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Dear Professor Stoute,

We are writing to you as co-presidents of Yale University's student chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), an organization whose vision is to design and implement sustainable projects to address problems in developing countries. Since 2006, our group, with the support of professional and faculty mentors, has been working on a water distribution system in Kikoo, a rural village of about 1000 people in northwest Cameroon. In the past 4 years, we have developed a close partnership with the community of Kikoo, and with local student and professional engineers who are our collaborators and friends in Cameroon. Our efforts have included not only building the water system, but also giving lessons to Kikoo's schoolchildren about water quality and speaking to other community members about sustainable development.

As the water system in Kikoo is due to be completed in 2010, EWB-Yale is at a crossroads and is looking to learn about development work in other areas of the world, in anticipation of a potential future project. While our focus for several years has been water, we are open to any engineering work that involves sustainable, community-based development.

We heard that you have been greatly involved in reconstruction efforts following the earthquake in Indonesia last year, and we would like to invite you to speak with our group about your experiences in development work and about Indonesia's current situation. Our group meeting will be held Thursday (February 18) night, at 7 pm in room 105 of the Linsly-Chittenden Hall (63 High Street). We are a fairly small group of about 20 students, and by all means, please feel free to speak with us informally, and for as long as you choose. Our members would enjoy having a chance to hear about your work, about developments in Indonesia, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Thank you for your time. We hope you are enjoying your visit to Yale, and we hope to see you Thursday night.

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EWB-Yale Co-Presidents