



# the Emmanuel Connection

December 2016

## Focus on: Rachel Madolo



Rachel Madolo was our first House Mother for the Safe House ministry that EI South Africa started in 2010. She has been a faithful and treasured part of the ministry since then.

Rachel grew up in a very rural part of the Eastern Cape near Aliwal North. Her father used to farm, raising horses and goats. Her father passed away when she was young and her mother has just died this past month. She is the oldest of 10 children who are all still alive and many remain in the Eastern Cape.

Rachel moved to the township of Masiphumelele in the Western Cape in 1995, with her 3 children, after her husband passed away.

She became a Christian a year later after hearing a gospel message in the Maranatha church that she has been actively involved with ever since. She leads a women's bible study and prayer group weekly and can often be found counselling young and old women alike at home during the week.

The main reason Rachel is such a fantastic House Mother for the Safe House children is because of her love for the Lord. She does not view her work as a 'job' but a calling. She loves that she can disciple and love children to help shape their lives and give them hope for today and for eternity.

The success of this ministry depends on women like Rachel, who pour themselves into the lives of young children and commits to raise them as though they were their very own. What a blessing she has been!

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

- 1 Tanzania:** The beekeeping group in Kayenze is meeting together again this week, with the Mongers. Give thanks for two more hives colonised and pray for more to be colonised, particularly the new swarm catcher boxes! Pray for a good harvest of honey!
- 2 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey will be visiting churches and friends in the Monterey Peninsula from December 2 till 13. Please pray for safety as they travel.
- 3 Uganda:** The Jesus Film ministry is continuing in December. We are showing the Jesus Film six times before Christmas. Please pray that everything will go smoothly, that the communities will respond well, and that the churches will be diligent in following up with the new believers.
- 4 Philippines:** Ken Copsey is preaching at the Mayflower church today and Ruth is sharing in one of the children's Sunday school classes. Uphold them in prayer as they also share in 2 other churches in Carmel, CA.
- 5 Tanzania:** The Demonstration Farm in Kisesa needs prayer for much-needed rain as we plant the crops and for a good harvest. Pray for a good harvest of honey in the beehives.
- 6 EI Mission (USA):** Pray for Ken and Ruth Copsey as they visit family and supporting churches while they are on a short furlough in the US and Canada.
- 7 United Kingdom:** Simon and Victoria Ewing, with their children Tabitha and Reuben, and Dave and Tricia Rollett with their son Titus, are preparing to go to Tanzania early in 2017. Please keep the families in your prayers as they make their preparations and start to say their goodbyes to family and friends.
- 8 Philippines:** Please pray for ongoing discipleship to our 17 Awana leaders.
- 9 EI Mission (USA):** Joel and Samantha Newby are returning to the US from Tanzania to visit supporters and his home church to seek specific accreditation as a sponsored missionary. Please pray for them.
- 10 Philippines:** A Christmas party for the 150 kids in the Awana program is scheduled for today. Please pray that we'll be able to give gifts to them this Christmas season.
- 11 Tanzania:** Please pray for all the Mwanza project farms, especially for rain! Pray for Peter as he manages the Kayeze farms and Esther as she works out near Sengerema. It is particularly challenging for Esther as she breaks the ground for a new project. Pray for encouragement for her and cooperation from the farmers.

- 12 Uganda:** The Community Health Empowerment (CHE) training of trainers in Lamwo West Archdeaconry is taking place from 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December. This is the final training for the area, and they will graduate and be commissioned on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that the training goes well, that the participants will be ready to be sent out, and that the CHE ministry will be take root in Lamwo West.
- 13 Philippines:** We are seeking a Director and CHE Coordinator. Please pray that those who are interested will follow through with applications.
- 14 Canada:** A number of teachers interested in being part of a team that may go to Haiti, will meet again at the EIC office today. Please pray for ongoing capacity for the teachers to be listening to the Spirit and one another, out of reverence for Christ, as they discuss and proceed to make preparations.
- 15 South Africa:** The visa/residency permit application for Don, Rachel and the children has not yet been finalised. Please pray that this long outstanding issue will be resolved soon, particularly as they wish to go on furlough in February 2017.
- 16 Canada:** In Acts 20:35 the writer recalls Jesus' words "It is more blessed to give than to receive". As this year draws to a close, please pray with us that the Father would lead many, many Canadian followers of His Son to give generously toward our EIC 2016 Christmas Catalogue. "Not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".
- 17 Malawi:** Paul and Helen Jones are on furlough. Please pray for them to have a good time of rest and reconnecting with friends, family and supporters. Also pray for the work in Malawi to go smoothly without their presence.
- 18 Brazil:** PROPAC Day Care Center is facing a transition time in leadership. Erbeni Andrade has felt the Lord is leading her to work in a similar ministry in Rio de Janeiro.
- 19 Uganda:** For almost all farmers here this is the close of a very poor year and they are feeling discouraged and quite possibly hungry. It is all about the rain: it needs to be fairly regular on a cycle of about a week or less when it start around April. If the rain holds off for 2 weeks or more at the stage where the crops have germinated but are not well established, they die under the strong sun and all the hard work and precious seed is lost. That is what has happened throughout Sub-Saharan Africa most of this year due at least in part to El-Nino. But it happened last year and the year before too... Please pray for good, regular rains so that the poor can rejoice in good harvests in 2017.

- 20 EI Mission (USA):** Pray for completion of EIM's FY 2015 Financial Review and Statements.
- 21 United Kingdom:** Fred and Carla Silva and Sue Fallon are having a holiday together over the Christmas period. We thank God for this opportunity to share time together.
- 22 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Malya beekeeping group to be strengthened and encouraged after some problems within the group. Pray for continued spiritual transformation both in and through this group.
- 23 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey are spending Christmas with their children and grandchildren. This is an answer to prayer. Pray for a great time together.
- 24 Tanzania:** Please pray for a rest and good health for Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa as they celebrate Christmas in Mwanza! And for Amisadai as she celebrates becoming a teenager a few days later!
- 25 Canada:** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son... May each one in the EI world personally revel and rest in this the greatest Good News you will ever hear and know.  
*We wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!*
- 26 Uganda:** We need wisdom as we plan for the School Discipleship ministry and Jesus Film ministry, as these ministries are still developing and the way forward is not yet completely clear. Please pray too for Rev. Patrick as he makes the workplan for the CHE ministry, which involves meeting with many different groups to get their input.
- 27 Tanzania:** The 'Imarika' project has been designed to address some of the key issues of poverty through economic and environmental empowerment by mobilizing churches for community development. Please pray for this project.
- 28 Philippines:** Edna Santos and her family are having a family reunion from December 28<sup>th</sup> till January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 29 International:** This time between Christmas and New Year is traditionally family time. Please pray for all our missionaries and families who away from their loved ones this year.
- 30 Haiti:** Hurricane Matthew affected remotes sites where EI works. Please pray for the EI team, for Pastor Martinez's health and for all those in Haiti who were badly affected by the hurricane.
- 31 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey are asking for prayers for their health as they plan and prepare for their return to the Philippines in January 2017.