

July 18, 2013 EWB Chapter Meeting

Cameroon

- Started the project approximately 1 year ago, working with a rural community in NW Cameroon to address their drinking water needs.
- First assessment trip completed in March. Very successful, team is compiling all of their findings and working on getting direction for second assessment trip – tentatively planned for November 2013.
- Team could use help in all of their four focus areas: Education, Fundraising, Public Health, Water System Engineering.
- Fundraising team could use help with grants, event planning, and outreach.
- Contact: Cameroon@ewb-dc.org for more info or to join the email list serve.
- Next project meeting will be on Monday, July 29 @ 7:00 PM in GWU Hospital Room 6116.

El Salvador

- Ongoing project, a year ago the water system got turned on (after 5 years of work), recently did financial audit to improve operation
- Traveling in August – checking on finances, how water system is being run, checking on valves etc.
- Working on improved stoves – open stove cooking results in smoke inhalation. Working on some stove designs that would be affordable and meet cooking needs while reducing smoke exposure.
- Project includes health education and hygiene program, which includes in-community health promoters.
- Looking to partner with health promoters on stoves project.
- Looking for new team members (non-engineers too!)
- Contact Angeline for more information

The Panama:

- We will be submitting the 502 application to EWB-USA this weekend. We have already identified Project, Technical and Education Leads. Once approved we plan to meet regularly starting late August. We are currently investigating a potential partnership with the Montgomery College engineering students and faculty on this project.
- [Matt/Rahul to add more details]

Student chapters – 2 individuals were here but no official EWB student chapters

- 1) George Mason – just an individual interested in working on our projects
- 2) UDC – wants to see an EWB student chapter form, none yet

Budget: Chapter has a little over \$14,000

Fundraising and Outreach update:

- Our August chapter happy hour will be held on August 7th 5-730 (Redline in Chinatown)
- Looking for support in several areas
- Grants: Have a list of potential grants and a guide to complete them. Looking for anyone interested in assisting or with grant writing experience.
- Upcoming Events for Fall

- Auction Fundraiser (Fall/Winter) - Are looking to plan an event to auction off items we brought back from the Cameroon trip. Hoping to integrate with a performance and are seeking out performers and potential locations.
- Panel/Joint Event with Student Chapter (Fall) - Have spoken with the GW Student Chapter about an event in which EWB-DC members could co-host a lecture event or serve as panelists. Looking for help organizing this.
- Lecture Event for PDH Credit - Are looking to host an EWB Lecture event in Fall for PDH Credit. Details coming soon.
- Outreach Opportunities
 - On-Line Fundraising Initiatives - Are looking for help with syncing some different fundraising platforms we have used
 - Marketing/PR - Tasks would include developing contacts with local organizations that would be interested in partnering with EWB-DC in some capacity (technical assistance, funds, or simply an interested membership that would attend our meetings and happy hours.
- Please contact Ashley Reives (aereives@gmail.com) for information on any of the above

Next meeting is August 20