



# the Emmanuel Connection

June 2016

## Focus on: Dorothy Soko



Affectionately known around the EI Malawi office as 'Auntie Doro,' Dorothy Soko has been working with Emmanuel International since 2005. A friend of hers told her about EI. She applied for the position of Secretary for the ILIFE program, where she worked until the end of the program in 2009. With her kind, calm ways, she quickly became 'Auntie' to all who worked with her.

When the ILIFE program closed, having seen her performance, she was asked to join the Finance office of EI Malawi as an Accounts Clerk. Adding to her skills, Dorothy has successfully completed her

diploma in Business Administration and is now studying for her Technical Diploma in accounting.

Dorothy was born on October 23, 1976 in Ngalaweni Vilage, TA Mberwa in Mzimba District. She is the 5<sup>th</sup> born among 5 brothers and 1 sister. Her high school years were spent at the Mzuzu government school.

In 2000, Dorothy's mother passed away. For her, she felt like this left her without hope. Her father had been out of the picture for many years by then. Though she was living in Zomba with her sister, she was very close to her mother and found herself quite depressed. Then her sister passed away. Around 2005, she began to realize that God has a purpose for her. With her employment at EI Malawi, she was able to care for her 2 young brothers who came to live with her. It was when this realization dawned that Dorothy accepted Jesus as her Savior.

Dorothy's testimony: "I appreciate God because life moves as if I am still with parents or even married. God provides what I need". Currently, she is caring for a niece and a nephew as well as her 2 brothers, providing a home and paying their school fees. Recently in our office devotions held on Monday mornings, Doro shared with great delight that another of her nieces had just delivered a baby girl... She is now Grandma Dorothy!!!

But to us, she will always be our 'Auntie Doro!'"

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

- 1 Tanzania:** Amisadai is writing end of year exams in the first week of June. Please pray for her.  
A DfID evaluation visit for our stoves project is taking place at the beginning of June.
- 2 Malawi:** A Visiting Ministry Team is coming from Canada. The Pastors' Conference for EBCM is the first week of June. Please pray for this team and the Malawian pastors/wives who are coming to attend.
- 3 Brazil:** Fred Silva and Tarcisio Porto are involved in the RENOVA Conference on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. A number of church leaders from the north of Minas Gerais State will be meeting in Montes Claros to discuss plans to reach out to that region in a holistic way.
- 4 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee are leading a team of 35 volunteers to serve for two weeks at a First Nation community. Pray for the ongoing training and preparation of the team.
- 5 EI Mission (USA):** People in areas of Mindanao are still suffering food shortages and conflict.
- 6 Uganda:** Heritage International School Uganda has several jobs to be filled from 1 August: English, Science, Math, Secondary PE Teacher/ Athletic Director, History, IT Director with teaching background and School Counsellor. Please pray; and if you know of individuals who might be interested have them contact Paul Bertrand (ei\_icr@yahoo.com).
- 7 Uganda:** A meeting is scheduled for today at the office of the Prime Minister of Uganda, seeking permission to partner with churches in refugee camps throughout Uganda.
- 8 Malawi:** The Maternal Newborn Child Health Project (called "PROMISE") team, Bernard Ndawala and Helen Jones will be going back to Canada from June 8 – June 21 to attend "PROMISE" meetings as this project gets off the ground.  
**Uganda:** Paul and Annie will travel to Adjumani Northern Uganda for meetings with South Sudan Child Evangelism Director Francis Candiga.
- 9 Canada:** Richard and Pam McGowan return today from a visit to Malawi with their daughter, Kristy Nowell. They held meetings to begin the "PROMISE" project funded by the Canadian government and visited the Water and Sanitation Program.

- 10 Malawi:** Paul Jones will be going back to Canada to be with his parents. His Dad suffered a stroke; we are thankful that he is healing but it seemed a good idea for Paul to spend some time with his folks and help them make their home more user-friendly!
- 11 Tanzania:** Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa are going to Mayla for the weekend of June 11-12. As well as meeting with the church there, they will be meeting with the beekeepers, checking the hives and putting up more hives. Rachel and the girls will meet with the women doing more beeswax products and learning to make soap. Please pray for God to be at work in these groups, for team relationships and quality of work.
- Canada:** The three organizations partnering to implement the Maternal, Infant & Child Health project in three African nations are meeting today in Stouffville. Emmanuel International's country of responsibility is Malawi.
- 12 Brazil:** Fred and Paulo Mesquita, a MEB Board member, will be visiting the Terena Bible School out west. They will also meet with Terena church leaders in different villages.
- 13 Uganda:** Mike and Marianne have brought baby Elias home in May and are his official foster parents. Pray for them as they learn to be good parents to Elias. Pray for the special wisdom they will need to get to know Elias and help him to feel loved, safe, and secure in his new home.
- 14 Tanzania:** Jesca and her family has had a hard time, following the disappearance of Jesca's niece Tabitha earlier this year and the illness that Jesca suffered in May. Please pray for them.
- 15 EI Mission (USA):** The safety of Ken and Ruth Copsey as they minister to the people in rural villages is always a concern.
- 16 Uganda:** The teachers in Lagwai Seed Secondary School and Archbishop Flynn Secondary School are starting training on the Understanding True Love course this month.
- 17 Tanzania:** Preparations for the next phase of the agricultural project is starting. Pray that this will be a good foundation, for new farmers to work with and for the group meetings in this early stage.
- 18 Philippines:** Praise God for the beginning of the rainy season. We have received news that some Manobo farmers have already planted their crops. It will take some time before the affected families recover from the prolonged drought, so pray as we make plans to help with the recovery process.

- 19 South Africa:** In the construction of the third Safe House, they are trying a new fireproof and super strong wall panelling. Pray that the construction will continue at a good pace.
- 20 Philippines:** Please continue to pray for Ruth's health - for healing and recovery.
- 21 Haiti:** The rebuilding of churches, houses and communities are continuing and some are being completed. Please pray for Martinez and Emma Jovin as they spearhead these projects.
- 22 Brazil:** We are making plans to get churches involved with well drilling in the north of Minas Gerais.
- 23 Canada:** Colleen Welch has finished her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Nursing at University and has returned for her third summer to work at EIC in the area of fundraising and media relations.
- 24 Malawi:** The EI Malawi staff day is on the last Friday of the month. The emphasis of the day is being in God's Word, enjoying God's Word.
- 25 Uganda:** The pads project is gearing up to start again in the new term. Please pray for Milly and for Tom as they plan how to best use the available funds and to expand this project.
- 26 United Kingdom:** We have a few people who are investigating the possibility of working with us; this is in the initial stages. Please pray for them and for us as we seek God's will.
- 27 Tanzania:** Pray for wisdom as we plan, prepare and fundraise for future environmental and water projects that we hope to start later this year.
- 28 Philippines:** In the new school year of 2016-17, we are helping 66 students through sponsorship. Pray for them and for all the coordinators who volunteer their time to help with the tutoring and spiritual nurturing of the students. Pray for the families of these students as our help does not cover all of their expenses.
- 29 Canada:** Praise God for the help of volunteer David McColl with several years' experience with Tearfund UK and Samaritan's Purse in Bolivia; David is assisting EIC by writing grant proposals for various EI projects to send to charitable foundations here in Canada.
- 30 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Garden Party/Summer Event is taking place on Saturday 9 July. Please pray that this will be a good time of fellowship and information about the work of EIUK. Please pray as we make preparations for this event.