



# SON-BEAM INTERNATIONAL

Serving Our Neighbors—Building for Evangelism And Ministry

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## ECUADOR

In January of this year the SBI Board was privileged to spend ten days traveling through the beautiful country of Ecuador, with Rob and Betty Wood serving as our guides. We saw some awesome scenery, but more importantly met some awesome brothers and sisters in Christ. As we traveled to a total of eleven congregations we saw many different needs, but always heard testimony of churches reaching out to their neighbors with the good news of the gospel. We left with our hearts full and our spirits lifted.

### FINISHING THE JOB



The new Messenger of God congregation had begun their construction five years ago and made slow progress. Funds from SBI allowed them to finish the half wall for their balcony, add stairs from the upper worship area to the lower classrooms, erect interior walls on the lower level

to add strength to the structure, and finish off some interior bathrooms. Their windows still need to be installed, and they will also be adding additional purlins to strengthen the roof.

**SBI is asking not only for your financial support, but also your prayer support for the Christians in Ecuador.**



SON-BEAM was privileged to work with FYKDE, an Ecuadorian non-profit group, which oversaw the construction of both churches built in Ecuador.

For quite some time the Port of Heaven congregation had been worshipping in their partially finished building, minus a roof, stating, "It's OK most of the time, but it gets cold when it rains."

**"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"**

Members of the congregation worked together to build the roof for their structure and to pour the cement for their floor. Notice how the women are working to get the wet concrete into the building. They have only to finish installing the windows and then they will have a building that will protect them from the weather while they worship.

A third church will start construction this fall. Pray for the 8 others who still need help.



# SON-BEAM INTERNATIONAL (Yes, we really are!)

*Updates from Kenya to Kathmandu, and beyond...*

## El Salvador

We have partnered with the Northwest Mennonite Conference of Alberta, Canada to dig a 196 ft. deep well in the isolated, western village of Aleman, population 525 (distribution center in use pictured below). A church building project may soon follow.



The well is needed because local water has become contaminated with fertilizers. The church on whose property the well is now situated will use this pure water to run its bakery, and will also open it up to the entire community daily from 6am-6pm.

## Haiti

Although the city of Jacmel is quite close to the epicenter of the earthquake that rocked Haiti in January 2010, it nevertheless remains one of the last areas to receive aid and reconstruction.

SON-BEAM designed and financed the structure shown below for the Siloye CRC. At the time of this writing, two other congregations in the area are being helped as well—Cayes Jacmel (with a new building) and VilladeWoz of Les Cayes (finishing and strengthening an existing structure.)



## Kenya

Our contact person in East Africa, Rev. Dr. Mwaya Wa Kitavi, tells us of a severe drought in some parts of this country which has stalled a lot of things, including church constructions. He writes, *“Getting water, let alone food, has become a full time occupation for many.”* Please pray with us that our God will provide relief for the people living there, and also that projects begun there may soon be completed.

## Nepal

Virtually in the shadows of Mt. Everest, SON-BEAM is helping to build a facility for the Lamjung congregation near the city of Kathmandu.

Local Pastor Dil Gurung, a former Spirit Doctor, became an evangelist as soon as he became a Christian, and the church he started has already planted four other churches. The facility now being



planned for them will also be a ministry center for the entire district.

## Nicaragua

SON-BEAM continues to work through the Nehemiah Center of Managua as we design and build facilities for local congregations, especially in the cities of Leon and Chinandega. To date, six projects have been completed and three are in process, from planning to finishing stages.