



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on: Lindsay O'Connor



**Lindsay (right) broadcasting**

Lindsay O'Connor has worked with Emmanuel International as PR Officer and Media Manager for nearly 5 years. Lindsay has a broad background in PR and media in the non-profit industry, both nationally and internationally. He has hosted press conferences with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa, interviewed Rt Hon Sir John Major, former Prime Minister of the UK, and Arthur Moody Awori, the Vice President of Kenya. Lindsay's passion allows him to be heard on the airwaves as host of the International Sports Show on Toronto's Fan590 and TSN Radio, broadcasting rugby games from the United Kingdom and North America. He is marking his 13<sup>th</sup> year broadcasting rugby games on

TV. The life-long rugby enthusiast can trace his interest in the sport back to when he played the game as a child growing up in Christchurch, New Zealand.

After moving from New Zealand, Lindsay lived in Australia for a spell before travelling the world, eventually settling in Stouffville, Ontario. There, he married his wife Wanita and raised twins, Alysha and Daniel.

Lindsay loves the work Emmanuel International is achieving in developing countries with the blessings of God.

The O'Connor family covets your prayers: for Lindsay's full recovery from a recent triple heart bypass, for their son Daniel who is currently in the hospital battling with despair, and for Wanita and Alysha who bear the weight and provide care during this trying time."



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

- 1 Tanzania:** We are in the process of completing our final reports and evaluations for the DFID stoves project.
- 2 Uganda:** We hope that October will be busy with Pads Ministry school visits as we try to get as many visits in as we can before the end of year exams start in November. We have enough funds lined up, so please pray that it would all be accessible and that nothing will get in the way of the planned school visits. Also pray for Tom, and especially Milly, as they visit the schools on quite an intense schedule.
- 3 El Mission (USA):** Joel Newby and his wife, Samantha, are currently independent missionaries in Tanzania. They have requested affiliation with Emmanuel International to facilitate their work with the Tanzanian Assembly of God church that is El's host church in the region. They are travelling to the USA in November, and EIM will be discussing the proposed affiliation with Joel's home church in the US.
- 4 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey fly to the USA on October 4 for furlough and medical leave. Pray for safe travels.
- 5 Tanzania:** Rachel is travelling to Dar es Salaam to discuss Women's Groups with Under the Same Sun. Pray for her involvement in the future of this work.
- 6 South Africa:** In September we have collected missionaries Dave and Luci Fall (and 3 month old baby) from California to help us at Living Hope Bible Church while Denver and his family are studying at Masters Seminary on a 3 year scholarship. We look forward to the help in preaching and outreach as we continue to labour faithfully for the Lord in this body.
- 7 Tanzania:** Tim, Amisadai and Louisa are joining Rachel in Dar and meeting Tim's mum, Margaret, who is arriving today for a month's visit. Pray for a special time together. Pray especially for Margaret as she greets many from the churches here who have been so supportive through Tim's dad's illness and death.
- 8 Haiti:** Please pray for our work in Haiti as well as for pastor Martinez and Emma Jovin, our Country Representatives. Pray for their health in particular as they are travelling to Florida around this time for a checkup.
- 9 Malawi:** This month the food relief program begins distribution to Machinga. Pray for Martin Phiri who heads up this program. Praise, and pray, for the volunteers who are coming from Canada and UK to assist.
- 10 Brazil:** Erbeni Andrade has been training leaders to take over her position at Propac, Águas Formosas. Please pray for them and for Erbeni.
- 11 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Agricultural Project in Mwanza as the rains begin this month and farmers begin planting.

- 12 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth are having medical check-ups in Texas: on the 12<sup>th</sup> for Ken's eyes and the 14<sup>th</sup> for a cardiologist for Ruth. Pray for wisdom for the doctors who will be evaluating their health concerns.
- 13 Canada:** Donna R is volunteering in Malawi for the next 4 months to help with the relief efforts there. Pray for resilience, wisdom and strength for Donna as she enters into her life and work in Ntaja, Malawi.
- 14 Tanzania:** The Mongers are travelling to Rwanda with Tim's mum for a half term holiday.  
**Malawi:** The EBCM (Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi) have their Annual General Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October.
- 15 South Africa:** Pray for Rachel as she has some health issues with a previous hernia operation. It is still inconclusive but she will either require surgery or, more optimistically, can resolve what could be an ulcer with medicines. We're hoping for that one!
- 16 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth would like to have some time to meet with their supporters, family and friends but can only schedule visits when their check-ups are done.
- 17 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are co-hosting the Impact Course from October 17 to 28 at the Guelph Conference Centre. 26 adults and 10 children will be preparing for various ministries over the world. Pray for ongoing unity amongst our team leaders and a humility which enables learning for all of us, both participants and facilitators.
- 18 Tanzania:** Dave Rollett is coming to visit us from 18 to 28 October with a view to return with his family in 2017 to serve with our team.
- 19 Philippines:** Our Awana Youth Leaders will be working through the last 5 lessons on "What the Bible Teaches" in October, every Wednesday night! Please pray for them as they persevere in their given task.
- 20 Malawi:** David and Alyssa Forsythe are working very hard at learning Chichewa and are taking every opportunity to use what they are learning.
- 21 South Africa:** I (Don Sayers) have received news that I should plan to return to Canada on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October because my temporary visa expires then. We are hoping that Rachel and the children's application for Residency will be approved by then and thus enabling me to apply as a spouse to her application. This is the delay we've been battling with. Please continue to uphold this in prayer because of the challenge of making long-term plans amidst the uncertainty of short-term visas.
- 22 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira is the leader of the Terena indigenous denomination. Pray for his health, for his responsibilities as church leader and for his efforts to provide a strong leadership for the Terena pastors.

- 23 Tanzania:** Pray for funding for the new churches, livelihoods and environment project and for the new water project in Lupembe Lawasenga.
- 24 Uganda:** It is such a privilege to be involved in a development ministry like the Pads Ministry that has such an immediate, obvious and lasting benefit to people's lives. Praise God for the opportunity to serve these girls, future wives and mothers, in a society and culture that is generally not that positive about them.
- 25 United Kingdom:** With September being the end of our Financial Year, we have a lot of reports and preparations to do for the accountant and government.
- 26 South Africa:** We have great news that we've hired Nomabali Monica as our house mother for Safe House 3! She begins training at the end of the month and will move in shortly afterward. We are short about CDN\$1,500 (£880) to furnish the home with appliances and beds, so we would appreciate your prayer for this critical need. The renovations went about 40% over budget due to the ongoing riots and protests that kept workers out and forced our contractor to purchase materials from the informal settlement, at an inflated price, to keep the building progress on track. Many days labourers were forced home early but we still pay them normal daily rates. Such is life in the chaos, I'm afraid.
- 27 Brazil:** The Terena Bible School plans to increase the number of indigenous students next year. Please pray for their plans and work in this regard.
- 28 International:** We are looking for an International Director, a Country Representative for Uganda and National Director for the Philippines, as well as other positions. Please pray that God would stir up the right people to answer his call. Also pray that we will be advertising these positions in the right places.
- 29 Tanzania:** We are submitting visa applications this month in Mwanza for Rachel as well as new teammates Simon and Victoria Ewing and Joel Newby.
- 30 Canada:** EIC is pleased to announce that our EIC Banquet is confirmed for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for thorough preparations and a good turnout. We are delighted to have two guest speakers: The Honorable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health for Canada, and El Malawi Country Representative, Paul Jones. Dr Philpott is a former SIM missionary. Her son, Jake, went to Uganda with EI in 2010.
- 31 United Kingdom:** Sue, a volunteer, is going to Malawi in November to join the relief team. She will be there for 5 months. Please pray for her and her husband, who is planning to visit her during her time there.