



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Alex Pacis



I am Alexander Aves Pacis, 62 years old and married to Rosalinda Pacis, my townmate in the Philippines where we came from. I arrived in Canada when I was 19 and got married, also in Canada, at the age of 22. We have 4 children and 5 grand children, all born in Toronto and serving the Lord in various churches that we planted.

I became an Emmanuelite in January 1980 to do the Canadian books. I then became the International Finance Director and eventually an International Board member, which I still am to this day. I am also serving as the interim Philippine Director while I reside in Canada. I do all my work with Emmanuel International as volunteer. We are also still missionaries under World Team, and have been since 1989. World Team used to be Regions Beyond Missionary Union,

established first in the UK by founders Henry Grattan Guinness, D.D. and his wife Fanny in 1873.

As part of our work with World Team, we founded Church Planting Ministries Inc (CPMI) in 2000, with a goal of planting 100 churches by 2020. We have now planted over 60 churches all over Canada. We are supervising/mentoring over 40 church planters of CPMI in Canada. We are on our way to establish CPMI in other countries such as the Philippines, Australia, USA and parts of Africa.



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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** The new director of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi (EBCM) management will be starting his responsibilities as of today.
- 2 Brazil:** Praise God for the 1st Evangelical Indigenous Women Meeting, held in August. About 250 people participated, mostly women. It was a real blessing.
- 3 Tanzania:** The VanWoerden family are settling back in Iringa, following their home assignment. Pray for them and for Lara, Talia, Ezera and Aniya as they start homeschool. Pray for Amy Vandekemp, a volunteer from Canada who is coming in September to help the girls with their homeschool programme.
- 4 Uganda:** Walter and Ceasar are busily going about their tasks in the School Discipleship and Jesus Film Follow-up ministries respectively. Pray for local church leaders to resonate with the vision of churches linking up with Christian clubs in schools, and for the activities of the School Discipleship ministry during third term. Pray also for special impact of the Jesus Film ministry.
- 5 South Africa:** Praise God for the time since we've returned to South Africa. We have found our feet and the children are enjoying being back to music lessons, soccer and riding. Don has been preaching and teaching at Living Hope Bible church and catching up on the to-do lists at the Safe Houses, including interviews.
- 6 Tanzania:** The Mwanza team has been plagued with some illnesses over the last months. Please pray for return to full health for everyone who struggled with health issues.
- 7 Philippines:** The Marawi crisis is now in its third month. It is an ongoing armed conflict between the Philippine government troupes and the ISIS affiliated group, called the Maute brothers. Several Christian organizations, including EI, have been helping the Internally Displaced Persons with their immediate needs for food, water, medicines, hygiene kits as well as psycho-social debriefing activities. The unforeseen length and severity of this crisis is taking a toll on the relief workers as well. Please pray for the continuing effort to raise funds for relief and rehabilitation for Marawi and for decisions to be made.
- 8 Canada:** EIC continues to work towards it's fundraising goal for the Maternal Health (MNCH) project that is ongoing in Malawi. Would you join us in asking God to meet this goal?

- 9 International:** The deadline for applications for the position of International Director is in September. Please pray as we consider the next steps.
- 10 South Africa:** The mother of Letson, Don's associate for the Safe Houses, passed away in August. The maternal grandfather of Beauty, one of our Safe House mothers, also passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Please pray for Letson and Beauty and their families.
- 11 Canada:** Amy Vandekamp is hoping to join the Vanwoerdens in Tanzania to teach and facilitate the homeschooling of all 4 girls for the next 9 months. Amy's departure is dependant on her raising the necessary support; we are asking God to bring in the funds required.
- 12 Malawi:** We are still waiting to hear from the government on their approval (Lord willing!) of the environmental assessment of the Bimbi Irrigation project so that we can get the project started.
- 13 Tanzania:** Dave, Tricia and Titus Rollett will be spending time with Dave's brother and sister-in-law who are coming to visit this month. Also pray for them as they settle into the work and continue to gain confidence in Swahili.
- 14 Philippines:** Ruth Copsey will be going to Iligan (September 14-16) with a group of counsellors and peer debriefers to help the Filipino frontline missionaries who have been hard at work since the onset of the Marawi crisis. Pray that we will be an encouragement to these faithful group of men and women as they take a much needed break before continuing on with the task ahead.
- 15 International:** The EI family is travelling a lot, sometimes on very unsafe roads. Please pray for God's protection while they are on the roads or in the air.
- 16 Canada:** With the first face-to-face introductions of Elias Botting (son of Mike and Marianne) to family and friends in Canada having now finished, the whole Botting family is returning to Uganda today. Pray for special grace for the journey, and for reintegration into life in Pader. They will return while the school term at Bishop Lee Theological College is ramping up for 10 weeks.
- 17 South Africa:** Nathan has injured his knee in a bike accident in August and can't play soccer for 4 weeks as the bruised cartilage heals and repairs.
- 18 International:** We are looking for people to fill positions in several projects, specifically in Uganda and the Philippines. Please pray that the right people will respond.

- 19 Brazil:** The leadership of Águas Formosas Day Care Center, Propac plan to increase the number of projects in the next months.
- 20 Philippines:** It is the end of our fiscal year. Please pray for guidance to the administration as we close the books for audit.
- 21 Haiti:** Please remember Martinez and Emma Jovin in your prayers.
- 22 Malawi:** The Strategic Planning team is working on the next Strategic Plan for El Malawi. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance.
- 23 Uganda:** We plan to start visiting schools again in the last weeks of the month (the start of the 3rd term) with the Pads Ministry. To be ready, we need to buy cloth, mark, cut and sew around 4,000 pads and buy the same number of knickers. This term we plan to mainly revisit schools that last saw us 2 years ago. Little girls grow up!
- 24 Philippines:** Mindanao is still under Martial law but thank God for His protection on us as we continue the work in this area. Please pray for a medical outreach in a Muslim community this September. Pray for safety as we travel and for opportunity to share God's love to our patients.
- 25 Tanzania:** Pray for Andrew and Miriam as they lead the team and plan for the future. We expect to meet with the executive committee of the board at the end of September.
- 26 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is attending a Global Connections workshop in London today. Please pray for safe travels and a fruitful time.
- 27 South Africa:** Don is preparing an 8 week course on Discernment for Living Hope Bible Church. It's a series he's been keen to begin and hoping that God will use this to grow the believers in wisdom and truth. With the current challenges of our day, discernment from God's word is vital to navigate through what is true, and almost true. Please pray for him.
- 28 Philippines:** The Awana Program includes on-going discipleship with the leaders. Please pray that it will be very fruitful.
- 29 United Kingdom:** This month will be the end our fiscal year and we'll have to start preparing the accounts for submission to the accountants.
- 30 Brazil:** The next Terena Conference is to be held in October. Pastor Paul Pascoal, from Canada, and Fred Silva will be the speakers.