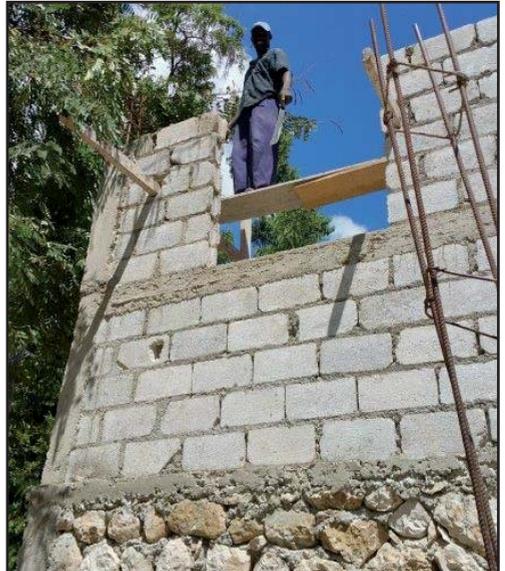


Work is underway, building the outer walls just outside of the original footprint to maximize the space. The project has progressed since we were there, and it is estimated they need approximately £12,000 (US\$17,500) to complete the project.



Fond-Blanc Church

The Fond-Blanc Church is another OEBB church, situated in the mountain village of Fond-Blanc, approximately 2 hours from Port au Prince and about an hour from Cabaret. After completing the Cabaret church, the team has been working on the reconstruction of the small Fond-Blanc Church. Again, higher standards are being followed for building. For example, steel reinforcements are added to the block walls after every 6 rows of blocks.



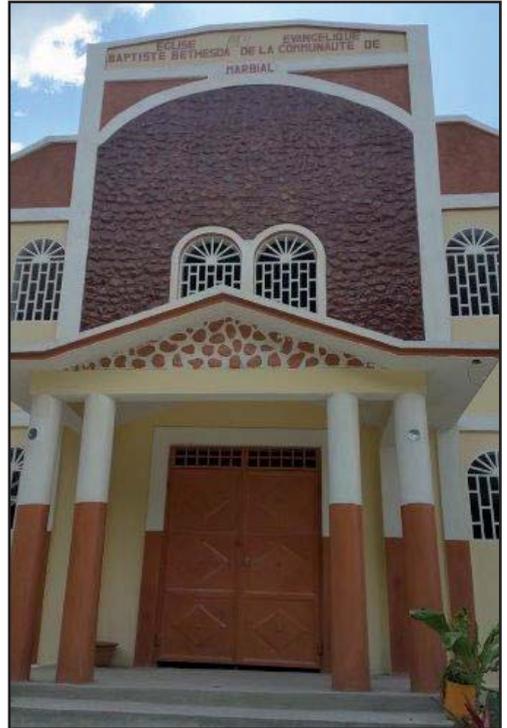
Marbial Church

The Marbial Church serves approximately 600 people, and the school has about 600 students. Some students travel several hours to attend the school. Although there is still some work to complete, the church building was recently opened and a dedication service was held in January 2016. Daniel Jovin was able to be at the dedication service and represent the EI family.



Marbial Church at the Special Service

During our visit in February, Pam was able to go to Marbial and see firsthand the reconstructed facilities.



Many attend the church from great distances and the community is effectively reaching out to its neighbours.

Approximately £16,000 (US\$23,000) more is needed to fully complete the church.

Future plans

Future plans include a church facility in the area of Ka-Thoman, which is about another hour from Marbial in a more remote area.

Callum and Rianne's wedding



Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins were married on 30 May 2016 at St John's Church, Southbourne. Callum and Rianne have recently returned from Brazil.

Esther and Baraka got married



Esther Mnkeni, working with the Mongers in Mwanza, Tanzania as Agricultural Trainer, also got married on 30 May 2016!



We are meeting at Trinity Church Harrow. It is easy to get to, with plenty of parking available nearby (more details on how to get there on our website).

We will have an opportunity to hear from **Andy and Angela Sharpe** and **John Naudé**. Andy and Angela have returned from Tanzania at the end of 2015, where Andy worked with the Water Projects and Angela taught English and helped with Office Finance and Admin. John and his son, Samuel, returned in March 2016 from their time in Malawi, where he taught pastors at the Bible College of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi. We also plan to Skype some of the other families who are overseas, to hear first-hand news from them.



Pam and Richard McGowan, from EI Canada, will be in the UK and will join us. They would love to see you! Their daughter,

Kristy Nowell who also works with EIC, will be accompanying them.

Please bring a light lunch to enjoy in the middle of the day. At 5pm we'll have a BBQ. Food will be provided for the BBQ. Please let us know at the office if you are coming so that we can let the catering team know how many people to expect.

Dates for your diary
Board Meeting: 30 September