



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on Jesca, Stove Project Manager in Iringa, Tanzania



Jesca Mgimba joined the team in Tanzania in August 2013 as the Stoves Project Officer.

She works with stove making groups in villages, helping them to make portable clay fuel efficient stoves which they sell to community members. The stoves reduce the consumption of firewood and as they produce less smoke they improve women's health. Jesca's role involves working closely through the local churches to build relationships in the communities prior to forming stove

making groups, then coordinating training for the groups in stove making, business, and tree planting.

It had been Jesca's dream for a long time to do community development work and she loves being in the community, encouraging people and exchanging ideas with them. Outside of work she enjoys knitting, sewing and singing in a choir.

She recently married Frank, a secondary school teacher and she appreciates prayers from the EI family as she settles into this new life.



## Please pray for us!

- 1 Tanzania:** Pray for UK team, coming from Tadley for three weeks of serving here in Mwanza (they arrived on 26 June and leave on 16 July). They will be working with children with albinism at Under the Same Sun, working on the islands on Lake Victoria (evangelism and medical clinics) and working in the Console Nursery School for orphaned children.
- 2 Brazil:** Carla Silva's dad had a stroke in June. He is in hospital and recovering, but it seems the news isn't very good. Fred and Carla are the Country Representatives.
- 3 Malawi:** Please pray for the finance team as they ensure all the transactions are properly dealt with and all costs are claimed at the completion of the major USAID projects, WALA and IMPACT. John Raby is only taking 2 weeks to visit family and be at his son's wedding in order to come back for this big assignment.
- 4 Haiti:** Please pray that our God will open a financial door for Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda (our partner church), for their construction project after the earthquake disaster.
- 5 Philippines:** Praise for the successful training of volunteers to the Awana program and their commitment to help the Friday Bible study here at Northview. Awana is a program for children that has an evangelistic component and a discipleship program for 2 years. The children that complete the two year program will be grounded in the scriptures and will learn how to journalize their meditation each day. Please pray that the volunteers will also find an occasion to apply all the training in their respective churches.
- 6 Canada:** Please continue to pray for the VanWoerden family, as their hearts are turned toward Tanzania seeking God to rally a support team behind them. The VanWoerdens are doing a ministry presentation today (6th of July).
- 7 Malawi:** Pray for John, Belinda and Samuel Naudé as they head back to England (landing in the UK today, 7th July). They want to see as many family and friends as possible. Housing and transportation are still a need.
- 8 Tanzania:** Pray for the team in Iringa as they prepare to host a team of 13 young people and adults from Union Baptist Church in High Wycombe (Andrew and Miriam's sending church). They will arrive on 25th of July and will be staying in Ikuka village where they will be working alongside the community helping them build a health centre and a permanent church building as well as working with kids.
- 9 South Africa:** Continue to pray for the house mothers and the safe house children under their care. The majority of the children remain traumatized by the abuse, neglect or abandonment of their past and building a trusting and transparent relationship remains a challenge but a primary goal for the house mothers. Fruit is evident thus far but there is a long journey ahead.
- 10 Brazil:** Sérgio and Beth Souza work among the Terena people. Please pray for them as they continue to help the Terena Bible School and provide spiritual support to indigenous villages.

- 11 Tanzania:** Andy and Angela Sharpe are returning to UK for home assignment (arriving in the UK today, 11th of July). Pray that the transition (travel, and cultural adjustment) back to UK goes smoothly.
- 12 UK:** The family is meeting for our annual Garden Party at the house of David and Jenny Bendell today, 12th of July. We are so thankful to them for opening their garden to us for many years. Sadly this will be the last time as they are hoping to sell their home. Please pray for good weather, for safe travels and a good time together.
- 13 Canada:** Pray for Scott and Lorilee MacLean for capacity to host the MissionPrep IMPACT course July 13 - 24th. Impact has 26 participants confirmed (16 USA and 10 Canada), involved in wide variety of ministries to 12 different majority world countries and 2 European countries.
- 14 El Mission (USA):** Please continue to pray for a financial specialist for membership on the EIM Board of Directors. We have now been without a qualified finance member for nearly 5 years! Please pray that someone will hear God's calling to volunteer for this position.
- 15 Uganda:** Please pray for Paul and Anita Bertrand (interim Country Representatives for EI). They would appreciate prayer as they prepare and submit reports - that they would find favor with the various government departments.
- 16 Canada:** Pray for Ben Voss, who is preparing to return to Malawi as the Water and Sanitation project manager for the next 2½ years. Pray that before he departs he will be increasingly equipped to do "good works, which God prepared beforehand, that (he) should walk in them."
- 17 Philippines:** Please pray for sponsors that will be needed for the whole year to run the Awana program. Praise the Lord for the Chinese Group that showed interest in the program, that they will provide the needed resources for this school year.
- 18 Sudan:** Please pray for the right people to come forward to lead the Sudan programmes (FAR is recruiting a Country Director in Sudan and for additional support staff in Canada).
- 19 Uganda:** Pray for CHE. Pray the teams graduated in 2012/13 will be refreshed despite communities struggling with dependency; for Patongo Trainers, who are working on selecting their area to start ministry; for Kalongo clergy to be guided in selection of Trainers; for Rev. Patrick as we hand over more coordination responsibilities.
- 20 Brazil:** The Águas Formosas Day Care Center need your prayers. They have been given a piece of land on which to build their headquarters, but they have to raise the funds and provide the builders themselves.
- 21 Malawi:** The new USAID 5-year holistic project is moving forward and looks to become a reality. Please pray for the planning process as we prepare to start in 2-3 months, praying especially for prepared hearts of ourselves, our staff and those we will be working with. The area where the program will take place is remote and predominately not Christian, if you can read between the lines. We need your prayers as we enter this area.

- 22 Tanzania:** Pray for funding for a project vehicle and various projects the Mongers are looking to start in Mwanza. We praise God for a big contribution towards a project vehicle from EI Australia.
- 23 Philippines:** Pray for God's transforming power as Ken and Ruth Copsey train Church leaders and conduct the Primary Health care project with the Manobo tribe, in central Mindanao. It is also based on CHE (Community Health Evangelism). Ruth has trained Grace (a local midwife) and together they will train a group of 25 women. The men are raising animals to help their families income, and pray for success in growing native tree seedlings to plant and reforest the community water shed.
- 24 EIUK:** Please pray for the team from Union Baptist Church as they travel to Tanzania for their summer team today.
- 25 Haiti:** Pray for the Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda Convention to take place on July 25th to 27th, God willing. They need much prayer because most of their facilities to accommodate delegates from churches were damage in the 2010 earthquake and are out of use, except the church building.
- 26 South Sudan:** Please pray for the thousands of families who have been displaced by fighting in Jonglei State. FAR (Fellowship for African Relief and our partner in Sudan and South Sudan) have been distributing fishing kits and vegetable and crop seeds, but the need is great. The rainy season limits movement and makes the dire sanitation situation even worse. Please pray that we would find the funding to do more.
- 27 South Africa:** Pray for the people in the informal settlement of Masiphumemele. It has been a very wet and cold winter this year. Meteorologists promised a warmer and dryer season, but the opposite has happened. Many in the township have gone from knee deep flooding to widespread shack fires, losing everything. The fires are caused by desperate measures to heat their shacks, which are built side-by-side, crowded together. When a fire starts, it often spreads through until it runs out of shacks to burn. Our safe houses have been untouched thus far and we have built a concrete fire wall to help protect them.
- 28** Please pray for local staff who worked with EI in projects that have come to an end recently, that they will find new employment.
- 29 Uganda:** The Pads ministry is going well. This is the first generation of girls that has gone to school in equal numbers to the boys but as they come to puberty they can spend up to 5 school days at home every month. Even the bright ones can fall behind. By providing washable sanitary pads and knickers, they can confidently stay in school. We teach the girls that every one of them is God's special creation and important to Him. Please keep praying for timely funding and that the girls will be truly helped and will detect and respond to the love of God.
- 30 Philippines:** Pray for a suitable ERRP place that can hold both the office and guesthouse in an area where we don't have to change the Bureau of Internal Revenue Regional office.
- 31 South Sudan:** Please pray that the peace process for South Sudan would be accepted at the community level, so that fighting can stop.