



# the Emmanuel Connection

August 2015

## Focus on: Benedict Sanga



Benedict (Benny) joined Emmanuel International Tanzania last November as Water and Sanitation Project Officer, assisting Andy Sharpe. Before that he worked as Program Officer at Socio-Economic Empowerment (SEE) for one year.

He has a Bachelor degree in Community Development from the University of Iringa, and has considerable experience in community work, project planning, implementation and evaluation.

Andy and Benny have just started the Kiwere village water supply project, completing the pipeline survey, mobilising the village to dig the pipeline trench and arranging for supply of project materials. The villagers of Kiwere are very keen to have this water project completed, so they have already dug 6 km of pipe trench.

He enjoys the job because it is related to his academic qualifications, and he enjoys working with the EI team in Tanzania: Andrew and Miriam Wingfield, Andy and Angela Sharpe and Jesca Mjimba. He likes working in a multicultural team.

In his spare time he likes to watch sport and news programmes on TV and, as a sideline, owns a bread shop.

Benny is 31 years old He is engaged to Rhoda Mbilinyi, a teacher. They plan to marry in September this year and would appreciate your prayers for that occasion.

## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** The team from St Stephen's Church and St Leodegar's Church near Chichester travels out to Ibumu village on 1<sup>st</sup> August for 10 days' work, interaction and encouragement for the village and church there. Please pray for good relations within the team; good health while living in the village; effective sharing of the Good News in the holiday club and through the working relationships; being a good witness for Jesus in how the team deals with everything they encounter; safety on the roads in Tanzania, particularly as they travel to and from Dar es Salaam to Iringa on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> August.
- 2 Tanzania:** The Monger family will share with Victory Christian Centre on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and spend time with Pastor Huruma Nkone and family during the following week.
- 3 Brazil:** We celebrate with the Porto family: Arthur married Ana Carolina on Saturday 18 July and André graduated on Friday 24 July.
- 4 Canada:** From August 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, Scott and Lorilee MacLean are helping lead a team of 33 young people to run a full day camp and other afternoon/evening activities at a First Nation reserve on Manitoulin Island. Pray for team unity, gracious flexibility for the unexpected, and for spiritual fruit after five years of tilling and sowing through this outreach!
- 5 Philippines:** We are helping 53 students stay in school through our sponsorship program. This particular program is in partnership with JOHIM, a non-profit, charitable organization based in the USA, founded by Ruth Copsey's high school classmate. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of helping indigenous students from very poor villages be able to attend school. Please pray for:
  - 7 elementary, 42 high school and 4 college students (from the Manobo, Badjao, Maguindanao and Kolibugan tribes) sponsored by JOHIM
  - the coordinators who help in tutoring, mentoring and teaching the children about their academic and spiritual needs
  - the parents as the coordinators meet with them once a month for fellowship and parenting classes
  - JOHIM as they struggle to raise the needed funds for all their students (they have also sponsored students from other parts of the Philippines)
  - that all the students and their families would come to know the Lord as their Savior.
- 6 Brazil:** Pray for the Espinosa Church, as they are discussing possibilities to provide drinking water to communities around them.
- 7 Canada:** Some staff members will be taking their holidays during August. Pray for refreshment and re-calibration that results in renewed creativity for all that God asks of them for the remainder of the year.
- 8 Tanzania:** The Monger family will travel to Morogoro on August 8<sup>th</sup> to spend time with Matt and Amy Dixon and family.

- 9 EI Mission (USA):** The EIM Board continues to search for a financial officer to serve on the board.
- 10 Uganda:** The Deaf kids at Paipir school also have vacation. In July, 4 of the 12 Deaf children at the school had been 'chased away' from school to try get their parents to complete their school fees for the term. Please pray that a more stable funding method can be found, to not only retain the Deaf in school but attract the many that are not getting to any school, probably over 100 from Pader district alone.
- 11 United Kingdom:** The summer team will be helping to build a secondary school classroom in the mornings and run a holiday club in the afternoons. Pray that these activities will be a blessing to the people of Ibumu and the team members themselves.
- 12 Brazil:** Pray for the Canto do Engenho Church and their efforts to carry out income generation projects in the area.
- 13 Tanzania:** The Monger family returns to home in Mwanza (from Dar es Salaam) on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for them to settle back in life in Tanzania after a long time away and in particular for the agricultural project as they approach training in the various villages.
- 14 Uganda:** Thank God for good relationships with the Adult Deaf and their children. Semi commercial farming activities on the EI compound provides casual work for some of them. Please pray against misunderstandings and damaged relationships which can arise easily due to communication difficulties and when mixing employee/ employer roles with friendship.
- 15 Tanzania:** The VanWoerden family need to settle in to life in Iringa and get to know the Iringa EI team, after arriving at the end of July. Pray that they will soon feel at home, can find their way around Iringa and start more Kiswahili language learning.
- 16 United Kingdom:** Please pray for the team from St Stephen's Church and St Leodegar's Church as they travel back to Dar es Salaam today, flying to the UK tomorrow.
- 17 Tanzania:** Andy and Angela Sharpe will spend time with friends visiting from the UK for a couple of weeks after the summer team leaves on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 18 Tanzania:** Pray for the Wingfields as they recover from all the demands of the team visit, and the children start back at Iringa International School.
- 19 Brazil:** Pray for the workshop to be held in August for Terena indigenous church leaders, to discuss the role of the Terena church facing land issues.
- 20 United Kingdom:** Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins are preparing to go to Brazil on a 6 months placement at the Propac Centre in Águas Formosas. Please pray for their fundraising, as they learn Portuguese and prepare themselves for the time away from home.

- 21 Canada:** Caitlin Bouwma will complete her student internship at EIC to transition to her first year at Carleton University in Ottawa for journalism on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Her six weeks in Malawi and three months at EIC have supplied us with many articles and stories, as well as strengthened our media connections. Pray that she will continue to grow as a World Christian engaged with God's local and global purposes.
- 22 Malawi:** John and Samuel Naudé are on holiday and plan to return to Malawi at the end of August.
- 23 Uganda:** Pads: The first two weeks of August draw the second school term to a close. We are currently working with funding from ActionAid to visit 10 new schools. In these end of term weeks it can be tricky to get all the girls at school but we hope to visit at least two, maybe 3 schools. We praise God for this outside funding and ask that you pray for us to 'deliver' well and overcome any hitches.
- 24 South Africa:** We give thanks that the deeds for the 3<sup>rd</sup> safe house have arrived and we are one step closer the opening this house. Please pray for all the safe house children and the house mothers, for the loving relationships to grow and develop.
- 25 Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi is holding its general elections and executive meeting from August 25 to 28. The elections will take place at the AGM. Pray for the pastors as they wait for God's leading.
- 26 Haiti:** We give thanks for Pastor Martinez and Madam Emma Jovin and pray that they will continue to enjoy such good health.
- 27 Brazil:** Praise God for the musical instruments that were given to Propac to start the Day Care Centre orchestra.
- 28 Canada:** Alexander Amos and Colleen Welch finish their summer internship today. Alex returns to Queen's University for his second year in engineering. Colleen returns to Trent for her second year of nursing. Both Alex and Colleen have been so helpful to the EIC team. Alex has worked hard on the new youth initiative website that will be launched in the fall. Colleen has been a wonderful event planner and helpful assistant to Richard and Lindsay. We praise God for our interns, Caitlin, Alexander and Colleen, and their input into EIC. We will miss our student interns and their youthful joie de vivre!
- 29 EI Mission (USA):** We are still looking for new individual supporters for the Copseys.
- 30 Uganda:** Marianne, Mike and Tom, in that order, now take turns at a regular weekly radio slot on Thursday mornings at 05:15. Please pray that it will be used by God and that we will know whether it warrants the negative effects of getting up at 4:30!
- 31 Malawi:** John and Christine Raby are returning to the UK at the end of October. Continue to pray for someone to take up John's work. Pray for the finance department as their role in EI Malawi's work is key and very demanding.