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EIUK is celebrating 35 years of mission!

From the EI International
Director



Paul and Helen Jones

Dear EI Family,

Warmest greetings from a freezing Canada! It has been just over a month now since we have returned to Canada. Much has happened in the past few weeks; we are still trying to get our feet under us here in our “new” country. It has been great to be with family over the Christmas and New Year time and enjoy the excitement of celebrating Christ’s birth!

Our time has been filled with getting our paperwork in order as “residents” of Canada, settling into what will be home for the foreseeable future and looking to the future in this next step in our lives. We have met with some of our Board to do hand overs and to see their

thoughts for the future. As well, we were privileged to meet with the EI Canada Board and appreciate the good things happening in EI Canada.

We were so blessed to be there for the birth of our second grandchild, Madeleine Marie Volpe, who arrived on the 17th of January, weighing in at just 5 pounds. Mom and Baby doing great!! (Grandpa and Grandma even better!!)

We are looking forward to our first “overseas” trip this coming February-March!!

EI UK will be celebrating their 35th anniversary on 2 March 2019 and we are blessed to be a part of this special day! Helen and I look forward to reconnecting with so many special friends and former colleagues and being able to share in giving thanks to our Lord Jesus for the many blessings he has given through the work of Emmanuel International UK in the past. Together with the members there, we look forward to many more years of service together in the Kingdom.

May God’s peace rest on each one of you,

Paul Jones
EI International Director

A Word From John Carroll



John is the founder of Emmanuel International in the United Kingdom. Though John started in 1978, it was only in 1984 that EIUK was registered as an

organisation. John is pictured here circa 1980.

When George Middleton asked me to register EIUK with the British Charity Commissioners, I agreed. For me this was a life changing decision. It meant that all of my non parochial time would no longer be for diocesan committees, but to EIUK.

I was very happy with this decision as I had many dedicated Christian people who wanted to serve the Lord but had no qualifications. In those days there was no place for people like Gladys Aylwood. Jesus said to his disciples "Go into all the world", not always to colleges.

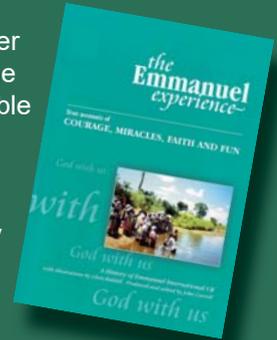
Our initial emblem was a sheaf of wheat and a Bible. Emmanuel International came into being in 1978.



It has been a joy for me to see, over the years, God's rich and fruitful ministries to a vast number of partners all over the world, working with Emmanuel International.

In 2006 John Carroll produced a book that contains the history of EIUK.

A small number of copies of the book is available to those who are interested to read about EIUK's history in more detail (for a donation and postage).



Contact the office if you are interested in a copy.

An update on George Middleton

George Middleton is the founder of Emmanuel International, and a key figure in the birth of EI in the UK. His daughter sent out a message in January 2019:

"Dad's mental and physical health continues to be diminished. He is very confused in part because of his pain medication. His pain is still there, but much improved. He is refusing to eat, but does take meal supplements and sometimes the treats, like Buttermilk, that we bring him.

We thank God for the years that he has given Dad. He had Rheumatic fever as a child and a heart attack when I was a baby and not given long to live. He has outlived all the doctors and people that told him that and until this year has been fairly vigorous and independent."

Please pray for George and the family.

EIUK turns 35 on 28 February!

On the 11th September 1975, Emmanuel International was registered a charity in Canada by George Middleton. The first two UK partners who went out with EI were Joy Carroll and Peter Warren. Joy is the daughter of John and Thelma Carroll and she went to Haiti. Peter went to Somalia.

In 1978 John Carroll became the official British representative of the international organisation of Emmanuel International and in the following years churches came on board to support EI in the UK and other candidates came forward, both to work overseas and to assist in the UK. Seeing the growth of the work in the UK, it made sense to initiate legal proceedings to acquire charitable status in England. On 28 February 1984, EIUK was registered under the Companies Act 1948-1981 and EIUK was born!

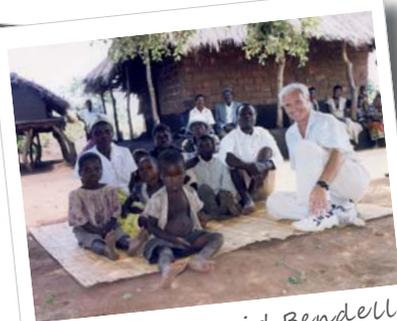
A message from Sue Fallon

Sue has been the General Manager of EIUK since 2005.

I first heard of EI in the summer of 1984 through Joy Carroll. We were at a CYFA camp and she did a workshop about EI. God, through Joy, used the exact same words that I had used to Him some 7 years earlier to dispel the possibility of me being a missionary, with the addition of a few extra words: "You're wrong. This could be for you!" Little did I know, after my interview and acceptance in 1985, that I would still be serving with them to celebrate the 35th anniversary! I have seen God's hand at work in many ways, changing many lives. It's been a great blessing!



Nathan Targett



David Bendell



EIUK Alumni

There has been a long list of people who have worked with EIUK, either overseas or in the UK. Do you recognise some of these faces?



Joan Drury, Morgan Palmer, Bukay (Castel) Palmer, Tom Edom, Sue Fallon, Joy Carroll, Sarah (Bendell) Taylor, Nathan Targett, Celia Donald, Duncan Gray, Dave Varcoe, Sue Howes, Wendy (Knight) Gray, Glen and Wendy (Lucas) Lund,

Emmanuel International UK Conference and AGM

10AM - 4PM Saturday, 2 March 2019

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SOUTHBOURNE (NEAR CHICHESTER)

We are celebrating 35 years of mission this year in EIUK. Join us for our Annual Conference and AGM to celebrate this milestone!

Paul and Helen Jones will be joining us.

Paul is the new International Director of EI, based in Canada. Paul and his wife, Helen, have returned from Malawi in December 2018 where they were the EI Country Representatives in Malawi for 31 years.



We look forward to seeing you! There will be plenty of time to socialise and catch up as well as a look back on the history of EIUK. A number EIUK alumni, as well as **Richard and Pam McGowan** from EI Canada, have confirmed that they will come and join us!

COST

£15.00 per attendee (including lunch and tea/coffee)

BOOKING DETAILS

All booking arrangements must be made through the Emmanuel International UK office. For more information about the conference, visit tinyurl.com/ycxdbxvu or scan the QR code on your smartphone.

