



# the Emmanuel Connection

February 2016

## Focus on: Dave Varcoe



Dave went out with EI as a young 20 year old to Northern Uganda in 1984/5.

He met his wife Ineke (on the same team from Canada) and they married in 1986. They have two sons: Michael and Josiah.

He is serving God as a Minister of a Church in Harrow, North West London.

Dave has been an EI Board member since 2001, and Vice-Chair from 2004 till 2008. Dave has led two summer teams to Tanzania and two to Malawi. He became Chairman of the EIUK Board in 2013.



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

- 1 Brazil:** Praise God that the Propac building has been finished, and for the dedication which was held on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean have begun meetings to mobilize the summer youth team going to M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island for a sixth year of outreach there.
- 3 Tanzania:** The weather situation in Mwanza is dire. Heavy rains have continued far longer than usual and the flooding is creating so many problems for roads and crops. Pray for the Mongers' house situation, that the flooding problems could be fixed or a new house found.
- 4 Tanzania:** From 4 to 7 February Tim and Rachel will be in Malya with Julian and Zoe Wilford (beekeeping trainers visiting from the UK) for the first beekeeping training seminar! Please pray for this busy training weekend; for the new group of beekeepers learning from Julian and for the mamas group working with Zoe. Pray for the future of the project in this village. Please also pray for Amisadai and Louisa who are staying with friends back at home.
- 5 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Annual Conference and AGM is being held on 6 February. Our main speakers are Tom Edom and John & Christine Raby. Please pray for safe travels for all concerned and that this will be a blessed day, spent together in God's presence, and reflecting on EIUK's work.
- 6 Philippines:** A new Primary Health Care Training/workshop will begin on February 6 for MBBs (Muslim Background Believers) in Cotabato. It will continue every Saturday for a total of 5 Saturdays. Pray for those who have been trained before as they help us do this training. Please pray for safety as Ken and Ruth Copsey travel from Davao city to Cotabato.
- 7 Brazil:** Pray for the plans to approach new potential partner churches in Brazil.
- 8 Tanzania:** Jesca coordinates our stoves project. Whilst this month the stoves groups are all busy farming, we are trying to prepare the groups for the next manufacturing season and doing data collection required for our annual report to DFID.
- 9 Uganda:** Tom Edom is due to travel back to Uganda, flying very early on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please pray for safe travels, enough energy and a positive start in Kampala. After a few days' rest, good travelling by bus up to Pader. Please pray for a good 'landing' in Pader, greetings, interactions and renewing relationships and settling back into the work with new challenges. Tom's colleagues in Pader, Mike & Marianne Botting, are not expected in Pader until March.

- 10 Brazil:** The Terena Bible School leaders are trying to recruit more indigenous students in 2016.
- 11 Tanzania:** The second beekeeping training seminar is taking place this weekend (11 to 13 February) in Kayenze. Pray for this new group as they learn the basics of beekeeping and go on to establish their own hives.
- 12 Tanzania:** Andre and Alex Vanwoerden are settling into the work. Pray for them, especially that they will get to grips with Swahili.
- 13 Canada:** There is an open house farewell for Mike and Marianne Botting being held at Bayview Glen Alliance Church on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Pray that Mike and Marianne will have the assurance of God's leading them and the strength of His equipping for yet another term.
- 14 Philippines:** The Baroyon SEE (Seminary education by extension) graduation is scheduled for this month. The main coordinator for the SEE has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. They are still looking for his substitute. Please pray for Pastor Chris as he struggles with pain and sleepless nights. May the Lord give him grace to withstand these challenges.
- 15 Tanzania:** It is half term break from 15 to 20 February. Please pray for rest and refreshment for Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa, after what has been a very busy and exhausting few months.
- 16 United Kingdom:** A couple is interested in working with EI in Tanzania as the Health Project Manager in the Mwanza region. They will be interviewed this week.
- 17 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey are invited to share during Tebow Cure Hospital's chapel hour for 2 Thursdays this February.
- 18 Uganda:** This is the period for elections at all levels, culminating in parliamentary and presidential elections on the 18<sup>th</sup> February. In Tom's judgement there is unlikely to be widespread violence but there is no reason for complacency, so please pray for free, fair and peaceful elections.
- 19 Canada:** The short term mission team of 15 people from Springvale Baptist Church will be leaving for Haiti on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The team will be assisting at the orphanage and Pam McGowan will also be meeting with the in-country accountant. Pray that the team will be filled with the Holy Spirit again and again while they are there.
- 20 Malawi:** John and Samuel Naudé are travelling to the UK in February for a couple of weeks to look at potential schools for Samuel. John's new job is confirmed and they are taking this time to prepare for their return for good to the UK. Please pray for God's wisdom as they plan their way forward.

- 21 Haiti:** We give thanks and praise for the rebuilding of the church in Marbial and the dedication of the building in January this year, 6 years after the earthquake that destroyed it.
- 22 Canada:** Brian and Els Taylor are on furlough in Australia. They are visiting personal supporters and churches who have partnered with them over many years and will also spend time with family and friends.
- 23 Malawi:** El Malawi is in the process of hiring new staff for our finance department and water/sanitation program. Please pray that God will direct the choices and that we will find the people that we need.
- 24 Tanzania:** Pray for the work on the Kiwere water project. This month we expect to be constructing water storage tanks and to begin the process of mobilising the community to form a Water Users Association.
- 25 Philippines:** Pray for safe travels for Ken and Ruth Copsey, and a good visit to Zamboanga, the last 4 days of February as they meet with the staff, sponsored students and their parents. They will also spend time to encourage Tony, their partner in Bible translation and plan and evaluate the program.
- 26 South Africa:** At the end of January, there were some serious fires in the fields and mountains around Fish Hoek, where the Sayers family live. They are safe and did not have to be evacuated, but please keep them, and those who were affected by these fires, in your prayers.
- 27 International:** The International Council continues to meet via Skype on a regular basis. Technology has been a great blessing, to allow the EI representatives all over the world to meet together and discuss issues relevant to the future of Emmanuel International.
- 28 Malawi:** Rain this year has been very sporadic across southern Malawi and crops are suffering. Please pray for rains and for God's mercy for a good harvest this year. There is concern that food relief is going to be needed for much longer than the 4-5 months of annual hunger that many Malawians experience.
- 29 Canada:** There is an upcoming Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association annual forum and AGM, entitled "A Spirituality for Relief and Development Work: Reflecting, Raging, and Rejoicing in Resonance with the Psalms". The forum theme will be led by Gideon Strauss. The event takes place May 2 and 3 at the World Vision Canada office. Many of the attendees will be home office leaders of various relief and development agencies who need to be re-fueled for the work they advocate for in the majority world.