



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Erbeni Andrade



Erbeni has been called to work as a missionary in her country, Brazil, since she has been very young. When she was still single, she was sent by her denomination Missions Committee to plant a church in Charco, north of Minas Gerais State. Then she was sent out west, where she got sick and had to return to Águas Formosas to get better. She was so worn out that she promised she would never be involved with Missions anymore. But at that time, Pastor Liberalino Martins and his wife Ana were helping girls who would hang out on the streets begging or even being involved with prostitution. And soon Erbeni was helping them!

After the couple left to another pastorship assignment, she became the Propac coordinator. It is great to see how God has used her to be a real blessing to so many children and their parents. She loves them and they love her. She feels she has a great responsibility with the present and future of those children. She also works as a fundraiser and the Propac building is becoming a reality, thanks to her hard work and God's blessing. Erbeni has two children, David and Débora, and she loves to travel with them.

Some of the children in the Propac centre.



Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 El Mission (USA):** Alan and Barbara Graham are returning to Southern California via Amtrak - a new experience for their transcontinental travel.
- 2 Uganda:** It is end of year exam time and tricky to get in to schools for the Pads Ministry. Please pray that we will have the wisdom to use the God opportunities and not try and force things when it just won't work.
Tanzania: The Anglican Diocese of Ruaha is holding its Synod meeting this month.
- 3 Malawi:** Visitors! One from Canada to work on clean water for prisons, one from Germany to assess the feasibility of an irrigation scheme with our partner, Word of Grace, and one from the US who has been instrumental in connections with the other two. Pray that God will open doors for future ministry through these visitors.
- 4 Philippines:** During the medical mission outreach, 139 people made a decision for Christ. Praise God and pray for their continued growth as Christians.
Brazil: Arthur Porto is defending his Master Programme Dissertation today. Please pray for him.
- 5 Uganda:** Mike and Marianne Botting are flying to Canada for furlough on November 5th. Pray for a blessed time connecting with family and friends, and appointed opportunities to share what the Lord is doing. Also pray for Rev. Patrick who will be overseeing CHE, and all the CHE Trainers who are faithfully labouring to see their communities become healthy - physically and spiritually.
- 6 Tanzania:** Planting for the agricultural project in Mwanza has begun. Pray for rain as well as spiritual growth and fruit as we work with these farmers.
- 7 Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Bible School is having their graduation on 7 November. These 11 men have been studying for 2 years. John Naudé has been their teacher throughout. Pray for them and for John as he helps them prepare for moving forward.
- 8 Philippines:** Our Awana program really needs the children to come regularly. We are discipling 17 youths who volunteer their time in leading the Awana groups. Pray for their growth in faith.
- 9 South Africa:** The rioting and violence in Masipulele has caused trauma for the children and misery for the community. It will only get worse over time without a dramatic change in heart that can only come from the Lord. Please pray for peace.
- 10 Uganda:** Tom Edom is arriving at Heathrow on the morning of 10 November, with the intention of returning to Pader in February. Thank God for another 2 years of meaningful ministry. Please pray for a good exit from Uganda. For some reason, it is always difficult to make people understand we are not going for good. Pray for safe travels and for a good time of reconnecting with family, friends and church.

- 11 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee Maclean are visiting the Evangelical Baptist Church to look at working in Mozambique with unreached people groups.
- 12 Tanzania:** Tim is travelling to Dar es Salaam on November 12th for a University Evangelistic/Teaching event with Victory Christian Centre, returning on November 16th. Pray for safe travel and for Rachel managing things at home.
- 13 Tanzania:** Some stoves project groups have made stoves and need to sell them. Some groups are still making stoves this season and need to complete them before the start of the farming season.
- United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is meeting today.
- 14 Philippines:** From 14 to 22 November, 4 pastors are coming for ministry - medical mission, children's feeding and school supplies distribution - in the depressed area of Quezon City.
- 15 South Africa:** Our (the Sayers family) visa application has not yet been resolved. We are not alone in the waiting game but the delay has kept us from our furlough an extra year... and we're feeling it! Please pray that it will be finalised soon.
- Brazil:** Queixada Church building project is complete and the church has been dedicated. We praise God!
- 16 Uganda:** Thankfully the work for ActionAid was completed and 1100 girls are now better equipped to face the future. The door is open for possible future co-operation.
- Tanzania:** Tanzania held a general election at the end of October. Please pray for peace and stability.
- 17 Philippines:** Our financial audit and yearly meeting are to take place. Pray that it will progress as scheduled.
- 18 Haiti:** Pray for the Bethesda schools, that God will give us a good school year.
- South Africa:** Our church, Living Hope Bible church, would appreciate prayer for spiritual growth and fruit in the believers, and for a heart to reach the lost. Pray for Denver and his family as they prepare for a big move to America to study his Master's at the Master's Seminary. Pray for us as we pick up the extra work load during his absence.
- 19 Brazil:** Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins, from EIUK, are working at the Águas Formosas Day Care Center for 6 months.
- 20 Tanzania:** Rachel travels to Dar es Salaam today, November 20th. She hopes to visit the Albinism Conference where many people with albinism from around the world are gathering (we are hoping that Mama Wilson from the Upendo wa Mama group will be able to attend). Rachel will then travel by bus to Morogoro on the 21st to attend a Natural Medicine course. Please pray for safe travels, especially on the long bus journey home on November 28th, and for Tim managing things at home!

- 21 Uganda:** Tom employs Deaf for agricultural work in the compound and has made arrangements that this will continue in his absence. Please pray that this will not fall apart. The rice should be harvested and marketed. There are lots of vulnerable people around but most of his Deaf friends fall into that bracket. Please pray that they will each get the income and healthcare that they need and that they find, or are found by, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 22 United Kingdom:** Sue is speaking at St Edyth's Church in Bristol today.
- Brazil:** Tarcisio Porto and Fred Silva are discussing new possibilities for the partner church system in Brazil.
- 23 South Africa:** We (the Sayers family) have been running the ministry of the Safe House, church, visiting groups, conferences, our family, etc with one car for 11 years. We've reached a point where one car can't cope with our schedules. We have some money put aside for this expense but need approximately \$6000 more if we are to get a reliable car, which is important in this ministry context. It won't be fancy, but it should be reliable.
- 24 United Kingdom:** There is a group of smaller UK charities with similar interests who meet together regularly to discuss how they can support each other, share resources, etc. Sue Fallon has been part of this group for some time. The group is meeting at the EIUK office today.
- Malawi:** Malawi needs good rains and, especially peace as so very many people are going hungry. Our relief teams will be going flat out. Pray for their protection and wisdom.
- 25 Tanzania:** We are starting to lay the groundwork for the Beekeeping project in Malya and Kayenze to gather a group together and find any local beekeepers. Pray for the right group of people in each of these villages.
- 26 Haiti:** Pastor Martinez had heart surgery - cleaning of the valves and placing a heart monitor so they can control it, even at home.
- Brazil:** Sérgio and Beth Souza are looking for what God wants from them in the next year. Please pray for them.
- 27 EI Mission (USA):** EIM continues to search for solutions to our urgent need for a financial specialist to be a member of the EIM Board.
- 28 Philippines:** The scholarship project is needing funds for the 30 scholars. We are trying to outsource some.
- 29 Tanzania:** Andy and Angela Sharpe are preparing to leave Tanzania in December.
- South Africa:** We await the remaining funds and approval of the plans for the Safe House renovations. Please pray for this so we can open the doors soon!
- 30 Haiti:** We would value your prayer for the completion of the Marbial church and its dedication on 17 January 2016, God willing.
- Canada:** Please pray for the team in EIC, for their continued health, for the work they are doing and for their families.