



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Cindy Bates



Thanks for the opportunity to connect with all of you! My name is Cindy Bates and I have the privilege to work in the Human Resources and Member Care area for EI Canada. I am very excited to be here and look forward to getting to know you better.

My work history includes Steelcase and Hydro One where I have experience in Human Resources and Customer

Service. Being an advocate for our employees and customers has always been my priority, so I enjoy fixing things and raising issues for potential change.

Why EIC? After taking an early retirement I decided that I wanted to be involved in an organization where I could learn new things and give back by helping others. When Richard McGowan approached me regarding a position at EIC - I knew it was the right place for me!

On a personal note, I have been married to Jerry for 37 years and have 3 adult children: Lauren, Andrea and Taylor. We have also been blessed with 2 grandchildren, aged 3 and 8 months, that keep us busy. We love to go to the gym, take long bike rides and follow the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team.

Serving together with you,
Cindy Bates

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** From today till June 13, a Visiting Ministry Team (VMT) coming from North America will share God's Word with the EBCM pastors and their wives. Pray for receptive hearts as all these folk dig deeper into God's Word.
Tanzania: Rachel is in Dar es Salaam from today till Monday, working with the Albinism Mamas group. Please pray for these women as they work on income-generating projects and pray for God's transformation in their lives. Rachel is also picking up Tim's cousin's daughter who is coming to be with us in Mwanza for a month.
- 2 El Mission (USA):** Alan and Barbara Graham are closing up their California residence and returning to Pennsylvania for the summer/early fall season.
- 3 Uganda:** In May we trained 26 Sunday School teachers from 13 rural churches. This month Concy will be following up with them in their communities to make sure that they are putting into practice what they have learned. Please pray for safe travels, and for the training to have an impact on the children in the churches.
- 4 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean begin their two-week language acquisition course with MissionPREP. Pray that their learning will have a lasting impact on future mission mobilization and training efforts in Malawi and Mozambique.
- 5 Philippines:** Edna Santos will be away from the ERRP office for the whole month of June. Please pray for Pastor Alex Pantua who will be left alone in the office. He will also travel to the north, to Isabella, to follow up on the replanting of corn by the farmers, and has a couple of 'True Love Waits' seminars and a 'Mathematics Made Easy' seminar in Gapan, Nueva Ecija. Edna Santos will be travelling in Canada, reporting to her supporting churches. Please pray for her.
- 6 Tanzania:** The Health Project on Kome Island is starting another women's health group in Buhama village. A sanitation project is also starting up. Pray for these trainings and also for Gertrude as she begins to implement village community banks (VICOBA) as part of the island work. Pray for safe travels for Gertude and the Ewings as they go back and forth from Kome.
- 7 Philippines:** The board is looking over the applications from 17 potential church partners during the month of June. Please pray as they make a decision to approve them or not.
- 8 Tanzania:** The Conservation Agriculture groups in the Mwanza region are harvesting some of their crops this month. Please pray for the farmers in the different groups, for good harvests. Pray for the churches in these villages to grow.
- 9 Philippines:** The 30 Awana leaders will receive training in June to prepare for the Awana session in the coming school year.
Brazil: The Campo Grande Terena Church is wishing to plant a church among the Ofaié indigenous people. Pray for the necessary funds for the visit (it's an almost 400 km trip one way) and for the plans the church has to work together with El Brazil to carry out community development projects for the families.

- 10 Tanzania:** We are scaling up the IMARIKA Project to three new communities and the dry season is a great time for us to do that. Pray for wisdom in selecting potential project communities and good partnerships with the local churches as we begin core training to mobilize churches to meet needs in their community.
- 11 Tanzania:** El Mwanza is teaching a week's training (from today till June 15) on Church and Transformation for pastors in the region. Pray for God to inspire and encourage these leaders to be agents of His transformation in their communities! Pray for the team members as they teach on Biblical Theological Foundations and practical applications in Conservation agriculture, Health and Nutrition, fuel-efficient stoves and Entrepreneurship
- 12 Canada:** Laura Kelly is scheduled to leave for Tanzania for two years in June. 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
- 13 Tanzania:** The Newby family depart for 2 months back in the States. Pray for safe travels and for their time visiting supporters, friends and family there.
- 14 Malawi:** Rev. Peter Ryttersgaard, the leader of the VMT, will be spending an additional week with the leadership of EBCM. Pray for fruitful discussions that will impact the church's growth and vision.
Brazil: Pray for the plans to renew the Terena Bible School classrooms.
- 15 Uganda:** June brings the start of the second school term, which is our busiest time for the School Discipleship ministry. Please pray for Walter as he seeks to get the schools to move ahead with the Understanding True Love course. In June/July we hope to complete the course in all three secondary schools.
- 16 Tanzania:** The Lupembelwasenga Water Project is coming along with the construction of the upper balancing tanks and distribution system. There are three 50,000 litre tanks to build, starting with making the concrete blocks. There are about 15km of trenches to dig for the 19 water points around the community. Pray for good progress, resourcefulness, and safety.
- 17 Tanzania:** Julian Wilford arrives from the UK to help with beekeeping in Mwanza for 2 weeks. Pray for this to be a fruitful and productive time and for the success of the beekeeping groups.
Haiti: Pray for our work and people in Haiti.
- 18 South Africa:** We praise God that the rains in Cape Town have come early and they have come strong! The water reservoirs are up by 4% already and we have averted the dreaded 'Day Zero' that was anticipated. We are so grateful for the many people that responded generously to the water crisis and we have installed bore-hole water filtration systems at the safe houses and a 1000l water rain catchment tank. These will help us in the future if the water crisis returns next year, if the reservoirs do not fill.
- 19 Tanzania:** We are developing a proposal for a rainwater harvesting project at schools in the arid Isimani area. Pray that the proposal will be well received and funded in good time.

- 20 Tanzania:** John, Rachel and Julian are in Malya from June 20-22 with Sinead, hoping to harvest and bottle honey. Please pray that we could take this project to the next level with selling honey and expanding to more hives.
- 21 United Kingdom:** We are hosting a meeting in Chichester for the Group of 6, a networking group of 6 small Christian charities who meet regularly to share with and encourage each other.
- 22 Tanzania:** We are very excited to have a “new” partnership with the Pentecostal Holiness Mission, but this partnership depends on having someone to work directly with that church as our current team is working with the Anglican Diocese. Pray that God would provide the right person to grow this partnership.
- 23 Tanzania:** As the school year draws to a close, pray for the Ewings as they work to cover everything Tabitha needs to do to complete this school year, in-between their travels to Kome.
- Brazil:** The Águas Formosas Day Care Center leadership will appreciate your prayers for them as they help the children and their families in their needs.
- 24 Malawi:** Praise God with us for His generous provision! We have asked you for 2 years to pray for the Bimbi Irrigation Project. The necessary initial funds are promised, almost to the dollar of what was initially budgeted to get it up and going. What a mighty God we serve!
- 25 El Mission (USA):** We appreciate your continued prayers for a volunteer Christian Finance Officer to manage oversight of EIM’s financial operations.
- South Africa:** Please pray as we mourn with Adrina who was our 3rd House mother. She has lost her older daughter and now she is going to be staying at her home to look after her grandchildren. She didn’t feel it was good to take on the role as house mother in her very emotional state and wanted to focus on the grandchildren that are left behind. It was all very sudden and thankfully there were not any children referred to the Safe House yet. By God’s grace we were able to find another very good candidate to fill Andrina’s position. She has already begun the Foster Care training course and has been screened by the Department of Social Services. We trust she will be ready by the first week in July.
- 26 Tanzania:** John, Rachel and Julian are in Kayenze from June 26-27 to harvest honey with the beekeepers there. Pray for a harvest and expansion of the project.
- 27 Uganda:** Mike and Marianne will be taking the “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement” course online, a masters-level course on global missions. They will be taking it as a nine week intensive, rather than the normal 17 weeks, so please pray that they will get the knowledge they need while also being able to maintain work and home routines.
- 28 Tanzania:** The Entrepreneurship Project on Ukerewe Island is well underway after a second series of training. Pray for the six business ventures as they begin to implement their plans!
- 29 Malawi:** Please pray with David Forsythe and Abusa Liffa that the Lord would continue to lead as they work to finish their tract series.
- 30 Canada:** Pray for EIC Director Richard McGowan as he keeps EIC moving forward and using his skills to showcase the work of EIC to new people