



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Amisadai and Louisa Monger

Amisadai (born 2003) and Louisa (born 2006) are living with their parents, EI missionaries Tim and Rachel Monger, in the Mwanza region of Tanzania.

Amisadai



I am enjoying working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. I completed the 50km hike in February. I enjoy teaching English every week to the women in the Upendo wa Mama Group. They have learned so much and it is wonderful to watch how they progress. I am working on my GCSE's and was excited this term to win four awards for highest achievement in Geography, History, Literature and Art. At home I am enjoying the six puppies just arrived and looking forward to some kid goats arriving soon!

For many months now I have been struggling with a football injury on my knee. Please pray for healing!

Louisa



I am now in Year 8 at Isamilo International School. My favourite subject is Science and I love being part of the Red Cross Club. This is because I would really like to be a doctor when I am older. I love living in Tanzania and all the things we do here. I am encouraged to think about how I can help others! I think it has been great to have the opportunity to learn Swahili and I was able to use this to preach for the first time in the Church in Nyamililo village!

Please pray that I could revise well and achieve good results on my end of year exams in June.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Tim is away for 10 days visiting the team in Iringa (and also the Dixon family in Morogoro on the way). On Monday the 2nd, he and Ibruhimu travel to Tanga to visit a church interested in partnering with EI. Please pray for safety on the long bus journeys and their conversations with leaders there and wisdom for the way ahead. He returns to Mwanza on the 6th.
- 2 Uganda:** We will be having a Board of Directors meeting for EI Uganda today, followed by our Annual General Meeting tomorrow (May 3rd). Please pray for productive meetings and good relationship building, as the board continues to grow (they were only appointed less than a year ago). Please also pray for wisdom as we have to replace one of the board members who resigned for personal reasons.
Philippines: Edna Santos will have a cataract operation for her right eye today. Please pray for a successful operation and quick healing.
- 3 Canada:** EIC board member Ginny Wilson's cancer has progressed and is not localized in the tongue and neck area anymore but has travelled to her lungs. This means she will now require chemo treatment and hoping to use immunotherapy, which is better because it has almost no side effects and can add years to a person's life. Pray for healing and for comfort for her husband, Keith, who is also an EIC Board member
- 4 Philippines:** Please pray for rain. Pray for our farmers who are suffering from the drought and for wisdom to know how to help.
International: Thank you for your prayers about the International Board members we needed. There are several potential candidates that the Jones are contacting. Please pray for God's will to be discerned by all.
- 5 Tanzania:** We praise God for some rains recently! Peter is exploring options, with our bishops, of possible new villages in the Mwanza area to work in with the Conservation Agriculture project. Pray for this project as it expands and develops.
South Africa: We've had loads of visits to the doctors this past month with several Safe House children but thankfully, with a bit of medicine and treatment, they are all back to health. Winter has come early to Cape Town and the cold damp days have begun!
- 6 Canada:** Cathy Clemens continues with her treatment on her scalp. Pray for healing. Also pray for her husband, Jim, who is making slow progress after his recent stroke.
- 7 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira (the Terena Church chair), Pastor Paulo Pascoal (Representative of Equip Leadership) and Fred Silva will meet today to discuss plans for training indigenous pastors. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance.
- 8 Tanzania:** Rachel is travelling to Dar es Salaam for 5 days. Please pray for her time working with the women there and particularly for the opportunity the women's groups have to sell at the Dar es Salaam Artisan Fair on Saturday 11th!
- 9 Tanzania:** Joel's mom is arriving today from the States! Please pray for a special time together for the Newby family and fun travelling for a week from the 20th.
South Africa: Pray for sufficient rain this winter to fill the dams so we can avoid the water crisis of last year.

- 10 Tanzania:** Tim is travelling to Kigoma with Peter and Pastor Zakayo. Please pray for their time meeting with a church there to discuss another possible partnership. Please pray for safe travelling and good conversations as well as wisdom in discerning the way ahead! They return on Monday 13th. (Please also pray for Amisadai and Louisa remaining with friends in Mwanza while Tim and Rachel are both away.)
- 11 United Kingdom:** This weekend is the orientation course for the short term mission team from St Peter's Church, Farnborough who are planning to go to Tanzania this summer. Please pray for the team as they prepare, and for Sue Fallon and Andy and Angela Sharpe who are leading the course.
- Brazil:** The Terena Church leadership is already planning the next Indigenous Conferences for Women. Pray for Rute Poquiviqui, who is leading this project.
- 12 Uganda:** We have eight Jesus Film showings remaining, about half of the number we have planned for this year. The biggest challenge right now is rain: rain that makes roads difficult to pass, and rain that disturbs the showing of the film (which is done outdoors). Please pray that there will be rain for the crops, but that the rain will not interfere with sharing the gospel and building up disciples!
- 13 Philippines:** It is our general election today. It will be a midterm election for some seats to the senate, congress as well as provincial, city and municipal level positions. Please pray for a peaceful election.
- 14 Canada:** Sonia Wiebe, Josh Shurr and Rob Fish (Chair) are newly elected to the EIC Board.
- South Africa:** Aphiwe continues to study at False Bay College in accounting and business management. She has finished her first term and will begin full-time studies next term, if she receives a bursary. Please continue to pray for her.
- 15 International:** Pray for decisions concerning EI media development; that we will communicate clearly God's gift of love being expressed through the work of EI.
- Canada:** Richard McGowan is attending a Canadian Christian Relief & Development Associations Forum in western Canada in May. Please pray for safe travels.
- 16 Tanzania:** The Isimani Water Project is underway at Mangawe Primary School. Please pray for good progress with the construction of rainwater harvesting tanks and student latrines to continue so that we can move on to the next school on schedule.
- 17 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board is meeting in London today. Please pray for safe travel and a fruitful meeting.
- Haiti:** We would appreciate your prayers for our work in Haiti, and for Daniel Jovin who oversees the work there.
- 18 South Africa:** Florida has been diagnosed with diabetes and she is hoping she can continue to cope with the demanding calling of being a house mom. So far she is pleased with the treatment she's getting.
- Tanzania:** May is typically the beginning of the dry season and harvest time in Iringa. Pray for good harvests for our farmers; pray that our conservation agriculture groups will realize the benefits of soil conservation.
- 19 Philippines:** Our pastor from Monterey, California is coming over for a short visit end of May. Please pray for a safe trip for him and a blessed time with some of our partners. Pray for strength, too and a smooth adjustment to our scorching weather!

- 20 Uganda:** We will be leading a training from Monday - Friday (20th - 24th). This training will be for 16 Sunday School teachers from eight churches, and five teachers from the five schools where we have started "Good News clubs." This is an opportunity for us to help children's ministries in churches and schools to improve, or more often to even start, as very few ministries focus on children. Please pray for the teachers chosen, that they will gain the skills and encouragement they need to mentor and grow the children under them.
- 21 Tanzania:** This week is Honey Harvesting time in Mwanza! Please pray for Rachel and Bhatendi and the groups in Malya and Kayenze during this busy time. Pray for a successful and bountiful harvest for these groups. And pray for the processing and marketing afterwards!
- 22 Philippines:** We are in the initial stages of establishing a water franchise to support the ministry of ERRP. Please pray that it will be sustainable to support our workers.
- 23 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Entrepreneurship groups on Ukerewe Island as they move forward with the businesses. Also pray for Joel and Elisha as they start building relationships with churches in two new areas.
- 24 Tanzania:** The VanWoerdens are working towards completing the school year and are thinking about plans for homeschooling next year. Please pray for a homeschool teacher/assistant to join them to help share the workload.
- 25 Philippines:** Activities are scheduled for our Church Partner here in Northview 1. Please pray that it will be productive as well as encouraging to the youth as we prepare them for the next school year!
- United Kingdom:** We are exhibiting about the work of Emmanuel International at the Big Church Day Out in Steyning today and tomorrow. Please pray that we'll be able to share to many people about the work that we do.
- 26 Brazil:** Praise God for the good response of the Chess, Arts, and Sports Project at Águas Formosas PROPAC Day Care Center. The children are just loving the classes and the PROPAC leaders say they have already seen some good results.
- 27 Tanzania:** Simon and Victoria finally have their residence permits! Praise God! They are happy to be able to go back to Kome Island and will spend some time visiting all four TAG churches on the island catching up! Please also pray for the start of the "Clean Latrine" project on Kome.
- 28 South Africa:** Praise God that Denver is finishing his studies next month at the Masters Seminary in California. The church will welcome Denver and family back home in June after a 3 year separation. We are excited to have them back at Living Hope Bible Church.
- 29 International:** We thank God for His grace for us in the International office as we settle into Canada and prepare for house renovation in the summer.
- 30 South Africa:** The application for Rachel and Nathan's visas has been with Home Affairs for over a year and they have not replied positive or negative. We're in a holding pattern while we wait.
- 31 Canada:** Pray for all EI staff travelling over the summer months.
- Malawi:** Please keep our projects and staff in Malawi in your prayers.