



# the Emmanuel Connection

April 2016

## Focus on: Tarcísio and Jurema Porto



**Jurema, André and Tarcísio**



**Carol and Arthur**

Tarcísio and Jurema have been involved with Emmanuel since 1981, when Jurema was part of the first EI Team in Brazil, living in a tent for 4 years. They have two boys: Arthur (26), a TI teacher (married to Carol) and André (23), just accepted into a Master Program researching Animal Food Production. Jurema and Tarcísio are both very involved at the church that Tarcísio has been pastoring since 2004.

“Our part-time work is to represent MEB (EI Brazil) in one of the poorest and most challenging area of Minas Gerais state, encouraging our Partner Churches to look for those in need around them, especially the poorest and those living in rural areas. It has been frustrating, as prosperity theology has invaded the churches, looking with priority to the spiritual aspects of life. Unfortunately, we had to cancel some partnerships. However, we are very excited about the opportunities and relationships that are coming in 2016.

Our hobbies are: fishing (Tarcísio), quilting or patchwork (Jurema), playing drums and basketball (Arthur), playing guitar and bass, cooking and electronic games (André)”.



**Jurema in 1981**

## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** John and Samuel Naudé returned to England the end of March. Please pray for them as John settles into his new job, Samuel settles into a new school and they both adjust to new friends and neighbours. We thank God for them and their time in Malawi.  
**United Kingdom:** Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa Monger are in the UK to spend time with Tim's dad, Edwin, who is very ill with cancer. Please pray for their family.
- 2 Philippines:** Today will be the last day for our Awana program for this school year. Pray for the children that they will stay in tact and will be back in June when we start back.
- 3 Philippines:** Sunday School is starting today with the 16 Awana leaders. Pray that they will continue to be disciplined.
- 4 Canada:** Lorilee Maclean is one of the Host Facilitators for the MissionPrep Impact course, starting today and finishing on 15 April. We expect 18 adults and 18 children, as they prepare for ministry in their host country. Pray that the whole group will be made ready as they grow and are challenged by the word of God, the work of God in one another and in their CQ (cultural IQ).
- 5 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is in Canada for work and for holidays from 4 till 19 April. Please pray that this will be a time of rest and relaxation for her.  
**Tanzania:** From 5 - 7 April we are holding a seminar for stove group leaders and the associated pastors. We'll be teaching about how to lead the groups.
- 6 Philippines:** Ruth is on new medication for her blood pressure, and having some tests done for the numbness she experienced a few weeks ago on her right side.
- 7 United Kingdom:** Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins are leaving Brazil today after six months with Águas Formosas. They will arrive back in the UK tomorrow.
- 8 Malawi:** We are praying that the MNCH program which has been approved by the Canadian government will soon be signed so that we can start working on this new program.
- 9 Philippines:** Today will be our first training for trainers on the Community Health Educators program that we are starting in Luzon. Pray for the 10 to 16 people who will be trained; that they will be able to go out to their communities to set up a CHE program.

- 10 Canada:** We have had meetings in March with many different people exploring overseas opportunities. Please pray that this will turn into concrete next steps for them, either with EIC or with other missions. Pray for discernment and wisdom for all involved in this process.
- 11 Brazil:** Thank God with us for the good time we had at El Brazil General Meeting and the decisions made for the next two years.
- 12 United Kingdom:** There is a young family looking at working with us. They have completed the interview stage and have indicated that they are keen to work on the Health program in the Mwanza region. Please keep them in your prayers as they talk to the Mongers about the challenges that might face them as a family with small children if they work and live on the islands.
- 13 Philippines:** Our Summer Youth Camp starts today and finishes on 16 April. About 40 high school and college students will come together for a few days of learning, both academically and spiritually. Please pray as our small group takes the lead in organizing this year's camp. Pray for safety as the young people travel from various villages. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in each of the camper's lives.
- 14 Brazil:** Águas Formosas Day Care Center are raising funds for the Music, Sewing, and Computer classes and would appreciate your prayers.
- 15 Philippines:** Some of the communities we are involved in have been declared to be in a state of calamity because of El Nino. Emmanuel has helped 2 villages in Maguindanao with rice, milk and noodles at the end of March. Please pray for rain. In Baroyon, where we have our training centre, the people are also struggling to cope with this prolonged drought. We are hoping to raise funds to help the Manobos in the area.
- 16 Malawi:** The food relief program continues for the many whose crops have failed this year. Pray for our partner churches as they minister in the midst of great need, and for our staff to maintain a witness of Christ's love with integrity.
- 17 International:** The International Board intends to meet via Skype today. Please pray for good internet connections for all the different participants.
- 18 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey are scheduled to return to the Manobo village for the graduation of the Level 2 Primary Health Class moms, from April 18 to 20. Pray for safety as they travel and for a great day of celebration with the community.
- Philippines:** Edna Santos, together with a group of doctors and trainers, will bring the CHE program to Coron, Palawan during a trip from April 18 to 21. Please pray for protection and provision for the trip.

- 19 Brazil:** Tarcísio Porto and Fred Silva are assessing the existing partner churches and are looking for new ones that would be ready to work with EI.
- 20 Uganda:** In March we were able to reach 1000 girls in a month (4 schools per week, about 250 girls each) with the Pads project. Please pray that our funding, buying of materials and production of pads will continue to support this encouraging rate. And thank God for the privilege of being able to help these girls. Please pray for the girls that they may perceive and accept the love of Christ to them through this ministry.
- 21 Tanzania:** EI Tanzania has been able to help the church in the Pawaga area with the distribution of food. We thank God for the generous donations that have been received and pray that it will continue to pour in as we help the flood victims. Please pray as there is also the threat of cholera in the area.
- 22 Canada:** The EIC AGM is taking place today. Pray that all participants will be responsive to what has been done and ready to respond to what God wants to do through EIC in the coming year.
- 23 United Kingdom:** John Naudé is being licensed at The Point Church today.
- 24 International:** Emmanuel International has good relationships with local churches, helping them to build their communities. We are involved in a wide variety of projects with them. Pray for these relationships.
- 25 Tanzania:** The Ihomasa Water Users Association was registered in March. We give thanks for that.
- 26 Haiti:** Please remember Pastor Martinez and Emma Jovin, and the work they are doing in Haiti, in your prayers.
- 27 South Africa:** The Safe Houses are offering vulnerable children a safe haven and loving environment in which to grow up. Please pray for the house mothers and the children.
- 28 Uganda:** Mike and Marianne Botting ask for prayers for them to have wisdom in how to scale up the pilot of the School Discipleship Ministry in local schools. Also pray that, if it is the Lord's will for Alpha to re-start in Pader, that the Holy Spirit would unite the volunteers from various churches.
- 29 International:** We are grateful for people who give their time and talents, to serve on EI boards all over the world. Praise God for their willingness to support our work in this way.
- 30 United Kingdom:** Callum Adams and Rianne Offereins are getting married today.