



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on: Amy Vandekemp



Hey there! I'm Amy, the homeschool teacher for the VanWoerden children in Iringa, Tanzania.

I was born and raised in Toronto Canada.

I love: children, to sing, listening to music, people, making others laugh, trying new things, making funny noises with my niece and nephews, taking pictures and most of all sharing what God has done in my life in the confidence that it can help others.

I have always loved working with children; from the babies in the nursery to my girls at Youth who are soon turning 17! Now I find myself into the regular routine of being a homeschool teacher for a missionary family, something only God himself knew I would be doing! It has been amazing; full of challenges and excitement and joys!

Now, wanting to serve in Africa is a new part of my life. When God says "go" you say "ok" because if you don't, well... Look up the story of Jonah in the Bible and see where the whole 'not listening to God thing' takes him. God had clearly told me to go. He had actually been preparing me for a couple of years but only informing me about his plans around May (haha - God's timing). I was sitting in my home, pondering about my job and if I wanted to continue it, and I felt God say, "I have something for you". Two months later my mentor told me about this opportunity to serve in Tanzania. Then a month and a half later my feet touched African soil! In that time, all my support was raised and all my affairs were in order, including my passport which I never had before. It has been clear that God has called me here. My contract is for 9 months but I don't feel like this is the end of my journeys in Africa.

*Asante* (thank you) for reading a little about me. If you'd like to follow the journey, please visit my page on Facebook: Amy's Tanzania Journey (search on Facebook or scan the QR code).



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

- 1 Malawi:** We have just had our first rain in the South of Malawi. It reminds us that it is time for the annual rains. Please pray for God's favour over Malawi, for good rains and a year of good harvest throughout Malawi.
- 2 Tanzania:** Rachel Monger is travelling to Dar es Salaam and then on to Malawi tomorrow with Andre VanWoerden to be with the EI teams meeting next week.  
**International:** The International Board is meeting via Skype today. Please pray for good internet connection and fruitful discussions.
- 3 Canada:** Kristy Nowell is travelling for PROMISE (Maternal Health) meetings being held in the Republic of Ghana with EI Malawi, ADRA and Christian Children's Fund. Pray for safety for Kristy during her travels and stays in Ghana and for her family while she is away; also for unified vision and outcomes from the meetings.
- 4 International:** Richard McGowan (from Canada), Andy Sharpe (from the United Kingdom) and Mike Botting (from Uganda) will be travelling to Malawi to meet for one week and share together about a potential multi-country proposal to the Canadian government. Pray for safety in travels, productive meetings, and beneficial sharing of ideas and field visits.
- 5 Tanzania:** The Ewing family are building relationships with people in their community on Kome Island. Please pray for the progress of the health project there; particularly for the good appointment of a community health worker.
- 6 Brazil:** Praise the Lord for the Indigenous Conference that was held on October 12-15<sup>th</sup>, in the north of Brazil. More than 500 people from 26 different ethnic groups were together and we had a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and training.
- 7 Tanzania:** We expect to be laying 4 km of pipe this month, from the pumping station to the high end distribution tanks, at the Lupembelwasenga Water Project.
- 8 Malawi:** Pray for Scott and Lorilee MacLean in their continued travels through Mozambique and Malawi.
- 9 Uganda:** The School Discipleship ministry is working at full speed to try and finish the Understanding True Love in all of the secondary schools, as the third and final school term is soon ending. The books have been completed in almost all of the schools, but we are still marking quizzes, encouraging all of the students to complete, and preparing for their graduations. Please also pray for planning for the new year, as we need to finish this in November with Walter taking holidays in December.

- 10 United Kingdom:** We are finalising the accounts for submission to the accountants. Please pray for this process to go smoothly.
- 11 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is attending a summer team presentation at St Peter's Church in Farnborough. The team went to Ikuka in the summer.
- 12 Tanzania:** Rachel Monger is in Dar es Salaam until Wednesday, with Victory Christian Centre church on Sunday and working on Monday and Tuesday with the Albinism Mamas group with Under the Same Sun. Please hold this group of women in your prayers as they seek to develop income-generating activities and as we seek to take the light of Jesus into the darkness some of these women walk in.
- 13 Canada:** Pam and Richard McGowan will be at the Fellowship Baptist Churches Annual Convention from November 13 to 15.
- 14 Uganda:** Milly has been working hard, visiting schools for the Pads Ministry. We have now all but exhausted our supplies. Our total number of girls provided for is a shade over 16,000, so about 6,000 this year alone. We thank God for that and for the financial support to the project that has enabled it.
- 15 Malawi:** There has been good news of provisional approval for the Bimbi Irrigation Scheme with Word of Grace church. The revisions that were needed have gone back for approval. Please continue to pray for God's provision of final approval so that this endeavour can move forward.
- 16 Canada:** Our auditor will be at the office on November 16 and 17 to begin the audit.
- 17 Brazil:** Pray for Tarcísio Porto and his contacts with a potential new partner church.
- 18 Tanzania:** November is a crucial month for our Imarika Project as our groups in Ibumu, Ikuka, Lyamgungwe, Mangawe and Utengule villages tend their tree seedlings and start to prepare their land for conservation agriculture trials.
- 19 Uganda:** The Jesus Film ministry is going well, as Ceasar moves to all of the 18 sites to encourage the groups to complete the Bible study materials. Many groups are doing well, but some need prayer. Please also pray for Ceasar as he compiles the reports for all 18 sites, so that we can meet with our church partners to review our successes and our opportunities to improve as we plan for the new year.
- 20 Tanzania:** Julian Willford arrives in Mwanza from the UK to do more beekeeping training with the beekeeper groups. We will be in Malya this week doing beekeeper training, mamas work and also tree planting. Pray for a successful honey harvest!

- 21 Brazil:** The Águas Formosas Day Care Center continues to search for new ways to better help the 65 children and their families they work with. Please pray for them.
- 22 Tanzania:** Pray for the Wingfield family as they prepare to leave Tanzania in early 2018 and for the rest of the team as they prepare for changes and taking on new responsibilities.
- 23 Canada:** Our Christmas Catalogue will be mailed out this month.
- 24 Philippines:** Please pray for the Awana projects, as it ministers to children and also as the leaders are equipped and developed.
- 25 South Africa:** The safe houses for children provide a family-like environment for the children to grow up in. Please pray for the housemothers as well as the children.
- 26 Tanzania:** Joel Newby is working through pastors in communities on Ukerewe Island. Please pray for unity and good progress as they determine the way forward for the Entrepreneurship project.
- 27 Tanzania:** The beekeeping training continues this week in Kayenze with Julian. Please pray particularly for the leadership of this group and pray for an encouraging time of teaching and practical beekeeping together! Please also pray for the good appointment of a beekeeping project manager.
- 28 Uganda:** We would welcome your prayers for Tom Edom as he is entering his last weeks in Uganda. Please pray as he winds up his work in Pader, says his goodbyes and prepares to return to the UK in mid-December.
- 29 Haiti:** Please continue to pray for the work in Haiti - the rebuilding of communities and lives. Please also pray for our staff in Haiti.
- 30 Tanzania:** The planting is now finished for our farmers in the Mwanza region! Please pray for good rains and the harvest! Pray for Peter as he begins to do more tree planting now. Also pray for the good appointment of a Conservation Agriculture trainer.