



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Tom Edom



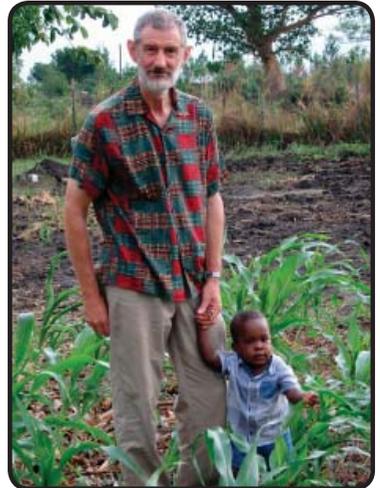
Tom has been serving among the Acholi people in Pader, Northern Uganda with EIUK since January 2012 and is planning to return home to the UK at the end of this year.

With the help of Milly, a Pader local, Tom is bringing a 'Pads Ministry' to schools in order for the girls to be equipped to stay in school beyond puberty. They are taught to understand and accept their periods and issued with washable pads and underwear, many of them for the first time. Alongside this support we teach

from the Bible about the importance of each girl to God. To date about 12,000 girls have received support.

Tom has a strong interest in the Deaf and learned Uganda Sign Language early in his stay. He interprets for some of the local Deaf in church, does a lot of 'listening' and helps to interpret for them in the community when they have need. He is training up local church members to help when he is not around.

After attending a Farming God's Way course, Tom started planting some demonstration plots. A few of the locals have shown an interest and some of them are helping him. They have planted maize, peanuts, popcorn, beans and is experimenting with chickpeas, which is a new and unknown crop in Acholi-land.



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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Canada:** The EIC AGM is today. We would appreciate prayers asking God the Father for good attendance and a clear presentation of what has happened this past year and where we trust God to lead us this coming year.
- 2 Tanzania:** Pray for the process of registering EI as an organisation in Tanzania. We expect early this month to submit all our documents to the ministry of home affairs for registration as a religious organisation. Pray for a speedy outcome to this process.
- 3 International:** We are still looking for an International Director. We have been praying every lunchtime from 22 May and will continue to do so till 18 June. Please join us in prayer.
- 4 Tanzania:** Praise God for the safe delivery of daughter Praise to Esther and Baraka, and son Ethan to Joel and Samantha! They are part of the Mwanza team.
- 5 International:** The International Board is meeting today. Please pray for good Skype connections.
- 6 Canada:** From June 5th - 16th the MissionPrep Impact course will be held at Guelph Bible conference centre, involving approximately 20 adult participants and 14 children and youth participants who are preparing to serve overseas. Please pray for Scott and Lorilee Maclean: for creativity, boldness, vulnerability and God confidence for what He has in store for and through the facilitators and participants.
- 7 Tanzania:** The Ewing family are continuing Swahili and beginning to build relationships on Kome Island.
- 8 United Kingdom:** Today there is a General Election in the UK. Please pray for a fair process and result.
Philippines: We are rebuilding houses in Isabela that were destroyed by typhoon Lawin. Pray that the houses will be completed by 12 June, when Edna goes to Canada.
- 9 Brazil:** Praise the Lord for the good news we hear from the Terena Bible School: funds granted to paint the dorms, two new income generation projects carried out (beans crop and chicken farm), and a team from the US that did some maintenance work.
- 10 Tanzania:** Tim and Louisa are leaving Mwanza today. Tim is preaching in Dar es Salaam on Sunday 11th and then they fly to the UK, arriving on Monday morning. Please pray for Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa as they enjoy being a family together again and go to Langley, Canada.
- 11 Brazil:** The Micah Global Brazil Conference is to be held in June. Emmanuel Brazil, and especially Tarcísio Porto, have been involved with them since their first meetings in Brazil.

- 12 Philippines:** Edna Santos is returning to Canada today. Please pray that the Lord guides and directs her future steps and that she will make the right decision.
- 13 Tanzania:** Please pray for Peter as he works in new villages around Mwanza to prepare for starting the agriculture project.
- 14 Brazil:** Keep the Águas Formosas Day Care Center in your prayers, as they are still in the process of leadership transition.
- 15 Philippines:** We have experienced a delay in getting the construction work for our new water project with the Teduray tribe going. Our first foreman had to drop out due to illness, and we have chosen a new person.
- 16 Uganda:** We plan that June will be a busy month of school visits for the Pads Ministry, so please pray for everything to go smoothly: pads production, buying of knickers, travel to schools, co-operative teachers and girls who are there and ready to hear. Travel can be tricky as this is the rainy season and roads can get damaged and become impassable, so please pray for safe travels, especially for Milly on the motorbike.
- 17 El Mission (USA):** Some great things have been happening with SALT (Samal Island and Acacia Leadership Teams) as they do their regular outreaches each week in the Philippines. A new fellowship has started on Samal island with kids' ministry and home Bible studies. The SALT team, being mentored by El missionaries, are all Visayan young professionals from Davao who have a heart for missions. They are from different Churches in Davao. Please pray for approval for the Government SEC Registration, and for fund raising activities needed for the ongoing ministry.
- 18 Uganda:** Please pray that the right people will see our plots and get interested in Farming God's Way. It is so different to the local methods that it is really hard for people to give it a second look, let alone adopt it. The fact that we should get startlingly better yields just does not cut much ice! Please pray for hearts and minds!
- 19 Tanzania:** Dave and Tricia Rollett are finishing their Swahili course this month and starting to work alongside the rest of the El Iringa team
- Philippines:** Jo, the wife of our coordinator Pastor Bart, is undergoing chemotherapy. Please pray for her.
- 20 Uganda:** Uganda is being attacked by 'Army Worm', a caterpillar infestation, that can completely devastate large areas of crops. Please pray that it will not reach Pader and will die out quickly. After 3 or 4 years of poor harvests due to unfavourable weather patterns, this is not what Northern Uganda needs!
- 21 Tanzania:** The VanWoerden family is currently on home assignment in BC, Canada. Please pray for them as they catch up with family, friends and supporters

- 22 Philippines:** June is the planting season. Pray for our partners as they plant; that the corn will grow and be harvested and not destroyed by typhoons.
- 23 Tanzania:** Please pray for Joel Newby as he makes preparation for the entrepreneurship training on Ukerewe Island
- Philippines:** We have only one of the needed permits for the water project from the government, and still need two more approvals. Please pray that this will be completed smoothly.
- 24 Uganda:** The Farming God's Way maize plots are doing well, the beans less so. Popcorn (a popular snack here) and peanuts (a valued protein) have been planted recently. Chickpeas were doing OK until someone weeded half of them away - not recognising the plant, it was treated as a weed despite being planted in careful lines!
- 25 Malawi:** Please pray for the EI Team, the partner churches and the work they are doing in Malawi.
- 26 Philippines:** We reach out to the community here with the Operation Christmas Child Boxes and Discipleship lessons. Please pray that the Lord will guide and direct the personnel here at the office.
- 27 Uganda:** Tom is trying to find a way of teaching Farming God's Way to the deaf children at Paipir school but the school authorities are being less than helpful. Despite an early request, they refused to allocate any school land for the children to use; it was all allocated to the teachers. For the Deaf children, growing up with very poor job prospects, it seems like a vital life skill to know how to get good yields from small gardens. So please pray about this. About 87% of all Ugandans are rural farmers.
- 28 South Africa:** The Sayers family are on furlough in Canada. Please pray for them as they reconnect with family, friends and supporters. They are doing a lot of travelling too. Please pray for their safety while traveling.
- 29 Canada:** The EIC staff and their families have been invited to see a Toronto Blue Jay game together today, followed by a dinner. We thank God for the opportunity to have fun together. We are hoping for a sunny day so that the Rogers centre roof will be open. Play ball!
- 30 United Kingdom:** EIUK is holding the annual Summer Event on 8th July. Please pray as we prepare for this.