



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on: Andy Sharpe



My name is Andy Sharpe. I am married to Angela and we live in Sussex, UK. We have 2 sons, both married. After an amazing 6 years working with the EI team in Iringa, Tanzania, we now live back in our Sussex, UK home. Looking back, it seems that all our lives have been God's preparation for each new phase. So now I'm no longer in paid work full time, but I'm working 2 days per week supporting EIUK and other offices with developing project proposals, identifying potential funders and helping to raise the profile of EI in the UK.

It's great because I get to continue

working with EI, making good use of my past career and EI Tanzania experience.

I also enjoy helping others with practical tasks - handyman type things, so when I am not working with EI things, that is what I get up to. In particular, I am involved with Lorica Trust which runs a Care Farm including a home for 8 profoundly disabled adults. That's another couple of days per week. With church commitments at our home, Upper Beeding Baptist Church, God has plenty of work to keep us occupied and hopefully fruitful in His service.

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

- 1 Tanzania:** Esther, who works with the Conservation Agriculture project in Mwanza, got married on 30 April. Pray for Esther and her husband, Baraka, for God's leading and direction in their new life together.
- 2 Canada:** On May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, some of the EIC office staff have the opportunity to attend a forum hosted by the Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA), entitled "Explore spirituality in relief and development" and led by Gideon Strauss. Pray that the Lord will fill Gideon with the Holy Spirit to speak and facilitate and for the participants to be discerning listeners.
- 3 Tanzania:** Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa have returned home to Mwanza at the end of April. Pray for the girls who are back in school after a long time off. Pray for God's grace and strength as the family settles back into work and life in Tanzania after a difficult few months.
- 4 Brazil:** Thank God for Callum and Rianne and their work at Propac Day Care Center. They did touch the children's lives with their work and love. Please also pray for their life together as a married couple. They got married on 30 April.
- 5 United Kingdom:** Simon and Victoria Ewing will be joining the team in Mwanza, Tanzania early in 2017! They are raising funds for and creating awareness of their roles in the Health Project and other areas. Please pray for them and their two young children as they are starting to make their preparations to go.
- 6 Tanzania:** Training for the new water committee in Kiwere village is expected to take place this month. Please pray for this training and for the committee.
- 7 Canada:** On May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Scott and Lorilee MacLean, and their leadership "squad" from various churches, will be hosting a short term missions team training at the EIC office. Pray specifically for unity and for roles to be understood among the 35 plus team members as they prepare for the M'chigeeng first nations trip in late July and early August this summer.
- 8 Uganda:** Praise God for helping Rev. Patrick in the process of annual planning and budgeting of the CHE project. Pray for the confirmation of these plans by the appropriate bodies, and most of all, for the implementation of them. May the Lord make CHE fruitful!

- 9 Philippines:** Edna Santos travels to Canada on May 10, staying until (possibly) June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray as she visits her supporting churches and reports back to them; that she will be clear and understood by everyone.
- 10 Malawi:** Word of Grace members will be visiting some irrigation sites to see how community-run projects can be successfully established. This site visit trip will be between May 10-15.
- 11 Haiti:** In the Cabaret Ministry, the church reaches 500 members and the school 250 students. Both the school and the church have been rebuilt to earthquake resist standards. Please pray for pupils and church members as they use these buildings to the glory of God.
- 12 Philippines:** After the destruction in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan/ Yolanda in 2013, houses are being built and wells dug for fresh water. There is a need for more wells and more houses in Ormoc and Tacloban.
- 13 Brazil:** Tarcisio Porto is helping one partner church to drill an artesian well and to distribute much needed clean water to 37 families in Passagem do Bernardo's community. Please pray for him and the church.
- 14 Haiti:** Reconstruction of the Fond-Blanc Church has begun. Please pray for this project as they rebuild the building to earthquake resistant standards.
- 15 Philippines:** The Mindanao area is experiencing drought. Failed crops mean that some families are suffering hunger. ERRP has distributed food in Maguindanao, but much more help is needed.
- 16 South Africa:** The Sayers family's applications for visas for their stay in South Africa have not been finalised yet. This process has been going on for a very long time. Please pray for a speedy and favourable conclusion to their applications.
- 17 Tanzania:** Peter, who works with Esther on the Conservation Agriculture project in Mwanza, returned to work following his accident and leg injury. He was hit by a motorbike in February and sustained a badly broken leg. Praise God for his healing.
- 18 Malawi:** A new group of students is just starting at the Evangelical Baptist Bible College. It is a 2 year program. They come for 2 months at a time, three times a year, for their studies. Pray for the students and also for the new leadership that is now in place at the Bible School.

- 19 Tanzania:** The stoves groups are starting to collect clay and making stoves as the new manufacturing season starts. Please pray for their success.
- 20 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board is meeting today at Trinity Church, Harrow. Please pray for safe travels to London as well as fruitful discussions.
- 21 Philippines:** We pray that the CHE Ministry will be effective and that it will flourish, for the building of God's Kingdom.
- 22 Haiti:** The church and school in Marbial each serve about 600 people. There is still more work to be done, but the church building is in use and a blessing to the people.
- 23 Tanzania:** The beekeeper groups are resuming their meetings. Please pray for them and for bees to colonise all the hives! Pray for a harvest this month in our first hives.
- 24 Uganda:** At the end of April we have reached over 1100 girls this year in 15 schools through the Pads Ministry. All our funds have been used and we have possibilities of funding from UK trust funds, from US and Canadian fundraising and from within Uganda. Please pray that these or other funds will allow us to continue.
- 25 Philippines:** The Awana Leaders are continuing their training in Discipleship and would appreciate your prayer.
- 26 Haiti:** Future plans include building a church in Ka-Thoman, about an hour away from Marbial. Emmanuel International has been working with this community for some time already.
- 27 Brazil:** El Brazil is helping Propac Day Care Center to look for funds and personnel to carry out the Music and Computer Projects. Please pray for us.
- 28 Uganda:** We are trying to organise a group of hearing folk who want to improve their sign language and support the deaf community. Despite initial enthusiasm, getting folk to attend meetings is proving tricky! Please pray we will find a way for this group to work.
- 29 Tanzania:** We seek God's guidance as we consider what projects we should do to build on the present stove project.
- 30 Malawi:** A Visiting Ministry Team of 5 people are coming from Canada for the annual pastors' conference. Dates for the conference are May 30 – June 4.
- 31 Philippines:** The Northview House Church started in March this year. Please pray for growth.