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Dear

I have some exciting news to share. From September 8-18 a team of about 10 people from Engineering Ministry International (EMI, <https://emiworld.org/global>) will be traveling to Ethiopia with me to conduct a survey and then write a Master Plan for the development of Bethel Environmental and Agricultural University and Training Center (BEAUTC) to be located in Woliso, Ethiopia.

EMI is a Christian ministry founded on the idea that architects, engineers, and other design professionals have an important part to play in world missions. Their team of staff and volunteers invest in the design and execution of development projects that meet physical needs and communicate God's love in a practical way. The EMI team I will travel with include hydrologists, architects, engineers, agriculturalists, interns and other professional staff. The goal of this site visit to Woliso is to learn, first-hand, the vision of BEAUTC and to provide professional insights on how best to achieve that vision. As a reminder, the motto of BEAUTC is "Train a Farmer – Feed a Nation". BEAUTC's vision is to see people of Ethiopia and beyond experience a vibrant environmental and agricultural landscape that will lead to food security and a higher quality of life.



Future site of Bethel Environmental and Agricultural University and Training Center (BEAUTC)

The cost to our Bethel Agricultural Association organization here in the United States is approximately only 15-20% of the total cost. That is because the EMI team members that will travel to Ethiopia pay their own travel costs. They also donate their time in assessing the data collected and helping write the final Master Plan report. Our obligation is to pay for the travel of the EMI team leader, all EMI team expenses in Ethiopia related to conducting the site visit (i.e. room, board, and travel within Ethiopia), plus a fee of \$9,000 that will be used to support EMI offices in other countries of the world that have less resources than in the United States.

I am excited about this development and I am looking forward to being in Ethiopia at the same time as the EMI team. In addition, we will have our own Ethiopia staff available to interact with the team and provide valuable information regarding local conditions and issues.

**I invite you to pray that the Master Plan created will become a useful tool for us as we continue to develop the vision of BEAUTC. I also invite you to make a gift to help defray the cost of the EMI effort.** Even though EMI and their team are being mostly sponsored by others, we still do have a substantial amount of money we will need to provide. Our best estimate at this time is that our portion of the cost needed to create a Master Plan for BEAUTC will be between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Enclosed with this letter is an envelope in which you can return your donation. You can also make a donation via our web site (<https://www.bethelagriculture.org>). Recurring monthly donations are especially welcomed as they provide a secure foundation on which we can better plan our work. The web site also provides additional information about our project.

Your prayers, support, expressions of interest and words of encouragement are all highly valued. Thank you!!

Sincerely,

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