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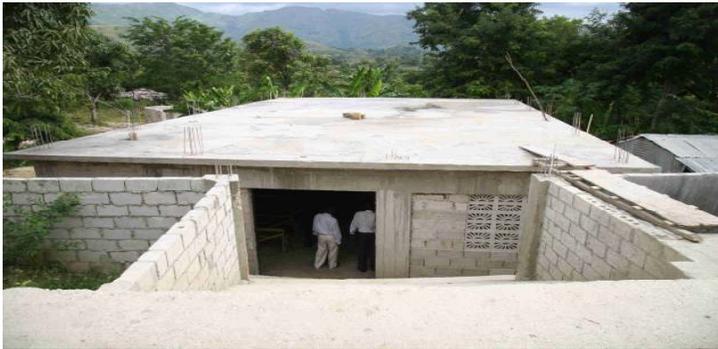
Serving Our Neighbors—Building for Evangelism And Ministry

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## **THE 'ALREADY—NOT YET' OF BELLADERE, HAITI**

As we approach another Advent Season, we are reminded of the 'Already—Not Yet' quality of our Christian faith first expressed by Oscar Cullman. We celebrate the promises *already* fulfilled in Christ's first coming 2000 years ago, but anticipate His second coming for all is *not yet* made new.

Thanks to your generosity offered through SON-BEAM, the people of Belladere on Haiti's central plateau are experiencing an 'Already—Not Yet' event of their very own this year. It looks like this:



### **'Already'—A New Church Facility**

The LosPwet Congregation has a new building in which to worship and hold school classes for sixty community children. Its clear span beam and column construction provides a strong structure upon which to add a future second story.

Also included in this project was the design and building of a retaining wall to keep the adjacent roadway from eroding and washing onto their site during the severe, tropical rains.

The members of the LosPwet congregation, helped by members of neighboring churches, did a great deal of the volunteer labor. SON-BEAM supplied the design and the \$18,000 project cost.



### **'Not Yet'—A Fresh Water Supply**

Previous attempts to drill wells in this area have failed, so February of 2009 will find a new method being used to bring water to Belladere.

The 'capped well system' involves placing a concrete cap over one of the many springs in the area, putting a pipe down into the spring through a hole in the cap, running up to a mile of 2-inch PVC pipe from the spring downhill to a 5,000 gallon reservoir, and then supplying 1-inch PVC pipe to various distribution points in the community. A valve at the reservoir is then opened twice a day so that everyone can fill their containers.

Praise God, this \$10,000 project is fully funded.



## **Monjaras CRC, Choluteca, Honduras**

Also completed in the past calendar year is this new facility (pictured on left) for our brothers and sisters in Christ who worship under the able leadership of Pastor Gustavo in the extreme southern section of Honduras.

The past three years have found them laboring very hard to finish the roof and floor of this structure so that they no longer have to be exposed to the elements, as they were in their former carport-like location.

With assistance from SON-BEAM they were able to make their dream into a reality, occupying the new facility at the very beginning of the annual rainy season.

## Projects In Process

### HAITI



#### MOWO

In 2005 this congregation began construction of their new building. Because they had only limited property, they built the new church walls surrounding the old church. Progress had been slow, and things were made

worse when one of the walls collapsed from the winds of one of the many hurricanes that pounded Haiti this past summer.

When SON-BEAM became involved, the church was given design changes to strengthen the exterior walls and add eight interior columns in preparation for a concrete roof.

Presently a team of volunteers from Canada is assisting with the walls and columns and the roof construction will follow shortly.

### HONDURAS

#### BUENA VISTA CRC, CHOLUTECA

This group of believers has been worshipping in its community for nearly twenty years. Their church building is approximately fifteen years old. The roof is made of clay tiles and wood trusses. The trusses are now sagging and a few are leaning. The roof leaks in several places and is no longer safe.

Plans are to remove the old roof, raise the walls by three rows of blocks (for improved ventilation), and put on a metal roof with steel trusses and purlins.

Congregational members raised \$1,108 for the project and the CRC Classis in the south contributed \$528. SON-BEAM has given \$3000 to that congregation to purchase the remaining supplies. As with all SON-BEAM projects, we have supplied additional materials for the roof framing to make the building hurricane-resistant. This congregation had already accomplished much with their limited resources. It was our privilege to provide them with the remaining materials, so they could concentrate on the labor needed to complete their project.



**PLEASE PRAY** for these countries and their people:

- an end to the terrorist attacks in India
- continued relief efforts for storm damage in Haiti.
- less violence and economic oppression in Honduras
- for missionaries to share God's love and grace

## Future Projects

### HAITI

#### BELLADERE II

The Haitian CRC Central Building Committee is recommending a site here for the next building project.

We are in the process of learning more about this congregation, their property size, and building needs.

Based on previous projects, we anticipate the building cost will be about \$16,000.

### HONDURAS

#### MONTE de JEHOVA CRC, SAN PEDRO SULA

Members here are in the process of raising \$1,000 USD for hiring a construction supervisor.

Once that money is in hand, SON-BEAM will be supplying the \$16,000 needed for the materials to replace this totally inadequate facility.



### INDIA

#### WEST GODAVARI, INDIA

A project we are just beginning does not fit the mold of a traditional church. We will be partnering with Open Arms for Asia, a west Michigan non-profit organization that runs a children's home in the district of West Godavari, located in south eastern India.

OAFA is raising the funds for the land and SON-BEAM International is providing the design for the building. OAFA will then raise the funds for the dormitories and SBI will raise funds to provide materials for the building on the compound that will provide space for many activities, including Sunday Services.

Our estimated cost for these materials is \$25,000. A generous donor has pledged \$12,500 to be used as a matching grant.

We invite you to contribute to this project that truly will minister to *"the least of these"*.

You may learn more about OAFA by visiting their website at [openarmsforasia.org](http://openarmsforasia.org).



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