



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Walter Okidi



Walter Okidi is 25 years old, single (but praying for a suitable match!), and born in Uganda. He is the 3rd child of 11 children born to his parents (Rev. John Oryem and Mrs. Rose Oryem), all of whom are serving God in different churches, schools, and institutions here in Uganda. He is a graduate of Public Administration and Management from Gulu University, with a strong heart for God's ministry. He also helps as the vice-chairperson for the Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF) in the Diocese of Kitgum.

He joined Emmanuel International in June 2017 in the discipleship ministries, which includes the School Discipleship ministry, Jesus Film ministry, and morning devotions on Radio Luo FM. In the School Discipleship ministry where he does most of his work, we are helping youth in 5 local schools with the Understanding True Love course. The School Discipleship ministry is also organizing joint school visits, where church leaders from different denominations visit the students to preach and share their testimonies. These visits have been a strong sign of unity, and have encouraged the students, schools, and churches. He thanks God because he finds this work interesting and nurturing to his faith.

Walter is also pursuing a part time Masters of Business Administration (with a focus on management), which is enabling him to help with the management of church activities, and he desires in the near future to attend Bible School so that he can strengthen God's ministry.



Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Today the EI Tanzania Members will be meeting together in the capital, Dodoma. At this meeting Tim Monger will be introduced as the nominated new Country Director and Andre VanWoerden as the new Iringa team leader. Pray for a unity and encouragement for EI in Tanzania as we go through these changes. Also Julian Willford travels back to the UK after two weeks of beekeeping training in Mwanza. Pray for his travels and for the beekeeper groups to put into practice all they have learned!
- 2 Brazil:** Praise God for the graduation of three students at the Terena Bible School, from two different ethnic groups. The ceremony will be today.
- 3 Canada:** We have had a good response to our Christmas Catalogue. Please pray that this will continue.
- 4 Tanzania:** The Mwanza team is pleased to have Sue Fallon visiting us! Pray for her travels and time with us as she travels with the Ewings to Kome Island.
- 5 EI Mission (USA):** The EIM Board needs new members, especially a Finance Officer or an Accountant. Please pray that God would send the right people.
- 6 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira, the Terena Church leader, had surgery for retinal detachment in November. Pray for good recovery.
- 7 Malawi:** Praise the Lord for good joint meetings between 5 EI countries (Malawi, Canada, Uganda, Tanzania and UK) in November. Pray for guidance as each country seeks to know God's direction in follow-up from the discussions.
- 8 Philippines:** We have an outreach today with a group of Sama kids in Aundanao, Samal island. There are around 50 tribal kids in the area. Canadian friends will fund this project and we will help with the program and the distribution of goody bags for the kids.
- 9 Philippines:** We have our annual Christmas party with our Mahayahay fellowship today. We will have a program, games for kids and adults, devotional message and gift-giving.

- 10 Tanzania:** From 10th to 15th December, all the EI missionaries, project staff and some of the board members will be meeting for a conference in Mwanza. Sue Fallon will also be attending. Pray for unity and God's guidance as we seek him together.
- 11 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are preparing their report of their Mozambique trip and will appreciate your prayers.
- 12 Uganda:** Please pray that the Deaf do not get discouraged by Tom Edom leaving Uganda, and that local Christians and Deaf can build one another up without external support.
- 13 Canada:** We are delighted that Laura Kelly, who currently resides in New Brunswick, is an EIC missionary candidate. EIC, EI Tanzania and Laura are working together and looking to God for specific direction and confirmation of her role in Tanzania. Please join us in praying with Laura.
- 14 EI Mission (USA):** Pray for a new generation of donors who will step into the gap for those who are no longer in the "earning" phase of life and with scarcer resources to share with the world.
- 15 Tanzania:** The Mwanza team are growing! Please pray for Kazima, John David and Gertrude as they start working with us in Conservation Agriculture, Beekeeping and Community Health Education.
- 16 Tanzania:** The Iringa team travels back to Iringa today and Sue Fallon travels back to the UK tomorrow. Please pray for safe travels.
- 17 Philippines:** We have the annual Christmas party with our Acacia outreach - a much-awaited event in the life of the community in the area where we hold children's and mother's Bible studies twice a month!
- 18 Uganda:** The Diocese of Kitgum is running a four day youth camp (December 18th to 21st), hosted in Pader. Please pray for Mike and Marianne Botting and Walter Okidi, who will be acting as facilitators for the break out seminars, teaching on unity and relationships.
- 19 Malawi:** Agness Kandoje, wife of Pastor Kandoje of EBCM, is suffering from severe leg pain. The doctor they are seeing is consulting other doctors as he isn't sure what to do. Pray for good medical assistance and for healing.

- 20 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is meeting today with other small mission groups to learn from and support each other.
- 21 El Mission (USA):** Pray for a new generation of American missionaries to meet the needs of the world through Emmanuel International opportunities.
- 22 Malawi:** The El Malawi staff celebration is today. Please pray as we enter the Christmas season.
- Philippines:** Today is the street dwellers' outreach. There are many homeless families living on the streets around the city and we are planning to share Christmas joy to them with packed food and goody bags for kids, a blanket for the cooler nights and hopefully an opportunity to share the Gospel to those awake and willing to listen.
- 23 Tanzania:** Pray for the groups in Mangawe and Utengule (Imarika Project) who will be trying out conservation agriculture techniques they have been taught at the start of the farming season in Iringa.
- 24 Canada:** Staff will be travelling over the Christmas period. Pray for a blessed Christmas with family and friends.
- 25** We pray that the joy and spirit of humility, sacrificial giving, sharing, forgiveness and heartfelt worship will spread all over the world today, to the glory of God. We wish you a very blessed Christ season.
- 26 South Africa:** Please pray for the mothers and children in the safe houses during this holiday season.
- 27 United Kingdom:** The annual EIUK Conference and AGM is taking place in a month. Please pray as people consider attending and for us in the office as we prepare for this event.
- 28 Uganda:** The Pads project is now waiting for the new school year, starting in February. Please pray for a good funding stream to keep the work going.
- 29 Brazil:** Tarcísio and Jurema Porto and Fred and Carla Silva are working on so many details of their trip to Tanzania, Malawi, and UK in January. Please pray for them.
- 30 United Kingdom:** Please pray for Tom Edom as he settles back in the UK.
- 31 Haiti:** Please pray for Martinez and Emma Jovin and the work they are doing in Haiti to help communities.