



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Vacancy in Emmanuel International (EI) Acholi Girls Fairer Future, Uganda

The Acholi Girls Fairer Future Project seeks to help girls continue with their education during the crucial transition from primary school to secondary school. In Uganda, primary education is mandatory, and substantial government subsidies make primary schools affordable for struggling families. Secondary schools are not mandatory and are much less heavily subsidized. Families frequently choose not to send their girls on to secondary schools because their school performance often drops due to high absenteeism after the start of their menstrual cycles. Without sanitary pads, girls simply stay home, and missed time in school translates into poor grades, which means many of these girls don't progress in their education.

Emmanuel International has been going to local primary schools, teaching girls 12 years and older about their menstrual cycle and how to manage it, the importance of education, and that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. The girls are each given 4 pairs of underwear and 4 reusable sanitary pads. Over the last 5 years, over 20,000 girls have been reached!

The key challenge for moving forward with this project is sustainability. There

will not always be an organization to hand out sanitary pads to girls. Currently, many parents do not see the value in buying a pack of reusable pads, often opting for disposable pads or none at all. They could be made part of the school uniform. Since these pads are locally made, there is an economic opportunity for these pads to contribute to the livelihood of tailors in Pader, if only parents could be convinced that these pads are worth buying. The next phase of this project must explore and implement a workable strategy for sustainability.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** We have a series of meetings and engagements with different potential consortia leaders for the upcoming USAID funded Food-for-Peace Program. We need God's guidance to succeed in this endeavour. We have a meeting with CRS today for a validation meeting.
Uganda: Our final Fun Day with the Sunday School children will be tomorrow. These days have been enjoyable and fruitful, and we pray that they will finish well. The Child Discipleship ministry is also switching gears from these holiday activities to starting "Good News" clubs in five primary schools. So far the school administrations have been open to this effort to help the spiritual lives of the students. Please pray that these clubs will provide an opportunity to reach many children with the good news of the gospel - even those who would never go to a church for Sunday School.
- 2 United Kingdom:** Today is the annual EIUK Conference and AGM and we are officially celebrating our 35th anniversary. We are blessed to have many supporters and alumni attending. Please pray that it will be a day of great celebration of mission over 3 and a half decades!
- 3 Uganda:** The graduation for last year's Bishop Lee students will take place today. Please pray that the commissioned students will serve the church faithfully, and that the current students will persevere in their studies as they start their exams in the 3rd week of March.
Tanzania: Today is Women's Day for the TAG churches. Please pray for Laura as she preaches at Mwanza International Community Church.
- 4 Brazil:** The Terena Bible Institute classes are scheduled to start at the beginning of March, after the Summer holidays. Pray that the new indigenous students would adjust well to their new responsibilities.
International: Jim and Cathy Clemens are EI Alumni who worked in Malawi for some years and have had an ongoing invested impact in the work of EI there. Jim is facing recovery from a stroke and Cathy will start a one-month long regime of radiation for cancer today. Please keep this precious couple in your prayers.
- 5 South Africa:** Aphiwe is starting her new semester of studies. The day classes were full this term so she is taking night classes until April where she will be transferred to day classes. The minibus taxis don't operate past 7pm so Don has been driving her from school after her classes. He'll be happy for the change!
Malawi: We are working on the annual report for submission to the NGO Board.
- 6 Tanzania:** From March 6 to 8, Tim, Rachel and Bhatendi are going to Malya and Ngudu. Please pray for this initial training seminar with the beekeepers in Ngudu as they start the group here. Pray for quick colonization of the hives which the group will be hanging!
- 7 International:** Please pray that God will raise up His people for additional Board members needed.
Tanzania: This month the Ewing's sending church is doing a fundraising drive for the sanitation project! Please pray for this to go well!

- 8 International:** Paul and Helen Jones would appreciate your prayers through March and April as they reconnect with supporters and seek God's direction for raising the additional support that they require now.
- 9 Tanzania:** The business groups are moving forward on Ukerewe Island. Pray that the Mpesa group can get a business license without hassle and the chicken group could build their chicken barn.
- 10 Philippines:** The farmers will be harvesting their corn from around now until the 20th. Please pray that it will be a good harvest and that the farmers will be able to make payments to their loans. Pastor Alex Pantua goes to see to the harvesting processes and the selling of it. We pray the farmers will have enough to pay for their replanting and to make payments on their loans.
- 11 Uganda:** Towards the end of February we trained 16 churches in preparation for the Jesus Film ministry this year. Now these church leaders are back in their communities where they are each training a team of 12 in how to follow up with new believers, so that there is a team ready when we come to show the Jesus Film. Please pray that these community trainings will be successful, as we look to start showing the Jesus Film in the third week of March.
- 12 Tanzania:** This week Rachel is working in Dar es Salaam. Please pray for her time with the women there and also as she works on preparations and supplies for the Bakery. Pray also for good progress this month as the renovation work gets underway!
- 13 South Africa:** Don is going through a Discipleship series "Marks of a Healthy Church" during Living Hope Bible Churches bible hour Sunday morning. It has been edifying to see the church begin to understand their vital role as members of a body, and how their presence is vital if they desire to function and build up as a body. Praising God for the spiritual growth!
- 14 Philippines:** Praise God for a church near our outreach in Acacia who has pledged to take over the nurture and teaching for both the children and adults we have been discipling for almost 3 years now. The following months will be our transition period as we slowly work ourselves out of the program and then look for where the Lord would want us to go next.
- 15 Malawi:** May God guide those of our staff whose projects are winding up in March. As such, more than half of the organisation's employees are going to have their contracts terminated. Let's pray for God's provision to them and their families.
- 16 Uganda:** Michael and Marianne Botting are praying that their application for a work permit renewal will come quickly without any hassle. If they don't come before the end of the month they will have to pay extra for a "special pass."
- 17 Philippines:** Edna Santos is leaving for Canada on June 3rd but is looking for a suitable place to move into before she departs.
- 18 Tanzania:** Please pray for the ongoing church building work on Kome Island!

- 19 South Africa:** Rachel and Nate's visas still haven't been processed even though the rest of the family's have been approved. It's been unsettling and discouraging waiting for months when the process normally takes 3 weeks. Please continue to pray.
- 20 Tanzania:** Tim is in Nairobi from today until the 27th to present his paper on how the Church can be involved on the Reconciliation of People with Albinism. Please pray this would be well received and could go on to make a difference in the lives of people with albinism. Also please pray for his meetings with other pastors and connections in Nairobi.
- 21 Philippines:** Our SALT team will be having a new set of officers for the year. Pray for wisdom as we seek to find the best person, picked by the Lord to do the job that He has entrusted us to do.
- 22 Tanzania:** Laura finishes her course of Swahili classes! Please pray for her as she begins to work on preparations for the girls health project.
- 23 Canada:** Lorilee and Scott MacLean look forward to connecting with church leadership on both the Malawi and Mozambique sides. Please pray for them as they settle in to their new assignment.
- 24 Brazil:** The Ofaié is a small indigenous group where the Terena Church has planted a church. Emmanuel Brazil and the Terena Church need wisdom to continue the contacts there in order to begin a community development project in the area.
- 25 Philippines:** We are looking for sponsors of the scholarship project so that we can start with a couple of churches, with two groups of 50 children in each church. They range from elementary to high school. We'll need school supplies for next school year for at least 100 students.
- 26 Tanzania:** There is a new committee for the department of projects and development in the North Mwanza Diocese. Pray for Joel to be effective as he begins his work as manager of this group.
- 27 Canada:** We put in a request for 2 positions to the Canada Summer Jobs program. Pray that our request is successful and that approval is granted.
- 28 South Africa:** We minister in difficult conditions, where crime is common and life is cheap. Pray for hearts to be changed and lives to be committed to Him who is more precious than silver and gold. Pray for continued safety for our family.
- 29 Philippines:** March in the Philippines is usually the time for graduations. Please pray for the three high school students from the Kolibugan tribe who will be graduating today. These kids have been trained in leadership and are followers of Isah (Jesus). Pray for their future. Two are hoping to attend college to be teachers while one wants to be a policeman. We do not have support for them in college but we are praying to raise funds for them.
- 30 Brazil:** Please pray for the PROPAC Day Care Center and the Arts, Sports and Chess projects that have been carried out.
- 31 Haiti:** Daniel Jovin is overseeing the work in Haiti. Please pray for him and the project team.