



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Joel and Samantha Newby



Joel and Samantha Newby are new to the EI Tanzania family. Joel was born and raised in Montana, USA and Samantha was born and raised in Mwanza, Tanzania where they are serving. They have two children Hephzibah (6) and Ethan who was born in May of this year. As a family they love living in Mwanza, enjoying the wonderful views of lake Victoria and the beautiful scenery in North West Tanzania.

Their main project with EI Tanzania is teaching Entrepreneurship. The project has started on the rural lake Victoria island of Ukerewe. Ukerewe has a large population almost exclusively living in poverty. EI's host church

leaders in Mwanza region see a strong entrepreneur spirit among the people there.

Both Samantha and Joel are passionate about serving the poor through strategic ways of pulling them out of poverty. They also have a heart for children's ministry where they want to see the next generation passionate about Jesus and know that God loves them.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Canada:** The Whitchurch Stouffville Strawberry Festival is being held on the Canada Day long weekend. Today (Canada's 150 birthday) EIC staff will be hosting the Emmanuel International booth/station and will be available throughout the day to interact with folks who stop to talk, pass by or even dance by! Pray that we will be ready to engage well with those who want to know more about EI.
- Tanzania:** Peter Beatus helped to teach a conservation agriculture seminar at Utengule village in Iringa this past week. Pray that his teaching would bear fruit, and for safe travels back to Mwanza.
- 2 Tanzania:** Victoria and Simon Ewing are preparing to move to their long term Mwanza house in the next few weeks (next door to the temporary one they are in at present). The house on Kome Island is nearly ready to use and furnish. Victoria's knee is recovering from a torn cartilage injury, but it is still not clear whether further treatment will be required.
- 3 Philippines:** Edna Santos is now in Canada. Praise God that she got her Ontario Health Insurance Plan back and it looks like she can get medical coverage again. Thank God for His provision.
- 4 Tanzania:** Teaching visits to Ukerewere will start this month. Joel Newby and Peter Beatus will travel to deliver the entrepreneurship training. Joel and Samantha's baby, Ethan, is 6 weeks old now and doing well. Hephzibah and the rest of the family are adjusting well to the changes.
- 5 Canada:** The Sayers family leaves Canada today, returning to South Africa via the UK. Please pray for Don and Rachel and their three growing kids, Danielle, Hudson and Nathan, that all will know the outstretched arm of the Father leading them in the details of their unique journeys.
- 6 Uganda:** It is time for the maize harvest. Some early planted plots are already in, with satisfactory results; others are still maturing for harvest this month. Two small gardens of peanuts are doing well, benefiting from the mulch (God's blanket) that slows down moisture loss. Second season planting of sorghum, beans and sesame, as well as more maize, is planned. Please pray that people will notice the difference of Farming God's Way and be open to learning a new and different way.
- 7 Tanzania:** The Monger family, now reunited, are in Canada for their home leave! Pray for them as they take time as a family and also with supporters and family. Pray for God's provision of the extra support they need.
- 8 United Kingdom:** The EIUK family, friends and supporters are meeting together at Trinity Church, Harrow, today for the annual Summer Event / Garden Party. The Sayers family will be joining us, and will spend a few days in the UK, on their way to South Africa.

(Prayer points for today continued overleaf.)

- Uganda:** Mike, Marianne and Elias Botting are flying to Canada today. They will be introducing Elias to family, friends and supporters while on furlough. Please pray for safe travels, particularly for the challenges of travelling with a very active toddler.
- 9 Philippines:** Edna Santos is writing reports and trying to raise funds for the scholarship projects. Please pray that people will respond generously to the program that she will present to them.
- 10 Brazil:** Pray for the Aguas Formosas Day Care Center new leadership.
- 11 Tanzania:** Esther Mnkeni would appreciate prayers for continued rest and recuperation after the birth of daughter, Praise.
- 12 Malawi:** The management of EI Malawi are working on the next 3 year Strategic Plan. Please pray for us as there are decisions that the organization must work through and some processes that are new to us. We need God's wisdom!
- 13 Uganda:** Please pray for Okidi Walter to be led and empowered by the Spirit to serve well in the new role, doing School Discipleship, as the Bottings are away on furlough.
- 14 South Africa:** The Sayers family arrives in South Africa today. Please pray for a smooth transition back to SA. There will be much to catch up on but technology has allowed them to be more connected and involved than ever before.
- 15 Tanzania:** Please pray for Amisadai Monger's health. Pray for appointments to be scheduled for when she is back in the UK. Please pray for clarity on the health problem, solutions and the way forward after the summer.
- 16 Tanzania:** The VanWoerden family are on home assignment in BC, Canada. Pray for a good time of rest, reflection and connecting with family, friends and supporters.
- 17 Brazil:** Praise God for his blessings on the Terena Bible School: the new indigenous students in 2017, the painting of the girls and boys dorms, and three houses, each with a new roof.
- 18 Philippines:** Training of leaders in the Awana Program is ongoing throughout July, preparing for the next school year's program.
- 19 Malawi:** We are waiting for approval of the recent environmental survey in the Word of Grace Irrigation project, praying that God will open the door for beginning this important endeavour this summer.
- 20 International:** The position of International Director is still vacant. Please pray that God's will be done in the search for someone to fill this role.
- 21 Tanzania:** Pray for Dave and Tricia Rollett as they settle in to work this month, and practise their Swahili.

- 22 Uganda:** The East African Drought has not really struck here in Pader yet but it is certainly making people nervous. Instead of the 'normal' downpour every other day, we have had rain every 10 days or so and really not heavy or long enough. Some people's crops have already dried up. Almost all have a reduced yield. This is the fourth year of poor rains and reduced harvests. Because Uganda has a predominantly rural / agricultural economy, people are seeing prices rise and available food decrease. Please pray that July will be a better month as people begin to bring in any harvest they have.
- 23 Malawi:** Praise God for His care of our staff: of the 150 staff, over half are daily on the road on motorbikes or vehicles with all the community work that they have. We are so grateful for God's protection each day.
- 24 Philippines:** Houses are being repaired in Cabagan, Isabela. Please pray that it will be finished in spite of the rains. Also pray that the corn that was planted will grow healthy and be harvested before the typhoon season comes again.
- 25 Canada:** Paul and Anita Bertrand leave Toronto today for the Philippines where they will carry on their work with The Mailbox Club, now overseeing Southeast Asia. Pray for God to continue to work through the Bertrands and to the children they will reach in this new region.
- 26 Brazil:** El Brazil plans to help the Terena Church leadership with Conferences to support and encourage local indigenous churches and mission fields.
- 27 Philippines:** It is predicted that 14 typhoons will come to the Philippines this year. Please pray that they will not be so destructive.
- 28 Tanzania:** We have been preparing to receive a team from St Peter's Church, Farnborough, due to arrive in Tanzania today. They will be working with the church and community in Ikuka village.
- 29 Uganda:** In the second half of this term, we are targeting the schools of Puranga Subcounty in Pader District with the Pads Ministry. There are 9 schools that we have never visited but as that is too many for this term's resources, it will not be until next term that we can finish that subcounty. We thank God for the resources we have and ask you to pray for the girls who will receive our help this half term.
- 30 Haiti:** Please continue to pray for Martinez and Emma Jovin and the work they are doing in Haiti.
- 31 Philippines:** We are still looking for someone to replace Edna Santos as the Luzon Coordinator. Please pray that someone will apply.