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Come on and celebrate!

Emmanuel International has a lot to celebrate this year! EI as an international organisation is turning 35. EIUK is turning 26 and our General Manager, Sue Fallon, celebrates 25 years with EI. At the annual garden party, held on 10 July 2010, we celebrated all these occasions with a record number of people attending! Thelma Carroll, wife of EIUK founder John, shares her thoughts.

As I sat in David and Jenny's garden on the 10th July and looked around at the folk who had come, I found myself reflecting and thinking "what if".

What if George and Dorothy Middleton had not been delayed in Aden on their way to be missionaries in Ethiopia?

What if John had not been sent to Aden to do his National Service when he was eighteen?

What if, when George was on his way to Canada on furlough, he had not invited our daughter Joy (aged just 18) to go to the training school in Stouffville? After training she went out with the first team to Haiti.

What if Joy had not talked about her experience at a CYFA camp, to which Sue Fallon had come?

What if people like Giselle Hollyhock, Joan Drury, and Andrew Strawson had not freely helped us to get EIUK off the ground when George invited John to be the founder of the UK charity?

What if churches and parents and people like June Morgan, who was Mission Secretary at All Souls Langham Place, had not fully supported in prayer and finance the candidates who God called to serve in needy places overseas? "Out of little acorns do mighty oaks grow".

What if so many people had not served as prayer partners and encouragers?

It is mind blowing to see how God has been at work over the years and how lives have been changed by His power, not only overseas but here at home. It is very humbling, but also a great joy, to reflect on the EIUK family. Space does not allow me to list the names of those who have made EI what it is, but John and I give thanks to God for our EI family and trust Him for all that is to come.



Thanks to all who were able to come and help make it a fun day!



EIUK alumni, past and present board and staff members

Masty Melesse



Masty worked in Rwensande, Uganda in 2000 and 2001. She was involved in the health and nutrition project at the time. Masty has completed her Accountancy exam and is currently looking for work experience.

Astrid Issberner

Astrid worked in Jamaica from January 1990 to December 1991 in Sturge Town. She was doing health teaching, crafts (such as knitting and crotchet) and of course being very involved in the church. When she returned home she went into nursing, and qualified as a registered nurse in 1996. She now works on a general surgical ward at the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro and lives near Newquay. She's still single - no kids, no pets!

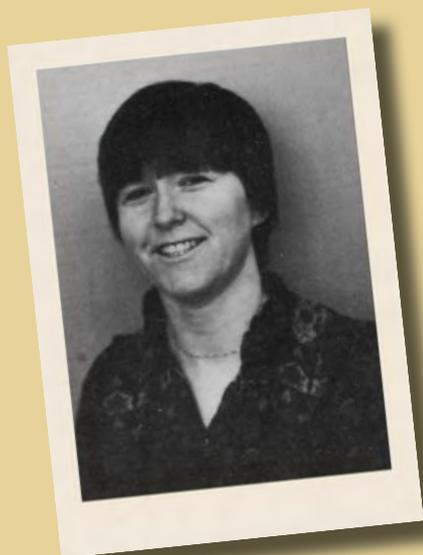


Stewart and Sarah Taylor



Sarah (née Bendell) went with EI to Jamaica in 1983 and 1984. A year or so after coming back she married Stewart, who was then the minister of Emmanuel Tolworth. She trained as a Nursery Nurse and

achieved her Honours recently. She is starting a teaching year one post at a school not too far from the home, come this September. Stewart has been vicar of St Philip's Cambridge for nearly 19 years and has sought to encourage EI there. He came to be involved with EI through his first curacy post in West Norwood with John Carroll (where EI began in this country). They have two children: Emma who just finished her drama degree and Stephen who has battled with some difficult health and educational issues and will be starting a sixth form course this year. For the last 15 years they have both run a



Sue celebrates 25 years with EI

It goes beyond the 25 years. I distinctly remember God saying to me "I don't want you to be a police woman. I want you to be a missionary". I was sixteen and my response was "I've got nothing to offer."

Some 9 years later I was a leader on a CYFA camp and Joy Carroll stood up to introduce a workshop on EI. This is what she said: "If you think you have nothing to offer, you're wrong. This could be the place for you." That was the start of my EI journey.

From the first time in the airport with friends upset and saying goodbye - "It's only 15 months" I say... To arriving in Canada knowing no one and feeling very alone - "It's 15 months! What am I going to do?"... To sitting at my desk in Chichester 25 years on... God has been very evident in it all. He has used many people and things (a squirrel here, a sunset there even my favourite football team) to remind me of His power and love for me.

Christian Family Holiday week in various locations, and before that did many years of Pathfinder camps in Devon. These have involved many EI links and friendships that have endured time. God has shown us that seeking the welfare of others is always good for us as well as those we serve.

Martin and Gudrun Brown



Martin was in Pasbul, Philippines from 1986 to 1989. He was involved in Community health work and the church plant. From 1989 to 1992 he was Uganda

In-Country Representative. Then there was a Relief programme in Gulu, a Rehabilitation programme in Patongo and the partnership with South Rwenzori Diocese was started. Since leaving EI Martin got married in 1993 to Gudrun a German lady he met in Uganda, (who worked at Kiwoko Hospital as a nurse). They have two children Talitha (15) and Kaleb (13). Initially they lived in Sheffield where Martin trained and worked as a Health Visitor. In 1999 they moved to Celle in Germany just North of Hannover where Martin worked as a Health visitor with the British Army in Germany. He moved across to Health Improvement work and completed a Masters in Public Health in 2006. He now works as the Team Leader for the Community Health Team still working with the British Army. They still live in Celle and are part of a small Free Evangelical Church where Martin is on the leadership team.

Alison and Iain Blackwell

Alison (née Mansell) served with EI in Uganda from 1994 to 1996. Rwensande Archdeaconry Development Programme (RACDP) was a multidisciplinary development project involving literacy, immunisation, spring protection, school building, animal husbandry and soil conservation. These were implemented by a team

of local people working alongside communities and churches and also involved church teaching. She was part of that team with responsibility for soil conservation including village tree nurseries and training a local counterpart to continue with the work once her assignment was over. There were also opportunities for church visiting and speaking on Sundays and Bible studies for women. She is married to Iain and they have two boys - Joseph (7) and Noah (6). They live in a village near Exeter where Iain is a water engineer and Alison is a housewife! She teaches English as a foreign language as part of a church outreach to women from all round the world and keeps her international development hat on as a board member of Send a Cow. And no, they don't just send cows!



Liz and Leon Waldock



Liz (née Doggett) was in Creve, Haiti from 1987 to the end of 1988 and then returned to nurse in London. She married Leon in 1993 and after living for a couple of years

in Australia, they returned to UK. They are now living in Cambridge where Leon works from home as an architect. They have three boys: Will (13), Luke (12) and Titus (10). Liz enjoys the opportunity to share life with the women she meets through the children's school and part-time work as a teaching assistant and first aider.

It was great to catch up with so many of our alumni in the recent weeks. We would love to hear from more alumni where you are now and where God has brought you. Please let us know!

It has been an amazing journey full of joys and challenges and some times of stress too. If I was to highlight one time over the years I would have to choose my period in Training School. It was a total privilege to walk with and alongside candidates as they prepared for their time with EI both overseas and in the International office. It was great to get to know them and although it brought with it many challenges, it was also the best. Having the opportunity through summer teams to visit many of our project areas and meet and work with a number of our partners and Reps is up there in the highlight list too.

Thanks to all who have supported me through these 25 years. For many of you it started off as a 15 month commitment too! But your prayers and finances have been instrumental.

There is just not enough space to tell all the stories. Do contact me if you want to know more.



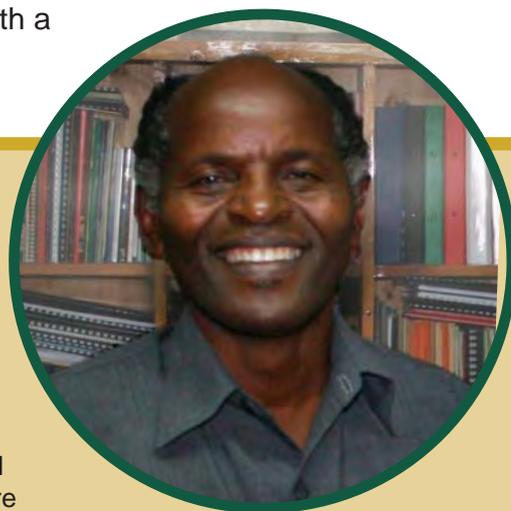


Emmanuel Relief and Rehabilitation International turns 35!

It was a real privilege to be in Canada at the start of the 35 year celebrations, especially as it coincided exactly with my 25th anniversary of starting with EI. In this picture are all the Alumni, current staff, board members past and present that were at the Spring Banquet put on by EI Canada.

George Middleton was the guest speaker, Andy Atkins gave an update on the work in Haiti and I shared a testimony and some of the work of EIUK, along with a number of other activities.

Bishop Donald Mtetemela is the Guest Speaker at the EIUK 2011 Annual Conference Sunbury Court Conference Centre, London 11 to 13 February 2011



Every year the EIUK family gathers together to hear about what EI has done in the previous year, to pray about the plans for the future and to meet old and new friends. If you have been supporting EI, have been following what EI is doing or just want to find out more about EIUK - this is the place to come to! It is not a closed conference and if you are reading this you are most welcome to attend!

EI has been working in Tanzania in close partnership with Donald Mtetemela since 1994 when he invited EI to come and work with the Anglican Diocese of Ruaha. He has a passion and a vision for taking the gospel both in words and actions to the furthest and poorest villages. This has been a driving force in the huge growth of the church and many interventions in the communities which have changed thousands of lives. He is the former Archbishop of Tanzania and currently Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ruaha, retiring at the beginning of September. Come and hear Bishop Mtetemela's message.

The Conference Brochure and Booking forms will be available in October. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at the office (contact details below).

With Annual General Meeting on 12 February 2011

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