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The 2019 EIUK Annual Conference and AGM:
Celebrating 35 years of mission

The EIUK Annual Conference and AGM took place on 2 March 2019 at St John's Church, Southbourne.

At this event, we celebrated the 35th anniversary of when EIUK was officially registered and many alumni and supporters attended. There were approximately 60 adults and children gathered together!

Some also joined in on the opportunity to extend the event beyond the day's meeting by having a meal in Chichester on Saturday evening and meeting at St John's Church on Sunday morning for breakfast and worshipping together in their morning service and having tea/coffee afterwards!

Truly a time of great blessing and good companionship!



John Carroll, founder of Emmanuel International in the UK, started work in 1978, but EIUK was only officially registered as a charity in 1984. This year, we are celebrating 35 official years of mission and what better event to do so than our Annual Conference and AGM?!

Clive Tydeman, Chair of the EIUK Board, opened the event with devotion and then some time was spent in worship.

Paul and Helen Jones reflected on their time in Malawi. It was so interesting to hear about the work EI Malawi has been doing (see a summary of their presentation on the back page). In the afternoon, Paul and Helen also talked about their vision for EI as an organisation in their role of International Director for Emmanuel International.

Andrew Wingfield filled us in on their return to the UK and his current work as Associate Pastor with Union Baptist Church in High Wycombe. It was great to have him, Miriam, Ben, Sam and Bethany join us in our celebrations - they were doing EI mission in Tanzania for 12 years!



Richard McGowan,
Director of Emmanuel
International Canada,
and his wife Pam brought
greetings from EIC.

The Annual General
Meeting was chaired by
Clive and attended by all
the members present.

It was dealt with efficiently, with enough time
for discussions and answering questions where
needed.



A Message of Thanks

Clive Tydeman
is the Chair of the
EIUK Board of
Trustees



The 2019 EIUK Conference was such a blessing and an encouragement. I pray it was for all who attended. I walked away with a sense of what God has accomplished through EIUK.

Moreover I was struck by the community that forms the family of EIUK and EI worldwide. I really cannot thank all of those who came and attended, those who shared, and those who supported the event to make it such a great time together. Special thanks goes to Sue, Linda and indeed St Johns Church for having us both on the Saturday and at the Sunday morning service.

I trust it was an encouraging time for all. We had more than 20 for dinner on the Saturday evening and many at church with us the following Sunday. What a great time with the EI family.

God's richest blessings, Clive

Our speakers on the Saturday

Paul and Helen Jones

Paul and Helen were our main speakers. They have been the EI Country Representatives in Malawi for 31 years and have returned to Canada at the end of 2018 to take up the role of EI International Director.

Andrew Wingfield

Andrew and his wife, Miriam, and children Ben, Sam and Bethany, were the EI Country Representatives in Tanzania for 12 years. They returned to the UK in January 2018.

Richard McGowan

Richard is the Director of EI Canada. His wife, Pam, is the Financial Director of EI Canada.



One of the things I really enjoyed at the EI conference this year was the 'family feel' to it. It is so good to know that our younger people actually living on the mission field have an extended family in the UK backing them. It was good too to meet up with Canadian members of that same family.

Margaret Monger

A great thing about being at the EI conference is that we are all reminded that we have a part to play in showing God's love to the world, be it in serving overseas, prayerful or practical support to others who are serving, or just encouragement within the EI family. We really enjoyed that sense of family at the EI conference this year, and being able to catch up with the Jones' and McGowans from Canada too.

Andy and Angela Sharpe

I really enjoyed my second conference. It was fascinating to look at the displays and get a feel for what EI has been doing over the years and in so many places.

Rosemary Jane



Having served with E I in the early '90s in Malawi, it was a real privilege to attend the recent conference and meet Paul and Helen Jones (who were the Reps while I was there). They gave a talk sharing what had been happening over the years. It was really interesting to hear about some of the challenges and how they, with the team, have been working to find solutions. I also met up with others who I hadn't seen in years. We shared and prayed together. It was a really encouraging time and I look forward to the next one!

Anita Long (née Sandiford)

I can't believe it was over 28 years ago that I joined EI! I went to Malawi and had an amazing experience there. I made true life long friends, especially with Paul and Helen Jones. Being at the conference was a fantastic experience, being able to spend time with my EI family and reminisce on the good old days, lol. I earnestly pray it won't be that long before we can meet again!

Melanie Morgan (née Silverstone)



Letters of congratulations

We send our prayer greetings on this 35th birthday. EI has been part of our DNA for all of these years and we are grateful to all those who have served and volunteered to bring about what we dared to believe was possible. So sorry not to be with you today but old age is creeping up on us! We do not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future!! Our love in Christ.

*John and Thelma Carroll
(Founders of EIUK)*

We wish you all a wonderful conference this year celebrating 35 years of Emmanuel International UK.

We are very thankful for the splendid team of Tanzanians and expats both here in Mwanza and also in Iringa, which we are privileged to serve. Our prayer is that God would knit us all together as one and enable us to serve our churches effectively in reaching the poor with the good news and love of God. We thank you all for your prayers and support.

*Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa Monger
Emmanuel International Tanzania*

EIUK is a pillar of our organization, and an example to us all in leadership, ministry and innovation. Your coordination of the weekly newsletters and prayer calendars have been our lifeblood. We have also greatly benefited from the contributions of your senior staff (most recently and specially, Sue) and directors on our International Board through the years. On behalf of the Board of Emmanuel Relief & Rehabilitation International, I am pleased to congratulate and thank you for your support of the EI family through 35 years.

*Ben Sybring
Chair International Board*

Just to say that we hope you have a good time, in every sense of the word. A more spiritual way to put it would be, 'The Lord be with you'!

Thank you for all you do to keep the EI ship sailing in the right direction. If you can, please pass on our greetings to those who remember us. We are particularly sorry not to be able to see our long-time friends, Paul and Helen.

David and Jenny Bendell

Plus more messages from Wendy & Duncan Gray, June Hewett, Tom & Ellie Mitchell,

After the conference...

On the Saturday evening, after the conference, a group of people met together in a restaurant in Chichester to enjoy some time with Paul and Helen, and to catch up with each other too.

On Sunday morning, those who stayed overnight met at St John's Church for breakfast and joined the congregation for their morning service. There was more time for relaxed socialising over coffee and tea after church.

It was more super EI family time!

It is a great joy for EI Brazil to celebrate with the EI family the EIUK 35th anniversary. What a blessing to see that the vision God gave to George Middleton back in the 70's and then to John Carroll is still so strong. It is encouraging that so many have dedicated their lives to help this vision grow in the UK and bless poor families, communities, and churches around the world. May the Lord keep and guide EIUK supporters, volunteers, and missionaries in the years to come.

*Fred Silva
Emmanuel International Brazil*

Give our love to anyone who might remember us. Life is much slower these days but currently we do not have any life threatening problems (as far as we know!!) though I guess I would not be here now if it was not for the pacemaker in my heart. Ann has two bionoc metal hips. They set off every alarm possible which causes a great deal of fun if we happen to go through electronic gates!

Derek and Ann James

Stewart & Sarah Taylor and Liz Waldock

2020

Conference and AGM

will be on

29th of February

We wanted to get a date out as early as possible, as we are planning to have more people from overseas and also for people to take advantage of the weekend to spend time with the EI family.

Summer Event

In 2020 Sue Fallon will be celebrating 35 years with Emmanuel International.



We are planning to host a social event to help her mark this significant milestone.

Join us on

4th of July

Details and venues to be confirmed closer to the time.

Overview of EI Malawi's work

*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

Reviewing history gives us an opportunity to thank God for His faithfulness! From the opening of Emmanuel International's work in Malawi in 1987 with the initial relief assistance to the Mozambique refugees in Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi areas, to the arrivals of missionaries teaming up with local churches to provide health care and water facilities, through expansion to large nutrition security programs and the eventual registration of EI Malawi as an affiliate of Emmanuel International, Paul and Helen Jones have seen firsthand the love and faithfulness of our Heavenly Father.

Today, EI Malawi has 3 church partners and missionary **Ben Voss** is working as the link between EI Malawi and these partners.

The Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi (EBCM) has over 300 rural congregations. **David and Alyssa Forsythe** are assisting the church in the Bible School and outreach in predominately Muslim areas. **Scott and Lorilee Maclean** are preparing to work with EBC in Mozambique, training up leaders and missionaries to unreached people. Having started in 1987 with outreach to Mozambique refugees in Malawi, it is a delight to see the full circle of these refugees now back in Mozambique and to help the growing church there. EI Malawi continues to support the EBCM in reaching the poor with the love of Jesus through hands-on projects. There are 5 North American churches partnering with EI Malawi to assist the EBCM.

The Word of Grace, through financial assistance from 4 EI affiliates and a partner church in Canada, has now established an irrigation site bringing hope for 250 families to be able to grow the food they need.

The Living Gospel Evangelical Church is our newest partner. Established in a predominately Muslim area, this church is reaching out to the poor through Farming God's Way initiatives and are hopeful of expanding their assistance to the poor.

God has provided EI Malawi with additional opportunities to serve the poor together through large scale food security and nutrition programs, risk management, irrigation, maternal/child health care, watershed interventions and more. One of the challenges faced through the years has been balancing the expression of the EI Mandate between assisting our partner churches to help the poor and serving the poor together with our partner churches (the bigger projects). The 2018-2023 Strategic Plan is largely dedicated to addressing this challenge together with our partner churches.

Please pray for Acting Country Director **Charles Mukiwa** as he leads EI Malawi forward through 2019. Pray for guidance for the **EI Malawi Advisory Council** as they seek to guide the organization. We thank God for our wonderful staff and for the leadership of EI Malawi. Please continue to pray for them through these months of transition.

By Helen Jones

Fun fact

Starting with **Margaret Heslam** who joined the Jones in Malawi in 1987 as our very first missionary, there have been 30 missionaries and 9 children from EIUK to Malawi.