

eMi's

2005 annual report

in pursuit of God's best



...run in such a way that you might win ... 1 Corinthians 9:24

2005 Financial Summary

In pursuit of God's best: that's what the staff, interns and volunteers at eMi are doing. In 2005 we initiated 62 new projects. Our general fund invested an average of \$5,487 in each of these projects. Our staff and interns then add to the investment by raising their own support to work on these projects. In addition, our volunteers contribute their travel expenses and time through eMi. Also this year we adjusted the value of each professional hour donated to eMi to more accurately reflect market value of the donation our volunteers make (\$73 for professionals and \$47 for interns up from \$43 in 2004). Finally, in 2005 our volunteer hours increased to 49,898 hours from 38,022 hours in 2004.

Add it all up and you see that an average of \$76,724 in services was donated to each ministry served by eMi in 2005! This means every dollar given to our general fund is turned into fourteen dollars for the mission field. Thank you for running with us in such a fruitful way. I hope you enjoy the following stories of how our staff, interns, and volunteers are pursuing God's best for their lives through the ministry of eMi!

Glen Woodruff
CEO

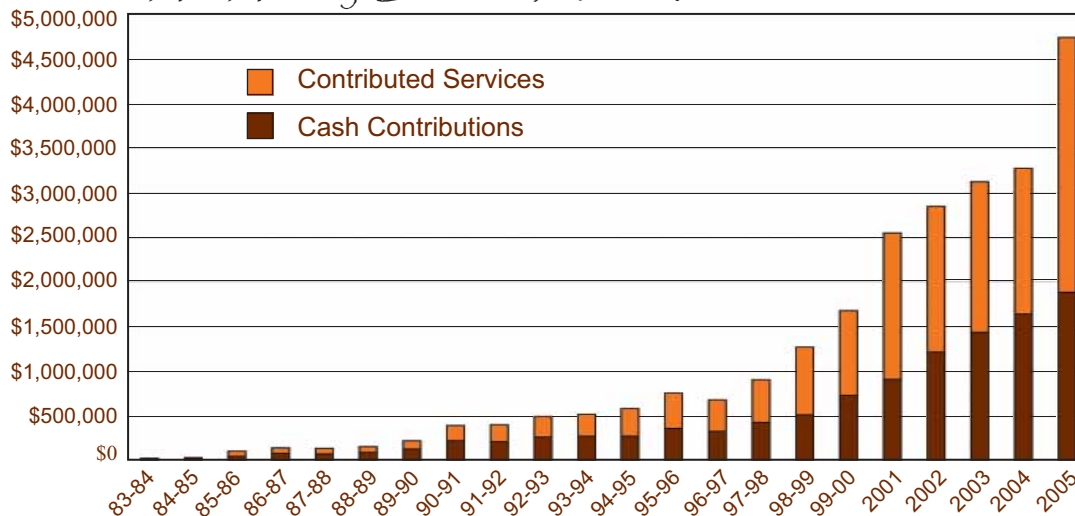
Income

	2005	Change		2004
Cash Contributions	\$1,887,201	\$243,223	15%	\$1,643,978
Contributed Services	\$2,859,095	\$1,224,160	75%	\$1,634,935
Other	\$10,619	\$1,357	15%	\$9,262
Total	\$4,756,915	\$1,468,740	45%	\$3,288,175

Expenses

	2005	Change		2004
Program Ministry	\$4,352,029	\$1,618,593	59%	\$2,733,436
Allocation	93%			90%
Administration	\$276,189	\$23,793	9%	\$252,396
Allocation	6%			8%
Fundraising	\$59,446	\$2,046	4%	\$57,400
Allocation	1%			2%
Total	\$4,687,664	\$1,644,432	54%	\$3,043,232

eMi's Ministry Growth 1983-2005



God uses different ways to direct us to His best plan...

When I was a sophomore in college, my mom sent me an article about Fred Cuny, a well-known civil engineer doing relief work in war-torn countries. I had decided to study civil engineering because I wanted to use my skills to serve people. As I read the article, I felt a dream grow inside of me – the dream of serving God through engineering relief work. That was the first hint of God calling me into missions.

Fast forward four years... I'm sitting at my desk at an engineering firm in New Orleans. I've graduated from college, found a job, and just finished designing a maintenance building. I receive a phone call from Craig Hoffman – a new staff member of eMi (Craig is now my boss and Vice President of Operations). "Would you be interested in learning more about a group that does engineering for missionaries in the developing world?" Craig asks. Would I ever!

Nine months later, I was accepted as an intern at eMi, quit my job, raised support, and I was on an airplane to Brazil to help design a YWAM base. I loved serving on that trip! I particularly enjoyed hearing the testimony of the missionary we were serving and seeing him in action among the people. I could tell he was called to that place – that God had blessed him with the skills, personality, and desire to serve. I knew that I wanted something similar for my life and that I would find it only by following God's call. As I finished my internship with eMi, one thing was clear to me: I had the desire, but I didn't have the skills, yet. In order to pursue God's calling, I would need to gain experience in the professional world.

Fast forward another four years... I have moved to Washington, DC, started a job as a construction manager, and married my college sweetheart, Erika. Erika and I are about to leave on our first eMi trip together. Although Erika knew all about eMi from my internship, I don't think she really saw how she, as a landscape architect, could fit into a ministry of engineers. Well, this trip to the Czech Republic really opened her eyes as she designed a master plan for a church retreat center. Erika saw clearly how God could use the skills that He had given her to serve in missions as well.

The next year, Erika and I felt like we were at a crossroads. We had each been licensed in our fields and reached the milestone of five years of professional experience. The crossroads feeling existed because we felt like God could be calling us to serve Him in missions using our design skills at eMi OR He could be calling us to stay in DC and continue serving Him through our church and by reaching out to the community around us.

Through much prayer and discussion we decided to leave our jobs, move to Colorado Springs, and join eMi's staff. It is with joy that Erika and I have been able to serve Him together at eMi for the past two years. Pursuing God's best plan has brought us to a place where we truly feel called - a place where God can use the best of the skills he has given both of us. One of our sayings is, "It just fits."

Henry Watts

Staff Engineer, eMi cos



In pursuit of God's best.

It all started with a simple prayer from my home in Hong Kong, 'Dear Lord, how can I use my skills to serve you?'

Two years later in May 2000, I found myself walking in one of the densest and poorest cities in the world, Calcutta, serving as a volunteer architect with eMi. Coming from an affluent city like Hong Kong, I was overwhelmed by Calcutta's poverty and the spiritual bondage people were under. It broke my heart. I vividly remember seeing a painting titled, 'On The Way' in a small art shop during my first night there. It was a simple oil painting of the back of a yellow and green rickshaw. As I stood in front of that painting, I felt like I was that rickshaw: 'On The Way' - in pursuit of God's best.

The trip was a life-changing experience. We developed a master plan for Serampore College and designed a new library building. Never before had I experienced such a joy in serving the Lord. By the end of the trip, I didn't want to leave India. I felt that I was supposed to be there, to serve the people who are living in the dark and to use my architectural skills for His kingdom work. Before I left, I asked the team to pray for me - that I could come back, even though I didn't know how. They did, and it changed my life. The Lord answered that prayer and I came back to India in the fall of 2001 as an eMi² intern.

And the pursuit continues.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." Matt 13:44-46

God's kingdom is the treasure and the fine pearls. I knew serving at eMi was the best way to use the architectural skills God had given me for His kingdom work. I didn't want to settle for anything less. In the spring of 2004 I joined eMi² as a full-time staff architect.

But the pursuit for God's best has not ended.

We at eMi are standing with many Christian ministries in their pursuit of God's vision for them by offering our professional design services. When we hear about bible colleges and schools having to reject applicants due to lack of space and facilities, villages that have no church to worship in, orphans who have no home or school to go to, and villagers who keep getting sick because there is no clean water, we are convinced that we are not only called to serve, but to do so with excellence, diligence, and effectiveness. We are seeking to offer 'God's best' to the different Christian ministries we partner with who serve the poor in different regions of the world.

What we are doing is only a very small part of His Kingdom work. But nonetheless, it is for 'God's best'.

Ivy Ng

Staff Architect, eMi²



I was born in a Christian home in San Marcos, Guatemala, and have enjoyed being involved in God's work for my entire life. My parents are pastors and they are a great example to me. They taught my brothers and sisters and I to trust and depend on God.

I learned about eMi through Todd Davis, eMi's Guatemala office director, when he was visiting a design project for a Christian school in San Antonio Nejapa at the church where my parents were pastors. I was attending a technical high school studying drafting, and mentioned to him my requirement for a practicum. He shared with me about eMig, and how I too could help others. It was encouraging to find out about eMig and I was really interested in learning more about the services they provide to Christian ministries. Soon thereafter I filled out the volunteer application, and thanks be to God, they accepted my application to complete my practicum with them. Upon completion of my requirement for my practicum, I asked God for wisdom and the opportunity to serve Him through this work and decided to continue serving as a volunteer with eMig.

I have been with the eMig office for a year and a half now, during which time I have had various opportunities to serve God. Last year, I went to Monjas, Guatemala with the eMi design team that provided a master plan and home design for Sombra de Sus Alas girls home. It was a special experience to share with several design professional volunteers from the United States who were also serving the Lord with their talents. This trip helped me grow in my spiritual life, and also gave me the opportunity to share with the girls of the orphanage about God's love - that He will never abandon us, and how they should never feel lonely because God is our best comfort. It was a marvelous experience.

This year I entered university to study architecture. I thank God that he opened doors so that I could study - it is a new challenge for my life. I will also be serving as a volunteer at the eMig office part-time during college. I have asked God to give me the wisdom and the strength necessary to be able to continue with my studies while volunteering with eMig at the same time. My greatest desires are to graduate as an architect, continue serving the Lord with eMig, and to mature in my spiritual life - which is the most important.

eMig has been a means through which I have been able to grow in my spiritual life, and intercede for others so that they too can seek the Kingdom of God. I am thankful to eMig for the opportunity that they have given me - not to store up treasures on this earth, but to be able to store up eternal riches in heaven.

Hector Velasquez

Volunteer, eMig



My call to eMi began on the subways of Rome five years ago. I developed a compassion for people as I watched and observed riders hopelessly go about their lives, trapped in a fallen world. Through that experience I heard God calling me to serve Him and His Kingdom. In His divine direction, He steered my desires to serve in missions by using the abilities in architecture that He had entrusted to me. eMi presented itself as yet another investigative step into my ambitions of becoming an architect serving overseas. Now more than ever, after returning from a six-month eMi internship in Uganda, my calling is clearly defined. I am both encouraged and inspired.

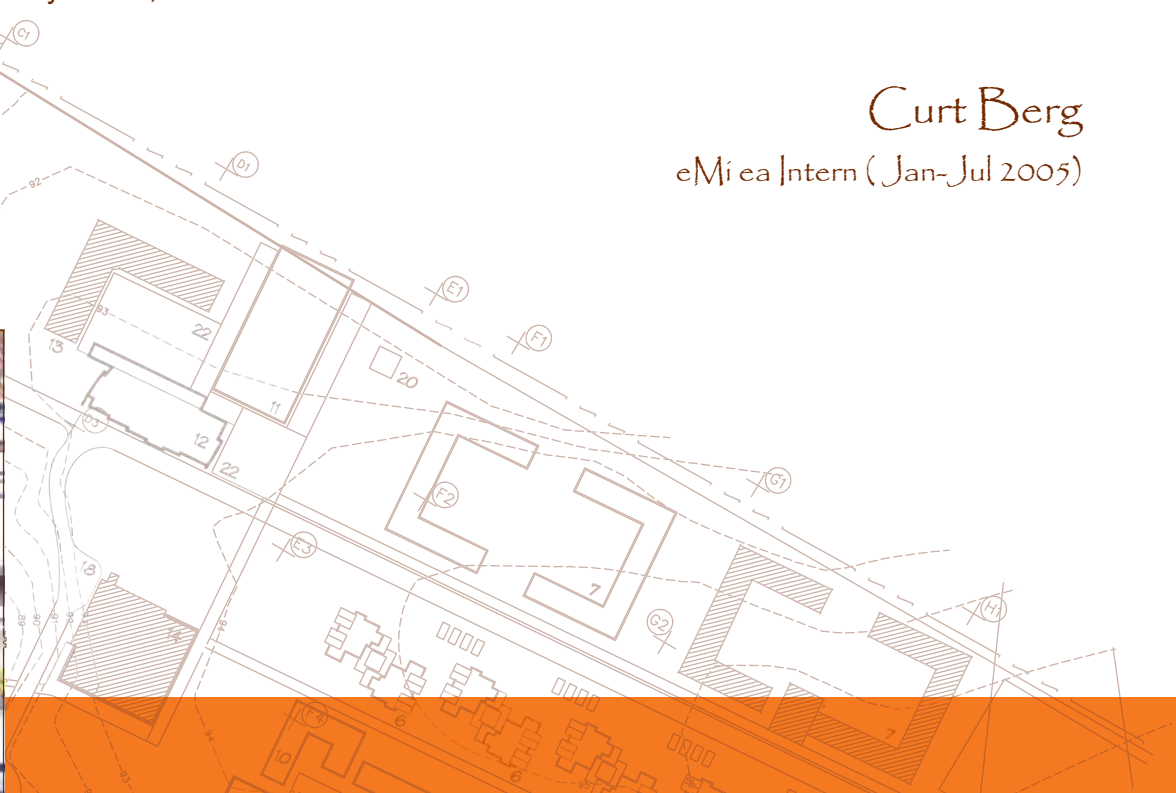
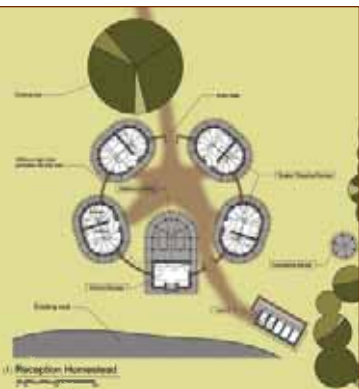
I am encouraged by the unity of believers in the eMi organization and their unfaltering drive to serve the physical and spiritual needs of the poor. It is a unity always centered on God's word and the sanctifying work of Christ on the cross. I am also encouraged by the unity of the other Kingdom workers in Uganda. All are united with the same vision of advancing God's Kingdom.

It is difficult to express how the desperate needs of others can be an inspiration, but they truly are. Seeing the need of Uganda's poor gave purpose and meaning to me for returning to serve long-term overseas. The internship in Uganda with eMi also shed new light on more familiar settings such as serving in my home community. Seeing a foreign culture's need for God's redeeming work is not so different from the needs of my own culture. Now when serving, either locally or overseas, I am inspired by the blessing of the educational and professional experiences that God has granted me through eMi. In addition, I better understand the responsibility of using God's blessings to bring joy into the lives of others.

My desire is to return to the mission field as a registered architect. I will continue to need God's blessing and direction. As in my life, I am certain that the Lord is using the unity, purpose, and vision of eMi to inspire and encourage design professionals in their pursuit of the Kingdom. I would encourage you to seek out God's best plan for your life, as I continue to seek it out in mine.

Curt Berg

eMi ea Intern (Jan-Jul 2005)



Since the age of eleven I wanted to be an architect. In fact, the pursuit of this goal shaped my academic career from the sixth grade all the way through graduate school. Simultaneously during those years God increasingly impressed upon my heart a desire to serve in full-time vocational ministry. In 1991, as I began to practice architecture, I embarked on a search for a way to combine my vocation with ministry. However, I soon realized that I was simply too inexperienced. I prayed for God to grant me ten years of solid work experience in architecture in order to become more grounded and qualified. As the ten year period came to an end I began a new prayer: I asked God to direct me to use my profession in some form of ministry, or perhaps to make it clear that I was to give up architecture altogether in order to serve Him in another manner.

Little did I realize how clearly God would provide His answer. My initial contact with eMi came in July of 2001. Then, just ten days following 9/11, I was bound for Belize on my first eMi project team as a volunteer architect to design a missionary school. As I paced off a muddy field at the start of the design process, I realized that God had placed me exactly where He could use me as an instrument for His purposes. I realized that my undergraduate studies in geography, coupled with my graduate studies and varied work experience in architecture, had given me the background to design in a variety of contexts. God knew full well the things in my heart. He had gradually equipped me over the years with the exact tools to do the best job possible. Between 2001 and 2004, I volunteered three times with eMi on project trips. I even got to serve on one trip with my wife (who is a physical therapist) on a project in Honduras.

By 2004, it became quite clear to me that serving one week per year with eMi would not meet the challenge God had placed before me. After much prayer and discussion, my wife and I agreed, along with eMi, that it was time for me to join eMi staff full-time. During 2005, we raised enough financial support to quit our jobs in Vancouver, British Columbia and move, with our three children, to Calgary, Alberta where the eMi Canada office is located. In January 2006 I led my first eMi team to Brazil where we served a restoration ministry for street boys.

Jesus consistently redefines popularly held notions of success and excellence. With eMi, my challenge has been to look beyond the technical product and economic results when considering success and excellence. Instead, success is measured by the alignment of our hearts and lives to the Father's will. When I witness lives changing and see relationships built up and restored I know I am succeeding in my pursuit of God's best. With eMi I can now use architecture to pursue what I know is most important.

Greg Young

Staff Architect, eMi c



eMi's Mission is to glorify God by offering hope to the spiritually and physically poor.

The Vision through which we accomplish this is mobilizing design professionals to minister to the less fortunate in developing nations. We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as we help others change their world - through the development of hospitals, schools, orphanages, bridges, water supplies, electricity, and more. Our commitment is to enrich the lives of those who give and those who receive.

Fall '06 Trips: India, Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti, Lebanon, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Ghana, and Cambodia: go to www.emiworld.org for more information on these upcoming projects.

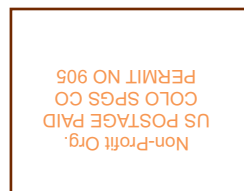
Celebrate Hope: We will celebrate 25 years of eMi's ministry at our next conference during July of 2007. More information to follow...



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