



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Edna Santos



When I went to Emmanuel International in 1986, it was to join the Training School and then come to the Philippines. But I never did get to training school! I was hired to help computerize the Accounting system, until I was appointed Finance Director in 1988 (a position I held until 1998, when I was asked to be East African Financial Advisor). I went to live in Malawi for 3 months in 1998 and eventually in Tanzania from 2001 until 2005.

In 2005 I got very sick and had to come back to Canada. On 17 January 2006 I had a brain tumour removed. My recuperation was suppose to take 8 months, but on 17 June 2006, I was back at work in the Canadian Finance Department, as a Field Accountant in charge of all Field Accounting!

Then, in 2010, Pastor Alex challenged me to come to the Philippines as an administrative person to take care of the logistics of the ERRP Office and Guest House. Two years later I was appointed ERRP Coordinator for Luzon, taking care of our Church partnership - with almost 20 church partners all over Luzon - and coordinating projects such as the Livelihood Program, Livestock Program, Scholarship Program, and many Relief projects. We have undertaken several Typhoon Relief & Rehabilitation Projects, such as building lofts in Cagayan de Oro after the destruction of Typhoon Sendong, building homes after Typhoon Yolanda, and we've also built wells all over the Visayas and Mindanao.

I turned 70 years old last December, but if the Lord does not send another person to take over my post, I guess, I'm it till the Lord calls me home!

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** The Ewing family are arriving in Mwanza! Pray that they could quickly settle and make new friends. Pray for them as they begin to think about their work in this area and for their language skills to continue to develop.
- 2 Philippines:** Our “Palarong Awana” is happening in the first two weeks in May. We'll be playing basketball and volleyball in the last week. Please pray that we will have other kids join the games and enlist for Awana next year!
- 3 Malawi:** The students at EBBC, the EBCM Bible College, are in their 2nd month of schooling. Pray for the Director of the Bible College, Beadex Wachimwa, as he guides the students.
- 4 Tanzania:** The Monger family are still apart for this month. Pray for Amisadai, that she could be restored to full health.
Brazil: The new leadership of PROPAC Day Care Center need wisdom to complete this transition time.
- 5 Tanzania:** We are looking for a good house on Kome Island for the Ewing family. Pray for them as they visit with Tim this month in preparation for their work there for the Rural Island Health project.
- 6 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon and Andy and Angela Sharpe are presenting the Orientation Weekend at St Peter's Church in Farnborough this weekend (Saturday and Sunday).
- 7 Philippines:** Please pray for the services on Sunday, that it will continue to attract the kids. In one service in April, 40 children attended!
- 8 Canada:** Thank God for a fruitful time for Richard and Pam McGowan who were visiting projects and staff in Uganda and Tanzania. They return to Canada today.
- 9 Uganda:** Schools are effectively on holiday or inaccessible to us during May, so no Pads Ministry visits, only preparation. Our over-lock sewing machine had a breakdown, but we are happy that a spare part has been located in Japan (thanks to US board member Mark Abbott) and should be on its way to us shortly. Please praise God for that and pray that it will arrive in good time for the next pads production run during this month.
- 10 United Kingdom:** Today Sue Fallon, Linda Fitzmaurice, Andy and Angela Sharpe and Rachel and Amisadai Monger are meeting at Lorica Trust, the donkey charity where Andy works part-time.
- 11 Philippines:** Edna Santos will be in Canada in June. Please pray for someone to replace her in the Philippines for this time.
Tanzania: The VanWoerden family are preparing for home assignment in Canada at the end of May.
- 12 Uganda:** We hope to finish the final 4 Jesus Film showings by the end of May. As we finish the showings, we shall be shifting our focus to making sure that the discussion based Bible study groups are going well. We have heard good reports from one group, but we need to follow up with others.

- 13 Tanzania:** The next village needs to be selected for the agricultural project in Mwanza. Pray that God would prepare the way for this next phase of the project and for the hearts of people also to be prepared.
- 14 Uganda:** Tom has been planting Farming God's Way demonstration plots of maize and beans and is trying chickpea (it may be too hot here), all on the compound that is shared with the Church of Uganda congregation of some 500 people. The rains up to now have been late and fitful, but the plots have shown themselves quite resistant to problems so far. It is hard to know how many people are watching with interest but please pray that some will come forward to want to find out more and be ready to try something quite different to their traditional way.
- 15 Tanzania:** Samantha Newby in Mwanza is in the last stages of pregnancy. Pray for the safe arrival of their little boy and also for Joel and Hephzibah!
- Brazil:** Praise God for the Terena Conference held in April: more than 500 Terena indigenous people from a number of different villages gathered together to celebrate God's blessings and encourage one another.
- 16 Malawi:** We would appreciate your prayers for the Word of Grace church and for God's blessing over the anticipated Bimbi Irrigation scheme. Pray that the government of Malawi will approve this endeavour; an Environmental Impact Assessment needs their approval.
- 17 El Mission (USA):** Please pray for Ruth and Ken's health, and that they might be strengthened with power from the Holy Spirit to do their work.
- 18 Uganda:** Our total number of girls reached with the Pads Ministry project (over a period of 3 years and one term) is now 11,400 and we are reaching nearly 2,000 per term. We praise God for this and ask you to pray for the girls that they may also find Christ.
- 19 South Africa:** The Sayers family are still on furlough in Canada. Please continue to pray for their safety in travelling and for good times of connecting with family, friends and supporters, but also enough opportunity for rest.
- 20 Uganda:** The two schools in the School Discipleship Ministry didn't move as well as we would have liked in the first school term, and we have seen that we really need to hire an extra staff person. Please pray that we will find the right person, and that we will be able to have them ready to hit the ground running when the second term starts at the end of May.
- 21 Philippines:** We will have a medical outreach in a small Muslim village in Cotabato today. Please pray for safety, for our Primary Health Care graduates from the area as they help with registration and health teaching, for our volunteer doctor, that he will be free that day and not have unexpected surgery and that we will be given an opportunity to pray for the patients and share God's love.
- 22 Haiti:** Two teams from Canada have visited Haiti this year. Please pray that the impact of these mission teams will continue, both in Haiti and in Canada.
- Tanzania:** Pray for funds needed to continue the Lupembelwasenga water project.

- 23 EI Mission (USA):** A new water project will begin this May in a remote village of a Tiduray tribe. The Teduray people are an upland tribal group in Mindanao, Philippines. Last year we visited their village to hear their cry for help to bring water to their community. After our survey, it was determined that 2 kilometers of pipe were needed. Cement catchments will be built at the source and a reservoir in the community. The big challenge for this project is that the roads do not reach all the way up the mountain! So much effort will be required to haul all the materials to the site. This is a great opportunity to share the Living Water of Christ, so please pray for the Word to be well received. Bibles studies will be done simultaneously, as well as a VBS for the children. Please pray for the community to be united as they prepare the area, for the pastors and for those who have committed to work as foreman, logistics officer, coordinator, etc., and the pastors. Pastor Bart is our logistics officer. Please pray for his wife, Jo, who was recently diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer and will undergo chemotherapy.
- 24 International:** The members of EI boards throughout the world are doing their work on a voluntary basis. We bring each member of those boards to God in thanks.
- 25 Canada:** Lorilee MacLean will speak today at a women's mission fellowship that Elsabet Taylor attends. Pray that they will both be a blessing to the women attending this event.
- 26 Malawi:** The Bath Road Pastors' Team of 6 people is coming with the Visiting Ministry team to teach at the EBCM annual Pastors' Conference from May 26 till June 8. Pray for our EBCM pastors and their wives, that they will be encouraged in their faith.
- 27 Brazil:** EI Brazil is helping the Terena Bible School with sustainability projects, so they will not be very dependable from outside donations. Please pray for them.
- 28 Haiti:** Pastor Martinez Jovin underwent further medical tests and surgery in April. Please pray for him to recover to full health.
- Tanzania:** Dave and Tricia Rollett, and their son Titus, will appreciate your prayers as they continue to study Swahili and settle into life in Iringa.
- 29 International:** We are still looking for an International Director. Please pray that the vacancy will be noticed by the right person and that s/he will respond.
- 30 Uganda:** The Deaf community seems to be going through a difficult phase, with fragmented relationships and a group loan being called in that they can't pay. Please pray that the Lord will work in their hearts!
- 31 Canada:** We are preparing for the EIC AGM being held in Stouffville tomorrow (June 1st).