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2007 EIUK Annual Conference

A big thank you to all who came to the conference, it was great to see you all.

Our goal for the weekend was that we would be refreshed and challenged as individuals; we would learn more about what EI was doing; catch up with old friends and get to know new ones.

The worship was a real time of closeness with God and Ken Benjamin did an excellent job of challenging us.

We had opportunities to hear of life in Uganda from Maura Jeffrey and Julian Rickard and Malawi from Andy and Liz Mellen. They were all given the same brief and yet approached it in very different



ways. We laughed, we cried, we were touched and we were inspired - they did a great job. We enjoyed hearing too about the teams that went out last summer: the impact they had on the communities they worked in and the challenges and changes it made in their lives.

Evenings sitting together in the lounge, good food shared around the table and a chance to walk or play in the grounds made catching up with old and making new friends very enjoyable.

For those of you who weren't able to make it this year, you will definitely not want to miss it next time! Feb 1st to 3rd 2008 is a date to remember.

Promote *Emmanuel International* in your church!

We have people who will come to your church and speak about Emmanuel International's work.

Please contact the office to arrange.

MALAWI APPEAL

We have been asked to support the Malawian churches in their ministry to youth. We are sending a Summer Team this year to help train youth leaders. One other area where we can support, is to supply sport equipment like footballs, volleyball, frisbees, etc. - anything that can be put to good use in sport ministry. If you have any contacts that can help us secure such items, or if you would like to contribute towards the purchase of such equipment, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the office on telephone 01243 537040.

Members of the Board

The EIUK Board plays an important role in the work of EI. We often ask you to pray for them and the decisions they have to make. We would like to tell you a little bit more about each one of them so that you have a picture of who guides the work of EI.

David Bendell



Chairman Of The Board. Is an Anglican clergyman and Chairman since 1997. He and his wife, Jenny, have worked for Tear Fund in Kenya, ICS in Tunisia and for the Diocese of Southwark, Zimbabwe. Over 20 years ago, their daughter Sarah, did a gap year in Jamaica through EI and they got involved. They enjoy photography, Badminton, outdoor pursuits, DIY, craft work and their five grandchildren.

Dave Varcoe



Vice Chairman. Went out with EI as a young 20 year old to Northern Uganda in 1984/5. Met Ineke (on same team from Canada) and married in 1986. Has 2 sons: Michael (18yrs) and Josiah (14yrs). Has been serving God as a Minister of a Church in Harrow, NW London for the past 8 years. EI Board member for 6 years, and Vice-Chair for the past 4 years. Has led 2 summer teams to Tanzania and are planning to go to Malawi this summer.

Clare Ashton



Her contact with EI started when she was 14. She served in Patongo when she was 20/21 before going to university. Kept in contact through the annual lunches, then conference weekends and eventually joined the board about 5 years ago. Is married and a full-time mum looking after her two young boys and live in Todmorden, up above Manchester.

Martin Carr



He worked through EI with the Diocese of Northern Uganda at their theological college and development department in Gulu, Uganda between 1996-2000. He is now training in energy auditing; is an enthusiastic environmentalist. Lives with his family in Oxford. Has been a Board member for 4 years, and would like to see EI develop an environmental theme in the partnerships it creates.

Sarah Dilloway



Newly elected to the Board at the 2007 AGM. Worked with EI from 2002-2004 in Uganda and Malawi. Then worked with Tearfund in Indonesia and Pakistan, currently working in Tearfund HQ. Passionate about working to reduce poverty and to see people reach their full God-given potential. Love travelling, drinking coffee with friends and eating custard. Hates small yappy dogs and inefficiency.

Lucy Harding



Married to Simon. Attends Christ Church Purley where John Carroll (the founder of EIUK) was vicar. Is a health visitor and has a wide knowledge of Community and Child Health Issues. Involved with EI since 1990 when she and Simon became prayer and finance coordinators for Dave & Debbie Bainbridge who were in Stouffville. Got to know the EI family there. Also visited Uganda to support EI in Gulu.

Neil Lambert



Is currently Curate of the Wisley with Pyrford Church. Is married to Helen and they have three children: Alice, Joseph and Anna. They are living in Pyrford. Neil and Helen worked with EI in Rwensande from 1992 to 1994 and have a passion for Uganda. They have kept in contact with the Diocese of South Rwenzori and are working with EI on projects with women's groups and street children there.

Nathan Targett



Serving second term on Board. Spent 2 years in Northern Uganda with EI (1999-2001). Worked for Tearfund. Recently completed Masters in Water Management. Enthusiastic about work of EI: giving people a life changing experience, but also telling the poor they are not forgotten. Is married to Jo, whom he met as he was leaving Uganda. They pray to return to the mission field as a couple.

Garden Party

The EI garden party is on **14 July 2007**, in Surbiton. (For those that were at the Conference, please note change of date.)



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