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Training in Maternal Health Practices Makes a Difference in Malawi



Top: Paul Jones, Agness Misoya Loga, Esnatt Gondwe, Chisinsi Chisenga, Bernard Ndawala, Mervis Morson, Phillip Samuko Centre: Henry Manyozo Front: Paul Jones, Ireen Yohane, Kristy Nowell. Not Photographed (Finance Department): Daniel Mahete, Alex Khomera and Dorothy Soko

El Canada and El Malawi's 4 year Maternal Health Project in Malawi has just entered its 3rd quarter of year 2. We have an amazing team based in Malawi, lead by Bernard Ndawala as In Country Project Coordinator and supported by Kristy Nowell in Canada as Canadian Project Coordinator. Kristy had the opportunity in March 2018 to visit the villages and health centres benefitting from the project. The photo above was taken during her visit to Malawi.

We have had some amazing stories come from the field of how this project is making a difference to families in Malawi. The goal of the Maternal Health Project (also known as PROMISE - the project is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Global Affairs of Canada) is to reduce the maternal newborn mortality rate through three interrelated

and interconnected intermediate outcomes, namely;

1. improved delivery of essential health services to mothers, pregnant women, newborns and children under five;
2. improved utilisation of essential health services by mothers, pregnant women, newborns and children under five; and
3. increased consumption of nutritious foods and supplements by mothers, pregnant women, newborns and children under five.

We are working in a total of 305 villages and 6 health centres. Here we share a story of how we have been able to improve lives in one village.

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From Despair to a Model Village

A Story from the Field in Malawi

By Phillip Samuko, Monitoring and Evaluating Officer PROMISE Project

With a population of about 200 people and 30 households, Richard Village, in Traditional Authority Kuntumanje in Malawi, is among the villages that enjoy the presence of the PROMISE project which promotes maternal, newborn, infant and child sustainable health efforts. The whole village has experienced the visible benefits of the project within a short period of time. The project started in April 2016 through Emmanuel International Canada (EIC) and its country affiliate Emmanuel International Malawi (EIM). This project is supported financially by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada.



Chief Richard and Kristy Nowell of EIC Promise Project Coordinator from Canada

“My village is blessed by having PROMISE project with a dedicated team of health and nutrition facilitators,” Chief Richard says, with a smile on his face. “For many years this village has had problems with having sanitary facilities.”

“This village,” he says, “has 30 households, but none had hand washing facilities near pit latrines prior to PROMISE. Some households had pit latrines and some temporary ones, prior to PROMISE only 22 of 30 had pit latrines.”

Richard Village is among the villages that had hygiene and sanitation challenges, with some households practicing open defecation. Before PROMISE started its interventions in the village, only 73.3 % of households had pit latrines, there were no hand washing facilities and only 10 % of households had refuse pits.

The village was also poor in practicing kitchen gardens with only 6.7 % of households owning kitchen gardens. Only 3.3 % of households had energy saving stoves.

After introducing a hygiene and sanitation module in the village with more sensitisation and awareness on proper hygiene and sanitation practices, the targeted groups in the village responded well. In the two years since the PROMISE Project has started,

- households with latrines increased to 96.7%,
- hand washing facilities increased to 83.3%, kitchen gardens increased to 73.3%, and
- households with energy saving stoves increased to 63.3%.

“I am proud today as my village is now considered a model village,” says Chief Richard. “Now we receive visitors who

come and appreciate our work and it makes me very happy.”

“To say the truth, no one expected that this village could be crowned as a model village on hygiene and sanitation, as for many years this village has always been behind,” says Mr Masese, Area Development Chairperson from Traditional Authority Kuntumanje, in concurrence with Chief Richard.

“The coming in of PROMISE has changed the situation completely.”

Masese says the levels of diarrhoea and malaria in children have been reduced in Richard Village.

Masese says, “I must say, care group volunteers and nutrition facilitators from PROMISE project have really saved this village from a mark of shame.”



Mr and Mrs Yonasi of Richard Village pose for a photo with Kristy Nowell EIC Promise Project Manager by a latrine they constructed after being inspired by the PROMISE Project

The PROMISE project can continue to increase sanitation and hygiene in communities like Richard Village.

This is just one success story of many. El Canada and El Malawi is excited to be a part of this journey in Malawi and look forward to the next 2 years.

DAVID AND ALYSSA

Working

We are David and Alyssa Forsythe, serving in Malawi since August 2016. We have two sons, Judah (2), and Malachi (1). Although Alyssa grew up in the US, as a family we are from Kingston, Ontario, Canada.



Here in Liwonde, we live directly across from the EBCM (Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi) headquarters, with whom we work closely in ministry. David's main roles here are assisting in EBCM's missions and evangelism efforts, and teaching at the denomination's Bible college (which is a short walk from our house).

Involved in these two roles is much thinking, teaching, planning, writing and translating of sermons, tracts, and more. Until rainy season makes travel difficult, David is travelling once a month to different areas to lead a 4-day mini-conference on the Gospel and its practical impact in various areas of life and ministry. When not out travelling, David is busy writing and translating a tract series, preparing for and teaching classes, and preparing for and preaching sermons.

After much time and brain energy expended, we are happy to say that David has recently preached his first sermon

ALYSSA FORSYTHE

in Malawi

completely in Chichewa! We are both able to communicate pretty well in day-to-day conversations in Chichewa, but preaching has been a long-awaited milestone. It still takes lots more time and effort to prepare a sermon this way, but we think it is worth it not to have to go through a translator. Plus, it's good for learning new vocabulary and grammatical structures!

Not surprisingly, Alyssa's main responsibilities are in the home. Our two little guys keep her busy! She is also involved in a couple of ladies' Bible studies in our area. Alyssa loves to be home, taking care of the boys, cooking, and keeping the household running. And she also loves our dear house helper, Fanny, who keeps the piles of laundry and dishes in check!



The Bimbi Irrigation site on 17 July 2018

An update on the Bimbi Irrigation project

The Bimbi Irrigation Scheme is being done by the Word of Grace church, a partner of Emmanuel International Malawi. We have been praying for this scheme for nearly 4 years now! By the end of July 2018, the well was drilled and the site preparation for irrigation underway. We praise God for His bountiful goodness and look forward to seeing "Eden" in Bimbi!

A water tank for the scheme was ordered (75,000 litres) but production on that will be delayed. So, the producer is giving us a tank for 100,000 litres... at no extra cost! In the colloquial of youth today, that is just how our Heavenly Father rolls!

"Taste and see that the Lord is good!"



Join the EI Team!

There are a number of exciting positions available in Emmanuel International!

Can you help us spread the word?

Please share these vacancies with your friends, family, church or student group. We have a flyer available with a summary of the positions that are available that may be useful (you can download it from the link on the QR code below).

More information about the vacancies is available on our website. Visit www.eiuk.org.uk and click on 'Vacancies' or scan the QR code.



We are a faith based Christian ministry. We believe that if God is calling us to serve Him, He will provide the resources we need.

If you think you are the one we are looking for, send us your Curriculum Vitae. We would also appreciate a paragraph or two telling us about your religious experience.

Email: info@eiuk.org.uk or contact details on the front page.

Tanzania

- Water and Sanitation Engineer
- Church and Community Development Trainer (Diocese of Ruaha)
- Church and Community Development Trainer (Pentecostal Holiness Mission)
- Homeschool Teaching Assistant



Uganda

- Acholi Girls Fairer Future
- Conservation Agriculture
- Child/Youth Discipleship
- Theological Training



Philippines

- Field Workeres
- Area Representative : Luzon
- Church Developpment Couple

Malawi

- Teacher at church school



Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”



Isaiah 58:9-11 (NIV)

Our new EI International Director



Since 2013, the Emmanuel International family has been on a journey of change and transition. Through these nearly 5 years, there has been a great deal of prayer and discussion concerning the need for an International Director if EI was to have a meaningful role in the future in Missions. It has become clear that God still has plans for EI.

We are most pleased to announce in this publication that Paul Jones has been selected as the new International Director of Emmanuel Relief and Rehabilitation International.

Paul and Helen will return to Canada at the end of this year to take up this position full time.

Please pray for EI and EI Malawi that God's voice will be clear to all through this transition period.

*Ben Sybring
Chair, International Board*

Read more about Paul and Helen's journey before applying for this position in the June 2018 Down to Earth (available on www.eiuk.org or scan the QR code to download).



Martinez and Emma Jovin retire

After many years of faithful service with the OEBB Church and his work with EI, Pastor Martinez and Emma Jovin retire. There was a service in the Cabaret Church to celebrate his ministry. A plaque was made to be presented to Pastor Martinez in recognition of his many years of service with EI.

Please keep them in your prayers as they adjust to their new way of life.



EI Australia closes

EI Australia was founded in 1983 and served many through direct service, prayer and financial support. With the advent of new legislation in Australia, as well as the reality of a relatively small support base, members and supporters met in May 2018 and resolved to wind up the association. This marks the end of EI Australia as an association in Australia after over 35 years. We are very thankful to EI Australia for their wonderful service.