



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Don and Rachel Sayers



Don and Rachel Sayers with Danielle, Hudson and Nate (at the front)

Don and Rachel Sayers first met in 1992 in Angola while on short-term missions. Rachel teaching missionary children for 6 months and Don serving for 2 months with Christian Children's Fund of Canada. Their meeting was very providential as Rachel was already booked to leave before Don arrived but her

passport was lost by the Angolan Embassy and her departure was delayed for 2 weeks – just enough time for Don to decide she was the one. After 2 years of courtship the rest is history, as they say.

Don and Rachel have been serving with Emmanuel International in South Africa for 14 years and aside from Pastoring Living Hope Bible church and running the Safe House ministry, Don enjoys surfing, running and hanging with his children. Rachel, when not helping with the ministry, also home-schools the children and enjoys playing the Cello and piano. Rachel is also an avid reader and has passed the love of reading and history to the children.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 South Africa:** Our new house mother, Florida, begins today. She has finished the training and passed all of the screening with Social Services for the job. Pray that the children that will be referred to the new Safe House will find a place to call home and a love that points them to Christ.
- 2 Uganda:** Michael and Marianne Botting are helping their local church conduct a six-month discipleship course from today. Please pray for wisdom in preparing the lessons, and that the people who register will be dedicated to attending and participating fully.
- 3 Tanzania:** There is a business training for farmers in Nyamililo today. Pray that the group can build an agribusiness in the coming season.
- 4 Malawi:** The Advisory Council of El Malawi asks for your prayers as they provide direction for finding a replacement for the Country Director position.
- 5 Tanzania:** Please pray that the establishment of the Buhama health education/VICOBA group (on Kome Island) will go smoothly over the next month.
- 6 Canada:** Richard McGowan is leading a group from his Springvale Church to Malawi for a mission this month; together with his Pastor Dr. Ed Fontaine. Pam will be travelling to the UK with Crystal, Ed Fontaine's wife, to meet up with Richard and the Pastor after their trip to Malawi.
- 7 Brazil:** Thank God for the Women's Indigenous Conference held in Mato Grosso State. And pray for the next one, to be held in July. The goal is to have 400 women participating.
- 8 Philippines:** Edna Santos' Ontario Health coverage has not yet allowed her to be covered in the Philippines. This is critical as she will be exposed to potential insurmountable medical bills if no protection is given. The application for reconsideration is still pending.
- 9 Tanzania:** Pray that the Ewings get everything finished for their children's schooling and have a nice break during this month.
United Kingdom: This week Andrew Wingfield will be speaking at two churches about their work in Tanzania.
- 10 Canada:** The Tanzanian government is reviewing Laura's work permit. Prayer for them to reach a decision soon would be appreciated! In the meantime, she continues to teach ESL students, take her nieces and nephews on special dates, read about cross-cultural missions, and plan her dad's surprise 60th birthday party.

- 11 South Africa:** Nathan Sayers is being treated for a parasite that was discovered by the doctors in Canada. He's now back in South Africa after a few weeks in Canada with Dad. Please pray that the treatment will be effective.
- 12 Canada:** Lindsay O'Connor looks for new endeavors as the Media position of the Promise Project wraps up. Please pray for him.
- 13 Uganda:** We have finished the first follow-up visit with each of the churches that were trained through the Sunday School program. Please pray for our staff as they begin a second round of visits, focused on helping the churches make work plans and create child protection committees.
- 14 Tanzania:** The Mongers are in Kenya from 14-22 July. Pray for a good rest and for Amisadai and Louisa who are at a Christian Camp.
Uganda: El Uganda is having the first meeting of their new national board today. Please pray that the members will get to know each other better, to develop as a team, and that the discussions will be led by God.
- 15 Philippines:** The house project in Marawi is almost halfway done, but this means we still have more than half to cover. We need more funds to finish the project.
- 16 Tanzania:** The solar system in Lupembelwasenga Water Project is pumping water to the top of the village and the construction team is making good progress building the three 50,000 litre storage tanks and distribution system. Please pray that the community would continue providing the local resources (sand and rock) they committed to.
- 17 Malawi:** Word of Grace church seeks to move forward with the Bimbi irrigation project. We also praise God for the partners that He has brought for Word of Grace to expand their pastor training program.
- 18 Tanzania:** The Newbys are on home assignment in US. Please pray for them.
- 19 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is meeting with St Peter's Church, Farnborough today to explore the possibilities of a summer team to Tanzania.
- 20 Haiti:** The OEBB Church Convention will be held from 20-22 July. Please pray for all the participants as they come together; that they will have a special time.

- 21 International:** We have some exciting opportunities available in Malawi, the Philippines, Tanzania and Uganda. Please pray that God will stir the hearts of the right people to respond to fill these vacancies.
- 22 Brazil:** Continue to pray the Aguas Formosas Day Care Center. They are applying for Township funds to help them minister to poor children and their families.
- 23 Tanzania:** Please pray for our IMARIKA stoves groups in Ikuka, Lyamgungwe, and Mangawe, that they would be able to take advantage of the dry season to start producing portable clay stoves for sale in the community to reduce firewood consumption and smoke in household kitchens.
- 24 Malawi:** The Advisory Council is considering the recommendation of a potential new partner church for EI Malawi. Please pray for wisdom as this decision is made.
- 25 South Africa:** One of our board members, who has been a huge help in the Safe House ministry, is looking for either additional support as an SIM missionary from Malawi or extra work on the side to supplement his income.
- 26 Tanzania:** We are looking for several people to strengthen our team in Iringa and are looking forward to seeing who God is preparing for these roles. See tinyurl.com/ya687q4m about the positions that are available.
- 27 Brazil:** Praise the Lord for the Terena Bible School improvements Fred Silva saw in his last visit. Please pray for the plans to renew the classrooms.
- 28 Philippines:** We need to raise more financial help for the operation in Manila. Since the church we planted isn't able to carry much of the load at the moment, ERRP is carrying most of it.
- 29 International:** Paul Jones will be the EI International Director as of the end of this year. Please pray for Paul and Helen as they transition from his role as Country Representative in Malawi and prepare for the move to Canada.
- 30 Tanzania:** EI Mwanza is teaching Church and Transformation at PAG Bible College from today 30 till 1st Aug.
- 31 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean would appreciate your prayers as they prepare for their move to Malawi / Mozambique in January 2019.