



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on: Kristy Nowell



**Mark, Justin, Caleb and Kristy**

Greetings from cold Canada. Hi, my name is Kristy Nowell (née McGowan). Yes, my parents are Richard and Pam McGowan. EI has been in my blood from a young age when Mom and Dad worked here in the early 80's. I came back in my high school and college years to work and help in the Finance office and started again in 2010 in Finance. I currently live in Newmarket Ontario with my family: Mark my husband and two boys Caleb 11 and Justin 8. These two boys are crazy about Lego and anything Lego. Mark is a Senior Pastor at our church in King City and we are all involved in the

church ministries at King Bible Church. We have enjoyed our time at King Bible and look forward to many more years.

Along with my duties in the Finance office, I am also the Canadian Project Manager of the MNCH (Maternal Health) project in Malawi. We are in the second year of a Government funded 2-year project. I plan to travel to back to Malawi in March and take Mark this time. I had a great time May 2016 and saw some amazing projects. We will be seeing the MNCH project and meeting with beneficiaries. We are looking forward to the upcoming trip.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family playing board games. One of our favourite games as a family is Settlers of Catan and, yes, our 8 year old loves this strategy game.

Blessings, Kristy Nowell.



**Kristy with Phillip Samuko, Bernard Ndawala and Esnat Gondwe (MNCH staff)**

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

- 1 Tanzania:** The Wingfields are travelling to UK, arriving on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Pray for the provision of school places for Ben Sam and Bethany at schools which suit them.
- 2 United Kingdom:** We thank God for the time that we had with Fred and Carla Silva and Tarcísio and Jurema Porto. Pray for their safe return to Brazil today.  
**Tanzania:** John is in Malya working with the beekeepers from 2 - 4 February and is particularly having time with the church there. Please pray for leadership for this church.
- 3 Uganda:** We had a refresher training on January 30<sup>th</sup> for church volunteers who have been doing follow up with new believers and leading Bible discussions, as part of the Jesus Film ministry. Please pray for Caesar as he continues with this project.
- 4 Tanzania:** Pray for Andre and Alex as they take on new responsibilities leading the Iringa team.  
**United States:** Pray that the Lord will lead me, Alan, to potential US EIM Board member candidates.
- 5 Uganda:** The school year starts on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Pray that the School Discipleship ministry (managed by Walter) will stay strong and that many school-church-mentorship linkages will be made. Pray too for the Pads Ministry (managed by Milly) to reach many girls this term.
- 6 United Kingdom:** Linda is hoping to visit South Africa for 3 weeks. Please pray for safe travels and a good time with her family. Please pray for her mum, Verna.
- 7 Brazil:** Fred is initiating contact with one of the indigenous partner churches to reach out to another indigenous group with community development and evangelism. Please pray for Fred and the churches involved.
- 8 South Africa:** Pray for funds to furnish the 3<sup>rd</sup> Safe House! The training for Andrina will be finished by mid-February and so we hope to have the home ready inside with beds and appliances by then.

- 9 Tanzania:** We hope to get the health project started on Kome Island this month. Pray for Getrude, our new community health educator as she settles into life on the island.
- 10 Malawi:** The Strategic Planning Committee is following up with our Church Partners, developing the way forward for the next 5 years. Please pray for them.
- 11 Tanzania:** As we seek to set up the peer educator project on Kome Island, please pray for clear communication and shared understanding with the TAG churches, especially Nyakabanga Church.
- 12 Haiti:** Pastor Martinez and Emma Jovin steer our work in Haiti. Please pray for good health and plenty of energy to maintain this work.
- 13 Malawi:** Continue to pray for Malawi through this season of rains. It sounds like generally rains have been good but there are some areas needing more rain. Please pray with us for God's blessing of good harvests for the people of Malawi.
- 14 Canada:** We are thankful for the MissionPrep Impact course that continues to be a significant opportunity for the people of God to be equipped for God's mission around the world.
- 15 South Africa:** The City of Cape Town is very close to running out of water in mid-April. In what was seen as inconceivable 10 years ago, the drought has brought the reservoirs dangerously low. We have a bore-hole for the Safe Houses so they won't be destitute but millions in the city may find the taps dry soon. If that happens there will be absolute chaos as restaurants, hotels, hospitals, business, schools, etc. will shut down. Pray for rain!
- 16 Tanzania:** The Entrepreneurship Project is getting started on Ukerewe Island. Pray for Joel and Elisha as they build relationships and work through the material with the groups.
- 17 South Africa:** The Sayers' visa application is not resolved yet. They have applied for a different visa under the counsel of a visa specialist. This application will give the Sayers 3 years volunteer status in SA.

- 18 Malawi:** There is a pest, called the Fall Armyworm, that is attacking the maize crops. It has been a growing problem and the government and organizations have been fighting to control it but there are some districts where already up to half of the crops have been destroyed. Please pray for God's protection over Malawi's crops.
- 19 Uganda:** Praise God for helping us hire a new staff person, AgenoRwot Concy Lilly. She will be helping to develop and implement discipleship strategies for young children. Pray God will open the right doors and give wisdom in how to start this ministry, which will use contacts and relationships built through other ministries, in order to find willing and eager people who will volunteer themselves to disciple children in their areas.
- 20 Tanzania:** Pray for the Rollett family as they prepare for travelling to UK at the end of the month and for Tricia's health in pregnancy.
- 21 Tanzania:** The PAG Bible College are hosting three days (from 21 - 23 February) of Spiritual Reflection in Mwanza which Tim and Rachel will attend. Pray that this would be a time of growth and refreshment for the college community.
- 22 Brazil:** Tarcisio and the Januária church plan to reach out to two poor communities. Please pray for them.
- 23 South Africa:** Rachel begins another year home schooling our children. A big challenge but a massive financial relief as we don't pay for school fees. Pray for wisdom, patience and long-suffering.
- 24 Philippines:** Please pray for ERRP (EI in the Philippines): for the staff and the projects as they help those in need.
- 25 United Kingdom:** Sue will be speaking at the Banstead Methodist Church Lent Lunch today.
- 26 Canada:** Cindy Bates, from the EIC HR office, and Laura Kelly, who is headed for Tanzania in May 2018. will be taking a two week Impact course from February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 27 Malawi:** We continue to pray daily for God's protection and for the safety of our many staff who are constantly travelling in vehicles and on motorbikes.
- 28 Tanzania:** The farmers in the agriculture project in Mwanza are harvesting and planting. Please pray for good second rains and that farmers would implement the principles well.