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*“And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.”  
(Nehemiah 2:18)*

Nehemiah has encouraged me every time I have had a building project over the past 25 years. He surveyed the situation, made plans, arranged for materials and finances, and organized workers, but first of all he prayed and asked God for wisdom and guidance.

It has been nearly four years since I left my previous location and started the Grace Baptist Clinic on the Maranatha Baptist campus in Wallondri. Soon after the change, I started purchasing property for the possible development of a permanent location for the clinic. I also drew plans for a new clinic building and residence.

I presented a project list to Baptist World Mission two years ago, and received approval to start working toward a new campus. Since then, I have purchased the rest of the needed property, which is in my name. Here is the project list, with notes about what has been achieved so far. All the costs are in \$US.

1. Storage Depot/”guard” house—18’ x 36”—**Completed, 2012**
2. Wall around the property—Corrected cost for stability and actual length—approximately \$110,000. The serious concern about safety that everyone expressed in 2009 has diminished greatly. We are now planning to put up a barbed wire fence using cut saplings for posts. Estimated cost—less than \$2000. **We now have the border planted around the property where there is no wall**, which is south and west of the Maranatha property. We are waiting for the posts to take root before getting the barbed wire to string between them. The only section that remains open is the entry to the property. That will need a metal gate and supporting side walls. Cost: \$3500.
3. Well—The last estimate was \$7000, but we have not been able to get an updated cost. However, I have permission to get purified water for personal use from Maranatha Baptist campus. Cost estimate—\$800 for the PVC line and labor.
4. Clinic building—On hold for the present.
5. **House**—I am including attachments with the design plans and the location. The building could be under roof (foundation, walls, roof with reinforcement for the water reservoir), and the septic system in place for \$40,000. Additional costs include the cement coatings on the walls, plumbing lines and fixtures; electrical lines and fixtures, paint, doors and windows and the security grill work for those. The total estimated cost is \$56,000.
6. Generator (size to be determined—20 kW may be enough for major clinic use)—**5 kW diesel generator for immediate use purchased April 2013.**
7. Solar system (s)—There has been an unexpected development here. We now have high tension power lines going past the property to the major city south of us. **There has been a “street light” outside the storage depot as of April 20, 2013.** The plan now is to run an underground line from the main meter to the residence.
8. Equipment for clinic—Not needed at this time.
9. Replacement truck —**Nissan Patrol purchased December 2011.**



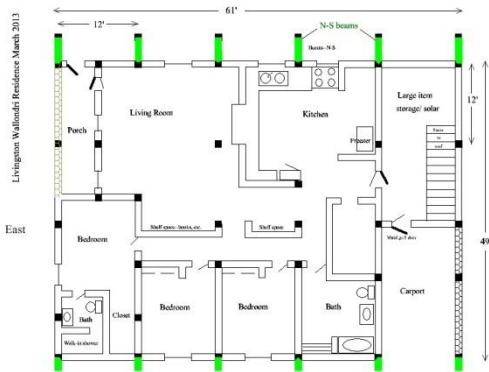
It has been interesting to see how many different things I had to consider in order to calculate the estimated costs before starting construction. My friend says the military calls this “back planning,” which means taking

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the result and working back through all the steps that are needed to make it happen. I think of some of this as infrastructure, the stuff you don't usually see, but sure do miss if it isn't there. Things like water, drains and septic systems, and an adequate foundation for an earthquake-resistant building.



I believe [the house](#) is the next project for us to do. The Haitian construction crew has been nudging me all spring about getting started. The workers would like to start immediately since my credit is good. But I know how that works—the money is due at the end of the month! Rainy season is usually over by the end of May or early June, and the work can start any time after that. The men say they can build the entire house in two months. I presently have about \$12,000 to use for this project. That money is from generous gifts from a supporting church and friends, as well as money that I have saved from support.

Will you **pray** that God will supply the funds for this project? He has faithfully provided for all needs in the past. Will you consider giving to make it happen? God uses His people to meet these needs. If you would like to send a gift, you can send it through your church or to Dr. Anne Livingston's Construction Fund at Baptist World Mission.

The clinic ministry has continued to be busy, and is still the center of the work here. We are grateful for the space we have here on Maranatha Baptist Campus, but we are also anticipating what could be done at the new location. **Praise** God with me for the young man who placed his faith in Christ on a recent Monday morning.

*“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)*

This verse kept coming to mind as I thought about foundations, construction, building materials and costs. The construction supervisor is aware of the recommendations put out since the 2010 earthquake, and has drawn up his materials list accordingly. I have had advice about the building plans, with the goal of making the building safe as well as attractive. Am I as concerned about what kind of building I am doing on my Savior Jesus Christ? He is a foundation worthy of my best efforts as I build my life on Him. Will the completed work bring Him glory, and in turn receive His praise? We have so many opportunities to glorify God in our lives. Let us rise up and build!

In our Lord's service,

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