



the Emmanuel Connection

March 2018

Focus on: Andrew and Miriam Wingfield



The Wingfield family have served as Country Representatives in Tanzania since 2005. At the beginning of February, following God's leading, they returned to the UK in preparation for Andrew taking up a new role as Associate Pastor of their sending church, Union Baptist in High Wycombe.

Andrew will be starting officially at the church in April, but he will be continuing a part time role with Emmanuel International, especially supporting the work in Tanzania, following up on the registration process of EI in Tanzania and developing the new Tanzanian board.

For the next few weeks, the Wingfields will be visiting supporting churches to share about the work in Tanzania. Miriam will explore different options for working later in the year but for now she will be looking after Ben, Sam and Bethany especially as they start at new schools.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Rachel is in Dar es Salaam with the Mamas Group from today till the 4th. Pray for this group, that as they grow in new skills, God would work in their lives.
Brazil: Praise God for the Terena Assembly held in January and the good reports presented.
- 2 Malawi:** A team from the US is visiting Word of Grace Church for much of the month of March. They have a lot of meetings and trainings with pastors, discussions on ALPHA programs for the prisons and more. Pray God's abundant blessing over this time together for all.
Philippines: Noel Taban's mother passed away in February. Please pray for Noel and his family.
- 3 Uganda:** The School Discipleship ministry will be holding trainings for teachers and student leaders at five different schools, to launch a new year of the Understanding True Love materials.
Brazil: Pray for the new Bible Institute leadership and their responsibilities as the school year is starting at the beginning of March. Pray for the new students that are coming.
- 4 United Kingdom:** Today the Wingfields will be sharing at St Philip's Church in Cambridge. Pray for a good time of encouragement and reconnecting with people who have been faithfully praying for the work.
Canada: Please pray for dear friends and supporters of the MacLeans whose 12-year old daughter was discovered to have a 13 cm growth between her heart and lungs. Ron MacLellan has been to Malawi with EI in 2009; as an RCMP officer he taught on ethics at a leaders' conference and for our Malawian friends, it was a first opportunity to think about ethical practice in their work as pastors and to listen to a Christian policeman, two words not often connected in that context. The family has asked for any prayer networks to join them in praying for Sara.
- 5 Tanzania:** The Ewing family are having a holiday with Simon's parents in Serengeti and Ngorongoro National Parks, from 5th to 11th. Pray for safe travels, good health and a refreshing time!
- 6 Tanzania:** The Lupembelwasenga water project is our first gravity and solar combination system. In March the solar system should be working. Construction of the upper balancing tanks are under way to enable distribution to the community. Pray for the construction workers, Ajery who is supervising, and the system to function well.
Canada: Kristy Nowell departs for Malawi today for 2 weeks to see the Promise Project. Mark her husband will accompany her to see the great work EI Malawi does. Please pray for a safe trip and an enlighten experience for Mark. Pray for her children as they will be spoilt and looked after by their grandparents while they are away.
- 7 Haiti:** Please continue to pray for the work in Haiti - the rebuilding of communities and lives. Please also pray for our staff in Haiti.
Canada: Praise God for our two volunteers, Donna Rankin and Isaac Klaasen. They serve in the finance department and in completing many other tasks.

- 8 South Africa:** The ongoing training process with Andrina has been delayed due to a death in her family and funeral travel to the Eastern Cape and the extended visit that resulted. Funerals tend to be long events with family joining from every corner of the country. Pray that she would be up to the task when she returns.
- 9 Tanzania:** Tim is travelling by bus to Nairobi where he is attending a conference on God and Creation with leaders from the PAG church, from 8th to 11th.
- 10 Tanzania:** Rachel, Amisadai, Louisa and John are in Malya working with the beekeepers and mamas group today and tomorrow. Pray for a strong leader for the church in Malya and for encouragement for the beekeepers and for a harvest of honey and wax in a few months!
- 11 United Kingdom:** Praise God for his provision of local schools for Ben, Sam and Bethany Wingfield in High Wycombe. Pray for them as they adapt to the new environment and help them to make friends. Pray for the provision of a suitable place in secondary school for Ben for September.
- 12 Uganda:** Concy, our new Child Discipleship field staff member, has been conducting field research to see where the churches need support. This month we hope to identify Sunday School material and make a plan for starting the training of teachers.
- 13 Tanzania:** Pray for our IMARIKA project. We're in the middle of the rainy season, trees have been planted and conservation agriculture demonstration plots are in. Pray for good rains. We also started two more village savings and loans groups; pray they will realize what they can do with their own resources.
- 14 United Kingdom:** Andy Sharpe's dad passed away in February and his funeral will take place today. Please pray for the family.
- Canada:** Richard McGowan gives thanks for your prayers for his recent trip to Haiti with Daniel Jovin.
- 15 Malawi:** Praise God for the Certification from the Government of Malawi approving the environmental study for the Bimbi Irrigation Site. We are now in the process of assisting the Word of Grace church to raise funds for this potential-packed irrigation scheme.
- 16 Uganda:** The Jesus Film ministry conducted training for new communities at the very end of last month. Please pray that the participants teach what they have learned to others, and that the film showings start well in the second half of March.
- 17 South Africa:** Continue to pray for the water crisis in Cape Town. The agricultural zone around the largest dams has stopped drawing from the dam, which has given us an extra month of water until the dreaded 'day zero'. If the rains are not early and heavy, day zero will likely be sometime in June. We have been fortunate with a little rain last week which has brought some relief. And 'washed' our very filthy car.
- 18 Philippines:** Alex Pacis is undergoing some medical tests. Please hold him in your prayers as he awaits appointments.
- 19 Malawi:** Praise God for His wisdom and guidance as the EI Malawi team, with Advisory Council and partner church representatives, work towards completing the Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.

- 20 Tanzania:** From today until the 24th, Niall and Sue Barry visit from Ireland to see the progress on health and agriculture projects. Pray for good visits with those involved in these projects.
- 21 South Africa:** We are very grateful to the quick and loving response so far to help alleviate the water crisis. Donors have given generously towards a filtration and water catchment system for the Safe Houses. We are hoping to install them in the next couple weeks. The installers are very busy, as you can imagine.
- 22 Malawi:** The Forsythe family of 4 in Liwonde and their ministry with the EBCM church covet your prayers.
- Canada:** Laura Kelly has begun her two weeks of training at MissionPREP. Laura is scheduled to join the Mwanza team in Tanzania sometime in May or June, God willing. She has been working hard at fundraising and after one month has seen good progress. Laura comes from New Brunswick, an area where Emmanuel is not as well known. Pray that Laura will have wisdom and stamina to tell the story frequently of what God is calling her to in this next season and Emmanuel's part in God's greater story for the nations.
- 23 Tanzania:** Pray for rain in the Mwanza region! We need the final rains to help the farmers involved in the agricultural project. Pray for Peter as he manages this project.
- 24 Brazil:** Emmanuel Brazil AGM is to be held in a few months and we would appreciate your prayers as we prepare.
- 25 South Africa:** Nathan who has still not fully recovered from a mystery illness that inflamed his lymph nodes in his abdomen. He has been getting better but has days where the pain and slight fever returns. The doctors haven't determined the cause as of yet. Please pray for him.
- 26 Tanzania:** Joel and Elisha are collecting business plans from those in the Entrepreneurship Project on Ukerewe Island this month. Pray for our selection of good plans and people to work with!
- 27 Tanzania:** Isamilo International School, where Amisadai and Louisa attend, is at a major crisis point. Pray for a way forward to be found to keep the school going.
- 28 Uganda:** The Pads project is going full swing ahead, reaching girls with sanitary pads and teaching. Please pray for wisdom as we also pilot some new sustainability initiatives.
- 29 Tanzania:** The health training continues on Kome Island. Pray for Gertrude and the Ewings as they take the work forward there.
- 30 South Africa:** Pray also for the outcome of our last Visa application. We should receive an answer by Mid-March about our 3-year visa and then hopefully about the long-term residency application later.
- 31 Philippines:** In February, the Muslim village we've been helping went to their neighbouring village to help Christian families who's homes were razed by fire. It is a result of Christians extending love to them and them extending the same afterwards.