



# the Emmanuel Connection

May 2018

## Focus on: John David Jonathan



I am John David Jonathan, a born-again Christian who found grace to be the last born of the wonderful family of Pastor David and Ann David Jonathan, with one brother (Samuel) and two sisters (Joyce and Ruth). I grew up and was schooled in Kenya. We migrated to this country from Tanzania

in the early 1990's, due to God's calling of my parents as ministers of God (where they are still pastoring a church). I later came back to Tanzania where I completed my high school and joined an Agricultural Training Institute and got my diploma in General Agriculture.

I am so grateful to God for working with Emmanuel International Tanzania. It is giving me an opportunity to reach the unreached by teaching, helping and sharing with them the love of God. I hope to gain more knowledge and understanding of God and my environment to improve the performance of my work. Thank you for your prayers.

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

- 1 Tanzania:** Tim is travelling for two weeks. He will be spending a few days in Morogoro with Matt and Amy Dixon and then a week in Iringa with the team there. He will have some time in Dar at the end, teaching a course on Apologetics and preaching at VCC. Please pray for safe travels and fruitful meetings and connections. Also pray for the Board meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 Brazil:** Praise the Lord for the Emmanuel Brazil general meeting. We had a great time of fellowship and discussion of important things for the mission.
- 3 Tanzania:** Louisa is travelling on a school trip (May 3-6) through the Serengeti to Ngorogoro Crater. Please also continue to pray for the girls' school which has been under great threat over recent months.
- 4 Malawi:** Praise God for initial funds to get started on the Bimbi Irrigation Scheme. We are really looking forward to God's blessing over this land and the people in this area who are being served by the Word of Grace Church.
- 5 Tanzania:** The Lupembelwasenga water project completed the installation of the solar pumping system. In May the upper balancing tanks will be constructed and the community will be digging trenches for the distribution system.
- 6 United Kingdom:** The Rolletts are speaking at churches today and the next two Sundays. Please pray for them as they juggle the demands on them as parents of a toddler and a newborn baby with that of meeting with supporters and friends and family.
- 7 Uganda:** Milly and Mike are planning for the second term of the pads ministry, including first steps towards creating sustainability. Please pray.
- 8 Tanzania:** Amisadai travels to Rwanda for a school trip until Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be visiting the Genocide Memorial amongst other things.
- 9 Tanzania:** This month we may be starting to harvest crops with our farmers in the Mwanza region. Please pray for good harvests and good record-keeping! Our prayer is that lives would be transformed through this project and the harvest is a wonderful time to celebrate the goodness of God!

- 10 Canada:** Praise God for positive movement forward for Scott and Lorilee MacLean to move to Malawi first in January 2019 before finally moving into Mozambique under the Evangelical Baptist Church of Mozambique at a later date.
- 11 Haiti:** We would appreciate your prayers for our work and our staff in Haiti.
- 12 Tanzania:** The IMARIKA project (mobilising churches, improving livelihoods, restoring the environment) has focused on conservation agriculture and tree planting during the rainy season. As the rainy season comes to an end, pray for good harvests so that farmers will see the benefit of improving soil fertility, and that the trees that are planted will be managed well during the dry season.
- 13 Malawi:** Continue to pray for the students in the Evangelical Baptist Bible School, and for Maxwell and Helen as they walk with the students through the Disciplining for Development Course.
- 14 Tanzania:** The health and sanitation project on Kome Island is going well as women are engaging in teaching on health, and families are coming together for training on household sanitation. Please pray for the Ewing family and Gertrude as they carry this project forward.
- 15 Brazil:** The Aguas Formosas Day Care Center leadership is new and they are facing some challenges. Please pray for them.
- 16 Philippines:** Our Board is meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for board attendance and that the agenda will be released in time for it.
- 17 Uganda:** Elias' adoption is still not complete. Please pray for this process and for Mike and Marianne, hoping for a court hearing this month.
- 18 South Africa:** We really appreciate the house mothers, who are doing a great job looking after the vulnerable children in the safe houses as if they are their own. Please pray for God's blessing on their lives.
- 19 United Kingdom:** Prince Harry is getting married to Meghan Markle today. Please pray for their union to be blessed. The nation is celebrating with them this weekend.
- 20 Philippines:** We are hosting some fundraising concerts: on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Tarlac, Central Luzon and on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Faith Fellowship on Aurora Blvd, Quezon City. Please pray that we will reach our goals for Marawi building project and the Scholarship project respectively.
- 21 Uganda:** Concy and the team are running a child discipleship training from May 21-24, to help churches in the village be equipped to train up their young ones!

- 22 South Africa:** It has recently rained in the Western Cape but not enough to fill the dams. Please continue to pray for rain; good rain that will not cause damage.
- 23 Tanzania:** Joel and Elisha have been working with the Ukerewe church to finalise the selections of business proposals. Pray for the groups as they begin to work out things for the next phase of the Entrepreneurship project with more focussed training.
- 24 Canada:** Laura Kelly is scheduled to leave for Tanzania in June for two years. Please pray that her visa will be approved, for the remainder of the funds she needs, and for her personal preparation for this coming season of service with Emmanuel.
- 25 Tanzania:** John and Rachel are visiting the Malya beekeepers and mamas. Pray for the beekeeper groups as we continue to overcome challenges! Pray for bees to be busy producing a harvest for next month!
- 26 United Kingdom:** We are exhibiting about the work of Emmanuel International at the Big Church Day Out in Steyning today and tomorrow. Please pray that we'll be able to share to many people about the work that we do!
- 27 Tanzania:** The Upendo wa Mama Groups will be selling at a two-day Charity Fair. Pray for good sales and good connections with new markets. Please pray for someone who could help us in the area of creative marketing as this project grows!
- 28 Malawi:** The Advisory Council is meeting mid May. We are hoping for a field trip with the Council members to see projects on the ground. Pray for God's enriching insight and thank God with us for these members who are so important to our organization.
- 29 Canada:** The organizing team for our annual Gala 2018 is commencing the planning stage. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 30 Philippines:** Edna Santos is arriving in Canada today. Please pray for her schedule and that she will be welcome in all the churches that she will be contacting. Please pray for Alex Estrella Pantua who will be left behind in the Luzon Office, that he will be able to handle every situation that might happen.
- 31 Brazil:** Praise God for the 12 Terena Bible School students enrolled this year, from 4 different ethnic groups: Xavante, Kadweu, Terena, and Kaxinaua.