

Bridging International Communities  
2014 Year End Report

1. An application was filed with the Michigan Attorney General's Office to register BIC as a soliciting corporation. The Michigan Attorney General accepted our application and we have renewed it once so that we are registered until July 1, 2015 as a soliciting corporation in the State of Michigan.
2. We applied for and received a DUNS number from the Dun and Bradstreet Corporation which is required for many grant applications.
3. We are currently registered at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) as a corporation registered to do business with the Federal government.
4. We filed in July with the IRS to become a tax exempt recognized corporation. We received our Letter of Determination from the IRS dated August 20, 2014.
5. We are currently members of the Michigan Nonprofit Association.
6. We applied for a USAID Farmer-to-Farmer grant and were advanced to the next round. We submitted the full proposal by February 10, 2014. The grant is for \$100,000 with up to \$10,000 match by BIC. We were not selected in the final step.
7. We submitted a Concept Note for the USAID Securing Water for Food Grant but we were not selected in the final process. The grant application also focused in El Salvador.
8. The paperwork to make the House of Jjajja Don into a Vocational School under Ugandan Law was filed and approved by the Ugandan government.
9. The Diakonon Don Foundation made a purchase offer on a home for the House of Jjajja Don and we were able to supply the initial 50% payment of \$28,583.00 USD for the purchase.
10. We collaborated with BIC board member Sam Tuck and two other students from the University of Michigan in applying for a DOW Dap \$5,000 grant to expand the aquaponics systems in Hacienda Uno, El Salvador. The DOW Dap grant was awarded. The process for establishing several aquaponics systems in HU moved forward. The funds for this program were all handled through an appropriate UM Department and were not awarded to BIC directly.
11. As a result of DOW Dap grant work, the team was successful in competing for a secondary grant and received an award of \$20,000 for further development of aquaponics systems in El Salvador. The team is currently in El Salvador working on the exact implementation details for the project.

12. We applied for a second \$150,000 USAID Farmer-to-Farmer based along the lines of the previous grant we applied for and made to phase II consideration. This grant request did not make it through the initial screening process this time.

13. We conducted three successful 5K/10K runs this year.

14. We developed a working webpage that is allowing for donation in general and for specific projects.

15. We have been involved in significant enhancements to the Presa (Reservoir) in Hacienda Uno El Salvador so as to develop a community based fish hatching process.

16. Board member Robert Arocha got us up and running on Quick Books for our financial reporting system.

Board Reviewed: January 17, 2015