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EIUK New Style Summer Social

On Saturday 11 July 2015, we had our new style summer social at Trinity Church, Harrow. The new format included slightly more formal feedback from missionaries on furlough as well as chats via Skype with some of those overseas.

Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa Monger gave a summary of their work in Mwanza, Tanzania - what they are doing and their future plans, who they are working with, the churches, the pastors and the communities as well as the wider theological background to their work. It is both exciting and daunting to see how much they are doing, and they have only been in Mwanza for a year!

John and Samuel Naudé talked about their work and lives in Zomba in Malawi. John admits that the thought of teaching at the Bible College scared him initially but he discovered just how much he loves this! John also shared how God has been there for both him and Samuel after Belinda's passing.



Photos from top to bottom:

The Monger family telling us about their work in Mwanza

The EIUK family prays for John and Samuel Naudé

Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins tell us about their plans to work in Brazil for 6 months



We chatted with Fred Silva in Brazil via Skype before watching a clip about the PROPAC centre in Águas Formosas. This is where Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins hope to work for 6 months. They also shared something of their plans and how God has provided them with the opportunity to learn Portuguese!



It was good to also catch up with Tom Edom in Pader in Northern Uganda. We are thankful for good Skype connections. Tom told us about the progress with the Pads Ministry through a new venture with ActionAid, as well as his work with the Deaf.

We gathered around each speaker as they had finished their talk and we prayed for them. It was good to be able to commit each one of them, with their points of thanks and requests for prayers, into God's hands.



Lunch was a casual, social meal where we had time to catch up with each other's news. The day was rounded off with a BBQ in The Manse Garden. The weather was beautiful!

It was great to see everyone who travelled some distance to get to the event! Thank you so much!

A great big thank you also to Trinity Church Harrow, who allowed us use of their church, provided tea, coffee and very yummy cakes. Thanks to Dave and Ineke for hosting the BBQ and making us feel so welcome!



**Photos from top to bottom:
The Tanzania display
Having a lovely informal and social bring-your-own lunch
Skyping with overseas missionaries.
Ending the day with a BBQ in the garden**

Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins



Callum and Rianne met while on a New Wine discipleship course and have been a couple since November 2013. They are engaged to be married, with the date set for 30 April 2016.

Rianne says: "The thing that really connected us on the (discipleship) weekend away is our passion for God and now we are working for the same church; Callum with the youth and I work

there as a worship-leader. We both have a big heart for the church and seeing people coming to faith, for travelling and so also for mission. We're now engaged and are very excited for what God has planned for our lives together, working together, for him."

They are planning to work for 6 months at the Propac centre in Águas Formosas, starting this September. The Propac centre provides day care for children and adolescents who are victims of physical and sexual violence or in a situation of vulnerability and extreme poverty. Callum went with EIUK on a short term team to Propac in 2011 and felt that this centre spoke to his desire to work with children.

Please pray for Callum and Rianne, for their visa application, their fund raising and their preparation for the trip.

The Propac Centre in Águas Formosas



Emmanuel International Brazil is an affiliate of Emmanuel International, an evangelical mission agency based in Canada. Our goal is to respond in a holistic way to the needs of the human being, according to Isaiah 58:9-11, encouraging, strengthening, and assisting churches to meet the needs of the poor. Emmanuel International started to operate in Brazil in 1980 and was incorporated in 1999.

Today Emmanuel Brazil works with seven partner churches, from different denominations, including an indigenous group of churches. Emmanuel Brazil also has works challenging more affluent Brazilian churches to actively participate in this ministry and help churches not only in Brazil but in other poor countries as well.

We have been involved with Águas Formosas church since 1993. We have carried out several projects with them, as community garden, latrines for a squatters' district, church building, leadership training, among others. In the last years, our main focus is to help the church Day Care Centre (also known as Propac Centre), where 100 children at social risk, including sexual abuse, are helped. At Propac we have helped fund a Sewing Project for teenagers and women, as well as a Computer Course. We are also raising funds for the building of the Day Care Center headquarters. EIUK has sent two short term teams to work at the Day Care Center.

The Propac Centre was started through the vision and compassion of one of the local Pastors in Águas Formosas. He had seen and heard that there was a problem with children suffering from violence at home. It started small, with him and his family hosting, five children coming from such situations, but soon it was fourteen and getting more than could be handled by one family. His idea was to have the church host the children and that is where the project began.

The church building and property was used to start a day care centre, but it has outgrown the church buildings and in need of its own premise.

Erbeni Andrade is the manager of the project and she has a real heart for the children.

Fred Silva, General Secretary MEB

Arthur and Ana Carolina Porto's wedding



Arthur Porto, son of Jurema and Tarcisio Porto (working with Emmanuel International in Brazil) got married to Ana Carolina on Saturday 18 July 2015. We wish the happy couple all blessings on their union!

Chloe Russell



Chloe is a Year 12 student at Bishop Luffa Sixth Form College in Chichester, who helped out at the office during work experience week. We are so grateful to Chloe for being so

willing to get stuck in with what needed doing, even if boring and menial. She really helped us to catch up with the house keeping tasks that have fallen behind. Chloe is considering mission work when she finishes school. Please pray for her as she seeks God's will for her life.

Office closed

Please note that the office is closed from Wednesday 29 July until 18 August. Sue and Linda are on a short term trip to Tanzania and will be back in the office on 19 August.