



# SON-BEAM INTERNATIONAL

Serving Our Neighbors—Building for Evangelism And Ministry

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**IFBR  
Graduation,  
Nov. 17**



**Thomassique's  
New Facility  
Dedication  
and  
Worship,  
Nov. 18**



## Thanksgiving in Thomassique

The weekend before our American thanksgiving was a time of great thanksgiving in Haiti's central plateau as well. In the city of Thomassique, on back to back days, members of the Palmis Ba Haitian Christian Reformed Church gave thanks to God for His marvelous achievements.

On Saturday, seventeen local church leaders (deacons, pastors, women's group leaders, teachers) were graduated from the *Institute for Reformed Biblical Education (IFBR)*. The graduates included men and women from several different denominations and from various villages for thirty miles around.

On Sunday, they and the many people who had labored for four months on the new facility gathered together in a service of worship and praise to dedicate the new church building and area training center to the Lord Who had made it all possible.

SON-BEAM is honored to have had a part in this ongoing work of God's Kingdom-building in Haiti.

## PRAYER CORNER

- Praise God that He continues to use and grow SON-BEAM International.
- Praise God that some extended time in Honduras allowed board members to organize and prioritize functions.
- Praise God that our first shipment of tools arrived in Haiti and are now being used in Belladere (Lospwet CRCH).
- Pray for the Haitian congregations of Jacquet (to finalize their land purchase) and Lospwet (as the many volunteers unite to build a new facility).
- Pray that the Honduran CRC churches (Monte de Jehovah and Monjaras) will be diligent and fruitful in their work.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up donors to fund the next two churches—Jacquet and Monte de Jehova. The improved construction, combined with the falling US dollar, gives us a cost of about \$17,000 per church.

## Have Tools—Will Travel

The steel box is approximately 8 feet wide, 10 feet long, and 6 feet high, and cost \$2,400. It is filled with tools worth another \$3,200. That may seem like a lot of money, but it's a small price to pay so that Haitian Christians are able to work on their own facilities and do not become even more dependent on North American volunteer workers to come and do it for them. This tool crib supplied by SON-BEAM will move from site to site within Haiti, offering opportunities and hope wherever it goes.



# Projects In Process

## HAITI



The Los Pwet Congregation in Beladere, Haiti began construction in March, 2008.

However, before they could begin the actual building,

they had some obstacles to overcome.

The torrential rains of Tropical Storm Noel had caused erosion and the paved road that ran by their property was in danger of collapse. SON-BEAM supplied the materials and the church members spent many hours building a sturdy retaining wall.



They also knew they would need water on site to make the cement blocks. The nearest water was in the river below, so the congregation built a cistern.



Members, including women and children, then began the task of filling the cistern. Women and men carried five gallon buckets on their heads, school aged children, 2 1/2 gallon pails, and the smallest children carried up gallon jugs filled with water.

The Los Pwet church is the first SON-BEAM project to use the beam and column construction method. Because this building will also be used as a school for the sixty students now meeting in the current structure, the congregation anticipates that they will need a second story for their building. The clear span beam and column method provides a strong structure that can safely be converted to two stories at a later date.

Larry Hulst of JDH Engineering in Grand Rapids, MI donated the engineering for this design. Bill DeJong of Mission for Haiti, Canada has used this method for years in Haiti. In December Bill held a training session for local Haitians and will be providing assistance on this project as the Haitians use their newly learned skills. SON-BEAM is deeply grateful for the contributions each of these men is giving to the church in Haiti.

The congregation is working toward having the building ready for a women's conference in June.



The Jacquet Congregation in Port Au Prince is still working to finalize the land deal. The missionaries tell us that it is not unusual for the buying of property in Haiti to be

a long, drawn-out process. As soon as the land is secured, SON-BEAM will work on finalizing the design for their church building and raising funds so the construction can begin soon.

## HONDURAS



Monte de Jehova Congregation in San Pedro Sula has approved their building design and are in the process of getting the final estimates on building costs. Fund

raising is underway for this project.



MONJARAS CRC  
PREVIOUS CHURCH



MONJARAS  
NEW FACILITY

The Monjaras Church of Choluteca in southern Honduras began two years ago to construct a new building. Without any outside funding, they put up the walls and part of the roof. SON-BEAM has supplied the funds so they can complete the roof and pour a concrete floor. We also provided a plan and additional materials so that the roof could be made stronger to endure the hurricane force winds that area of Honduras receives.