



SON-BEAM INTERNATIONAL

Serving Our Neighbors—Building for Evangelism And Ministry

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REBUILDING OUT OF THE RUBBLE

Pastor Elihu Metuluss has been a friend of SON-BEAM since our first project in Haiti in 2007. He is the pastor of the Siloye Christian Reformed Church in Jacmel, but like most other pastors in Haiti, he has to work another trade in order to support himself and his family. Fortunately for SON-BEAM, his experience is in the construction trade. Pastor Eli's heart for the Haitian CRC and construction expertise were valuable assets as he worked on each SBI project, leading all of the volunteers from the local churches in the building of their new facilities.

On January 12, 2010 Pastor Eli was working on the fourth SON-BEAM project in Haiti, the Bwa Kayiman church building in Los Pwet. The final bucket of concrete had just

been poured when the earthquake struck. The Bwa Kayiman building withstood the quake. However, one hundred miles away in Jacmel, Pastor Eli's church building did not



Crumbled walls of Siloye CRC

fare as well. In a matter of minutes the Siloye building was damaged beyond repair.

Over the summer, Pastor Eli and his congregation spent much time and effort clearing away the rubble. In September the construction began on SBI's fifth project in Haiti, the Siloye CRC.

The construction has not been without difficulty. They had the soil dug out in preparation for pouring the cement foundations

when the rains of Hurricane Tomas caused the soil to cave in, making it necessary to dig it out again. They have made progress and expect to pour the cement roof soon. Although the building is not nearly complete, the congregation is not waiting for completion to use the building.

We look forward to seeing the completion of this building and then moving on to additional projects in a country that has so many needs, including



Siloye Congregation worshipping amongst the roof jacks

the Kay Jacmel congregation who also lost their building in the earthquake.

PRAISE & PRAYER

- ◆ Praise God with us for generous donations from supporters of the ministry.
- ◆ Praise God for the opportunities He has provided for us to work with churches in Kenya.
- ◆ Pray for our friends in Haiti as they deal with the ongoing struggles of clearing rubble and rebuilding after the earthquake. Pray also for strength for those dealing with the flooding of Hurricane Tomas and the devastation of the cholera epidemic.
- ◆ Pray for SBI Board members who will be traveling to Ecuador in January to meet with church leaders in anticipation of assisting congregations in the building of new facilities. You may follow that trip at <http://son-beam-journeytoecuador.blogspot.com/>

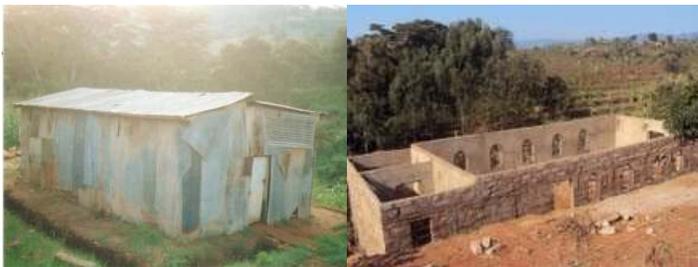
PROJECTS IN PROCESS IN KENYA, E. AFRICA

On June 4, 2010, SON-BEAM had the privilege of wiring \$20,625 to the Rev. Mwaya Kitavi, East and South Africa Director for Christian Reformed World Missions. This money was then transferred into the account of the headquarters of Word Provision Church in Nairobi, Kenya. Finally, these U.S. dollars were exchanged into Kshs. 1,546,875 (Kenyan Shillings), and used to purchase materials and supplies for three new facilities within that body.

The first of these three congregations, Mlolongo, is building its new facility right around its existing one, as can be seen in the picture below.



The second, Isyukoni WPC, is replacing its old, well-used metal structure with a new one constructed of cement blocks.



The final congregation to receive a grant from SON-BEAM in this first wave of facilities-transformation is WPC Kaiani, also located on the rural outskirts of Nairobi. Its log structure is being replaced.



On October 20, 2010, SON-BEAM was blessed to be able to make a second wire-transfer of funds to the “dark continent.” This time it was in the amount of \$24,215, and the three recipients were again congregations with whom Rev. Kitavi is working.

All of these churches were already in the process of updating their facilities, but were lacking in resources to do that work. Calvary Worship Center in Kathiana, Kenya, still needed a roof, doors, windows and floor; and Tumaini Redeemed Gospel Church needed an entire new roof for its addition.

But perhaps the most heart-warming story is that of the Africa Inland Church (AIC) of Ung’atani, who worship in this mud and stick hut covered with a thatch roof.



For 14 (fourteen) years they have been in the process of building, and did not want to

have to ask others for help. But their project was stalled at wall-height, with no further hope of completion. And then they came into contact with Mwaya.



As Mwaya talked and shared with them, and as they opened up to him, he was able to encourage them to apply for an SBI grant. He wrote in a recent e-mail: “...it is churches like AIC Ung’atani that touch you and you see the real need for assisting them. Fourteen years is a long time and they were determined to complete without any one else. You cannot listen to their story and not be moved to want to do something.”

We hope and pray that you are ‘moved’ by these stories as well, and that you will continue to join us in using God’s ultra-rich resources to bless His worldwide Church.