



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Scott and Lorilee MacLean

"My heart is here." Principal Kandoje's phrase has stuck with me since that February afternoon we chatted at Chisomo Theological & Vocational Training Centre, Malawi. I believe him! It reminded me of a recent comment that also rings true to me: "Investing in the heart, soul and mind of a person is paramount; it cannot be stolen."

So here we are, both 55-years young, for Round Two of living in Malawi currently deepening our Chichewa language and cultural understanding while we intentionally wait for open doors to begin ministry in Mozambique. Round One in Malawi began in 1997 and finished in 2009. In between "rounds" we had a ten-year hiatus (2009-2019) back in Canada, mainly to be nearby for our four kids as they transitioned into life in Canada and toward the futures God planned for them. In hindsight, returning to Canada was absolutely necessary for us as well. Here's why.

We had the privilege and challenge of being involved in several mission mobilizing activities and training (as both learners and facilitators). For instance, we worked at the EIC home office, facilitated and taught the Perspectives course, facilitated cross-cultural training with MissionPREP, mentored short term mission teams sent annually to a First Nations community, participated on local church mission committees, engaged with the Lausanne Movement, learned from the Growing Redemptive Participant Approach, and hosted national church leaders and missionaries in Canada for mission training purposes. The cumulative effect of these opportunities and others was two-fold: 1) we were fuelled to reflect on our past mission experience, and 2) we were fuelled to step into future mission opportunities.

The following statement describes our focus for this next season in Mozambique, God willing: We want to join the lived story of Chichewa-speaking Mozambicans, for our mutual growth in Christ and collective participation in God's redemptive purposes, amid neighbouring least-reached peoples and beyond. We will seek to live out this statement by focusing on these four areas: Partnership, Mission Mobilization, Education, and a primary focus on Least-Reached peoples.

This is where our hearts are. We invite you to stand with us in praying Psalm 90:17: "Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"



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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** The Mwanza Team have a Prayer Day today. Pray for a good time together seeking God and committing our work to Him for his glory!
Tanzania: Rachel and Bhatendi are in Malya and Ngudu from today until the 3rd, working with the beekeepers and mamas group. Pray for preparations before harvesting in Malya. We have a month before we hope to harvest and we pray the bees will be busy! Pray for the successful making, hanging and colonising of hives in Ngudu as swarming season approaches.
- 2 Tanzania:** Laura and Tim are visiting Bishop Shoo to talk about the girls health project. Pray for wisdom as Laura begins working on this project!
Canada: The Promise Press Conference has been rescheduled to be held on Friday 5th April. Please pray for the preparations and for the event to be successful with a great response by media, VIPs and invited guests.
- 3 Philippines:** The harvesting of corn continues during the first two weeks in April. Please pray that the farmers will finish their harvesting, that they will not be sick because of the intense heat, and that their crops will not all dry up in the heat.
- 4 Malawi:** Our Advisory Council Chair (Professor Dixie Maluwa-Banda) is recovering from a hip replacement operation. Please pray for him.
- 5 International:** We are still in the process of finding new board members. Pray for those who God is calling for this, that their hearts will be ready to say yes when He calls them... and that we on the Board will know God's mind.
- 6 Philippines:** April 15th is Nomination Day. To be a candidate for the Conservative Party for the coming federal election, Alex Pacis needs more votes than the other 3 candidates in his riding of Mississauga Centre. He also needs funds to pay for the costs of running, as well as many volunteers! Hundreds if possible!
- 7 Canada:** Ginny Wilson is recovering from major surgery. Pray for healing and comfort, and also for her husband Keith.
Haiti: The mission continues to seek a pastor for the Font Blanc church including the largest church (in Cabaret).
- 8 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is in Canada and this week will have meetings with the International and Canadian offices.
Tanzania: We have started the new Isimani [ee-see-MA-knee] Water Project, providing rainwater harvesting and student latrines at two primary schools and a dispensary. We have started at Mangawe Primary School where we will be building 5 large water storage tanks, student latrine blocks, and handwashing stations. Pray especially for Ajery Kahise as he supervises the work crew.
- 9 Philippines:** We have about 35 young people scheduled to be baptized and accepted into membership in the Northview Christian Fellowship this month. Please continue to pray for those following the Lord in Baptism.

- 10 Tanzania:** The Mongers are making the most of the Easter holidays and are going camping in Bukoba. Pray for safe travels and a fun time together!
- 11 Malawi:** Let's continue to pray for the recovery from floods which affected some of the areas in which we work. We thank God for the resources that have been raised so far and helped us to respond to the floods to some extent.
- 12 Tanzania:** This is Laura's last day of Swahili classes! Pray for her as she puts all she has learned into practice.
- Brazil:** The renewal of the Terena Bible School classrooms is taking place. The electric system was replaced and the walls were plastered. Pray with us for encouragement and funds to finish the work.
- 13 International:** Paul and Helen Jones are speaking at supporting churches and visiting with supporters throughout the month of April. Please pray for them.
- Haiti:** God has blessed both Cabaret and Jamcel with pastors who are trained and ordained. This is a true blessing from the Lord. Please pray for the men - that God would put a hedge of protection around them and their family.
- 14 Uganda:** The Jesus Film ministry is a busy one during the month of April, as we try to show the film in as many villages as possible before the rainy season makes some areas difficult to reach. Please pray that the weather will cooperate, that people will respond to the gospel message, and that the church teams will carry out their role in following up with the new believers.
- 15 Haiti:** Please pray for continued calm and tranquility as there is some discussion regarding upcoming elections.
- Tanzania:** The rainy season in Iringa typically comes to an end by the last week of April, but because of some extended dry spells in drought-prone areas, many farmers replanted their crops and are depending on late rains to get a harvest; pray for good harvests.
- 16 Tanzania:** We have a visiting PhD student visiting Mwanza from today until the 27th, carrying out research about mothers of children with albinism. Pray that we can accommodate all she needs to do while she is with us!
- 17 Philippines:** The youth camp is taking place from 24 to 27 April. Pray that it will be well attended. Please pray for resources to come in for the 30 youth.
- Haiti:** The Cabaret school is need of a principal.
- 18 Uganda:** In March the Child Discipleship ministry established "Good News" clubs in five primary schools, where Bible stories and memory verses are shared with the children on a weekly basis. We praise God that the clubs have been successful thus far, and have attracted many children. Please pray that this pilot initiative will continue to be successful, especially as we identify teachers who can be trained to carry on the work.

- 19 Tanzania:** Pray for the farmers in our conservation agriculture (CA) groups in Mangawe, Utengule, Lupembelwasenga, and Mafuluto, that they will see the benefits of CA, even in their first year, as they focus on improving soil fertility for sustainable farming, Pray also that they will be encouraged to continue and scale up.
- 20 Malawi:** We have an advisory council meeting today to review the Jan–Mar 2019 Quarter.
- 21 Philippines:** We are still looking for a venue for the office and guest house. Please pray that we will find a suitable place.
- Brazil:** Emmanuel International Brazil has been discussing a new approach to potential partner churches. We need wisdom to look for the right churches that are ready and willing to respond to the needs of poor communities.
- 22 Tanzania:** Simon, Victoria and Joel are still waiting for residence permits. Please pray this process could be completed quickly!
- 23 Haiti:** Pastor and Emma Jovin are in Florida resting and visiting their doctors. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.
- 24 Canada:** Cathy Clemens is now receiving a course of radiology treatment at Kingston Hospital Ontario. Jim Clemens is recovering from a stroke. Pray for healing and all treatments for both of them to be a success.
- 25 Tanzania:** The Entrepreneurship groups on Ukerewe Island are progressing! The chickens have arrived in the coop. Pray for their survival and productivity laying eggs after a few months. Pray also for the mobile money agency, that they would work well together to quickly move things forward.
- 26 Uganda:** In early April the School Discipleship ministry will finish conducting five Secondary School trainings for student leaders. These young leaders will be trained in leadership, follow up and discipleship, and after completing the training they will establish Bible study groups with their fellow students. Please pray that these Bible study groups will be successful, and that these young people will grow in their faith as they take up leadership roles.
- 27 Brazil:** We praise God for the Águas Formosas Day Care Center leadership and teachers. After some time of uncertainties and challenges, the Day Care Center is slowly beginning to help poor children and their families.
- 28 Tanzania:** Simon and Victoria are anticipating the start of the latrine project in the churches on Kome island, working with them to decide on their preferred design. Pray for the start of this new project!
- 29 United Kingdom:** St Peter's Church in Farnborough is sending a short term mission team to Iringa, Tanzania this summer. Please pray for the team as they prepare to go out, and also for the team in Tanzania as they get ready to host the team.
- 30 South Africa:** We value the house mothers and would appreciate your prayers for them as they provide a safe home for the children in their care.