



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Ceasar Okot



Ceasar Okot works as a volunteer for EI Uganda, where he is engaged in the Jesus Film ministry, not just showing the film but following up on the discipleship groups that are formed after the showings, a task that can require long miles on a motorcycle.

As a child of 11 years, Ceasar was abducted by the LRA and spent 3 years in the bush before escaping, then at the age of 18 he was caught again but escaped after 3 months, despite which he completed his education up to senior four. The son of a Church of Uganda priest of the same name, he never lost his faith and was known, even in the bush, for his hymn singing.

Now at 38 years old, Ceasar is a small scale farmer, a butcher, a mender of phones and computers as well as working part time for EI. He has a love for the radio and his sonorous voice comes over well as a presenter, a preacher and as a translator from English into his native Acholi.

Perhaps above all, Ceasar is a musician in the house of the Lord. As a child he excelled at the local 'Adundu', a bow harp, so when his church was presented with an electronic keyboard, it was Ceasar who taught himself to play and then passed on the knowledge to others, which he still does today as he himself continues his musical development.

Ceasar is responsible for the welfare of 7 children in his wider family and is planning to marry Filder in the near future.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is attending the Short Term Mission Team presentation at St Peter's Church, Farnborough. They worked in Tanzania in the summer.
- 2 Tanzania:** This is a key month for the Agricultural Project in the Mwanza region as we plant crops with the different farmer groups in various villages. Pray for Peter as he manages this work!
- 3 Brazil:** Praise God for the Águas Formosas PROPAC activities with 60 children and their families and continue to pray for the new leadership.
South Africa: The Sayers are converting their existing short-term visas to longer term 3 year visas. Pray that the Department of Home Affairs will address the application in a timely manner and approve them soon.
- 4 Malawi:** EBCM is asking prayer for 3 new members to their management team: Abusa Lancaster Mfungwe, Bishop; Patricia Saulos, Women's Coordinator; Maneneo Mfungwe, Children's Coordinator. Pray for their transition into these positions and God's rich blessing on the management team as they learn to work together.
- 5 Tanzania:** After planting with the farmers in the Mwanza Agricultural project, we will be trying to do as much tree planting as we can! Pray for Peter and Joseph as they work with people in the different villages and also plant at the church planting school in Kisesa.
- 6 Tanzania:** The IMARIKA project is especially working on tree seed planting in Mangawe, Ikuka, Ibumu, Lyamgungwe and Utengule villages this month.
Philippines: We are closing the books and sending it to the auditor this month. Please pray that we would get it back in no time.
- 7 Malawi:** In October, El Malawi will be receiving other EI missionaries coming for various reasons. Pray that God will speak to all of us, showing His purpose and pleasure through these visits. We look forward to growing together in the Lord.
- 8 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is leaving the UK tomorrow for a two week break in Canada. As always, there is also work involved while she is in Canada. Please pray that Sue will find enough time to rest and catch up with friends.
Philippines: Please pray for the rehabilitation at the Marawi war zone; for wisdom and direction for those working with KEDREN Response Team.
- 9 Canada:** It is the Canadian Thanksgiving! Praise God for our faithful donors and prayer supporters over the years.
Uganda: Tom plans to host an Independence Day meal today for the Deaf, aided as ever by Milly. We have been doing this for a few years now but this will be the last one for Tom as he prepares to end his service here in November/December.
- 10 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are travelling to Malawi today and then on to Mozambique to finalize details for their move in 2018, God willing. Please pray for them.

- 11 Tanzania:** The Ewing family will be making longer visits to Kome Island this month, preparing for the Health Project. Pray that they could make good relationships and connect with people on the island. Pray for the children to settle in their other home there. And pray for an assistant to work alongside them.
- 12 Brazil:** The Terena Conference is to be held in Rondônia State on October 12-15, with the involvement of more than 14 different ethnic groups. Pastor Paul Pascoal, from Gormley Church in Canada, will be the guest speaker. Pray with us that the ones who attend the conference will be encouraged and strengthened in their faith, to be able to build God's church in their areas.
- 13 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is attending a Youth Retreat from today until the 15th. This is with the youth group she use to lead when she lived in Canada.
- 14 Tanzania:** This month Joel will be making visits to Ukerewe Island to begin preparations for the Entrepreneurship Project. Pray that he could connect well with people and discern God's leading in the way forward with this work and that fruitful ideas will spring forth.
- 15 South Africa:** Beauty (one of our Safe House mothers) has recently lost her father. She has returned after a 2 week trip to the Eastern Cape but has the emotional burden of dealing with her loss and caring for many children who need her to be strong. Please carry her in your prayers.
- 16 Malawi:** Pray for healing of Mayi Abusa Agness Kandoje, wife of Abusa Kandoje. And thank God with us for healing for Mayi Abusa Esther Kamwana in a recent illness.
- 17 South Africa:** Letson (board member) has returned from Malawi after attending the funeral of his mother. He is the eldest son which means that he is now the caretaker of the family land in Southern Malawi. He will need to travel annually to manage the tenants/farmers with the approval of the village chief. The added burden is going to be difficult while living in South Africa and he is hoping to hand this off to other family soon.
- 18 Tanzania:** Tim and Rachel Monger will be visiting the Beekeeping Projects in Mwanza. It has been a difficult season with the drought and we have lost some hives. Please pray for re-colonization and for honey! Pray for encouragement and progress for these two groups in Malya and Kayenze.
- 19 South Africa:** Don continues to teach an 8 week series on discernment at Living Hope Bible Church. The church has been faithful in being hearers of the word and so we pray that they would also be doers.
- 20 Tanzania:** Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa go to Dar es Salaam, where Tim will be teaching at the Bible College on Saturday and ministering at Victory Christian Centre (VCC) on Sunday morning. Tim and the girls will return on Sunday evening and Rachel will stay on until Thursday. Pray for her on Monday to Thursday as she begins working with VCC and Under the Same Sun to help start a group for mamas with Albinism there.

- 21 Uganda:** This third term, we are planning to revisit the schools we last visited in 2015 with the Pads Ministry project. Those little 10 year olds are now 12 years old and it is time for someone to step in and help, as we did with their elder sisters. We are planning to reach 2,000 or more girls this term. The rainy season is living up to its name and some of the roads are impassable, if it has recently rained; most are deteriorating as the weeks go by.
- 22 Brazil:** Pray that God would lead El Brazil to reach more Brazilian churches with the challenge to respond to the spiritual and physical needs of churches in poor areas.
- 23 Uganda:** Waterlogging has replaced lack of rain as the major problem in the Conservation Agriculture project. Sorghum, maize, tomatoes, and beans are all struggling!
- Philippines:** We are gathering the reports of the Lawin repairs and replanting that was done in Isabela. Please pray that we will be able to send in a report to Australia really soon.
- 24 Tanzania:** The Upendo wa Mama group are fixing up a garage at Standing Voice to use for a workshop; pray that they would use this space well with new projects. Pray for faith and work of God in the lives of all these women and their families.
- 25 Haiti:** Please keep Haiti and the Caribbean in your prayers. There have been so many tropical storms in this area lately. Pray for God's protection.
- 26 Tanzania:** El is in the process of registering as a Tanzanian organisation. Please pray that our application with the ministry of home affairs will proceed. Pray also for our new board as they serve and grow into new roles.
- 27 Philippines:** We are meeting as a church in Kairos Northview to plan for the future of the church.
- 28 Canada:** The EIC banquet is being held today. Pray for Sarah Chaudhery, former Olympic rower, who will provide the main challenge to those in attendance. Pray for a great time of fellowship and that generous funds will be raised for various projects.
- 29 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is speaking at St Edyth's Church in Bristol today.
- 30 Uganda:** There are some exciting vacancies in Uganda: in the Girls Hygiene Project, Conservation Agriculture, Child/Youth Discipleship and Theological Training. Please pray that the message will go out wide and that the right people will respond.
- 31 Tanzania:** We ask for prayers for our water project in Lupembelwasenga village; for the ongoing work digging pipelines and developing the local water users association. Please pray that God will provide the remaining funds needed for the project.