



# the Emmanuel Connection

June 2019

## Focus on: Tabitha and Reuben Ewing

Tabitha and Reuben are living with their parents, EI missionaries Simon and Victoria Ewing, in the Mwanza region of Tanzania.



Tabitha is six years old and loves reading more than pretty much anything in life. Reuben is four years old and loves dressing up and riding his bicycle. Tabitha and Reuben spend a lot of time together playing, especially in the garden and they are definitely best friends. Both the children are home educated: Tabitha is just coming to the end of year two and Reuben is preparing for Reception.

It's a big time of change for them because having had three families leave the home-school cooperative last year, another two families are leaving this year, leaving just four home-schooling families living relatively nearby. Pray for the children as they cope with this round of transition. Pray especially for Reuben that God would provide some more little boy friends for him.

It has been difficult to find a way to help the children improve their Swahili and Tabitha in particular has been voicing a desire to be able to speak it. **Pray that God will help them engage with local children and be brave in their communication.**

## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Today is the Pasha Craft Market in Mwanza. Pray for the Upendo wa Mama group as they sell their beeswax products and also the new harvest of honey from the Beekeeping groups.  
**Haiti:** Pastor and Emma are in Miami. Please pray for a time of rest and rejuvenation.
- 2 Tanzania:** Laura is with the church in Igombe today, excited to meet some of the girls who will be in the Girls Health Education project! Please continue to pray for her and Theopister as they plan this.
- 3 South Africa:** We are hosting an appreciation day for the safe house mothers in the first week of June. It'll be a catered lunch with spoily treats and time of fellowship, from community members and overseas visitors who are helping with the logistics.  
**Haiti:** Please pray for the church plant and school in Katoman.
- 4 Tanzania:** We are continuing to explore ways of moving our partnership with the Pentecostal Church forward and are considering hiring a development officer as an option, if funding allows. Andre, Dave and Ibrahim will be visiting the Pentecostal Bethel Bible College in Mafinga today.  
**International:** The International Board will be meeting in June. We are actively pursuing the addition of new members for the International Board. Pray for those who have been contacted and for willing hearts who are ready to serve God in this way.
- 5 Tanzania:** In the Isimani [ee-see-MA-knee] Water Project, we hope to finish up the construction of rainwater harvesting tanks and student latrines at Mangawe Primary School and move on to Ndolela Primary School. On June 6, 9, 13, and 20 we have church mobilization seminars planned in Ndolela; please pray for unity among churches and that the church will really be engaged in serving their community through this water project at the school.
- 6 Tanzania:** The Ewing family are travelling (6 to 12 June) to Iringa and will drop Joel off in Dodoma. Pray for safe travels and good times with friends. Pray for Simon, Andre and board member Allen as they visit the Diocese of Ruvuma (Songea) to discuss a potential partnership. Pray for Joel along with board members, Miriam, Gideon and Margaret as they meet with AIC Dodoma to consider a potential partnership.
- 7 Haiti:** We praise that God continues to provide a period of calm after recent unrest in October and November of last year. Please pray that the police will continue to have a positive impact on illegal firearms entering Haiti through various ports of entry.  
**South Africa:** It's been a terrible cold and flu season as we enter our winter weather. The Sayers' home has been like an infirmary for the past few weeks with bronchitis and fevers. We're over the worst of it but we have lots of catching up to do now that we're of sound mind and body.
- 8 Uganda:** In May the Child Discipleship ministry trained 16 Sunday School teachers from 8 churches, as well as teachers from the 5 schools where we have started Good News clubs. Please pray for these newly trained teachers to be active in their work, and for Concy (our field staff) who is shifting gears for a time of intensive follow-up.

- 9 Malawi:** Please keep the staff and projects in Malawi in your prayers.
- South Africa:** Florida, our Safe House mother, is in hospital with a blood clot in the lung. She has been in hospital for over a week already (at the end of May) where they are administering blood thinners and hoping to clear the clot and prevent others. She's in good spirits and understands the seriousness of her condition.
- 10 Brazil:** This year the Terena indigenous church is planning to hold four conferences for indigenous women, with the goal to reach several other ethnic groups. Pray for Rute Poquiviqui, who is leading the conferences, and for resources.
- Tanzania:** Two new Entrepreneurship groups on Ukerewe Island are writing business proposals. Pray for them as they move forward. Also pray for the MPesa group there working through challenges.
- 11 Haiti:** The older young ladies of the girls home in Delmas are ending their time at the home. Please pray that God would give insight for their transition, care and academic career studies.
- 12 Uganda:** June marks the start of a new school term, and also the restarting of our school related activities. Please pray for the Pads ministry, as they produce reusable sanitary pads for distribution. This term is our busiest term, so we have a lot of schools to cover!
- 13 United Kingdom:** We are hosting a meeting today in Chichester for the Group of 6, a networking group of 6 small Christian charities who meet regularly to share with and encourage each other.
- 14 Tanzania:** The first VICOBA group will be closing out the year's accounts and deciding how to use the money. Pray this process would be smooth.
- Haiti:** The pastors/elders in the Cabaret church, newly ordained last January, will appreciate your prayers.
- 15 Tanzania:** Louisa has the amazing opportunity to travel with her school choir to compete in an international Choir Competition in Austria from today till 25 June! Pray for their health and safety travelling and a wonderful time singing and exploring another culture!
- 16 Brazil:** The results of the Arts, Chess, and Sports projects at Águas Formosas Day Care Center have been very good. Praise the Lord with us and continue to pray for the children.
- 17 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Conservation Agriculture farmers in the Mwanza region as we seek to move them forward into entrepreneurship. Pastor Tito has started a chicken project and we pray for more innovation!
- 18 Haiti:** The Cabaret school is seeking a principal. Please pray for a godly leader.
- Tanzania:** From June 18 till 23 Peter, Elisha and Getrude are speaking at a Youth Conference at the Anglican Diocese of Biharamulo with the purpose of motivating 500 young people to participate in community development and entrepreneurship activities. Pray that they may inspire and equip these young people, biblically and practically, in sharing in God's transformation and blessing of communities.
- 19 Haiti:** The new pastor in Marbial, Pastor Gymson, was ordained and got married last March. Please pray that God will give him wisdom as he works with the church elders and school staff.



- 20 South Africa:** Aphiwe is writing her final exams for her first term in college. She's found the transition from high school to college demanding and realizes that the lecturers won't spoon feed her if she falls behind.
- 21 Tanzania:** We will be starting training seminars in beekeeping and animal husbandry with some of our IMARIKA groups in Mafuluto, Usolanga, and Magozi. These are new interventions for us so pray for wisdom in delivering the training and for good community ownership of these activities.
- 22 Canada:** Martyn Hartley (EIC Board Member) is heading to Malawi, with Wendy Quan of Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, to discover the needs and help establish a new ministry to Chinese Diaspora people there. Pray for their safety, good health and that God will lead them to people with soft hearts open and ready to receive the gospel. Also pray for Richard McGowan and Sonia Wiebe (EIC board member) who are travelling with the team to Malawi. Sonia will be looking at EIC projects in Malawi. Pray for safety and a learning experience with great outcomes.
- 23 Uganda:** This month the School Discipleship ministry is organizing exchange visits between the Christian Unions in different secondary schools we partner with. Please pray that the students will be encouraged by these visits, and that school ministries will be strengthened.
- 24 Canada:** Cathy Clemens is continuing treatment for cancer on her scalp; pray for healing. Also pray for her husband, Jim, who is making progress after his recent stroke.
- 25 International:** Pray for the EI family as we discuss our media presence as an organization. Pray that God will grant us unified wisdom in promoting the work of Emmanuel International around the world.
- 26 Brazil:** EI Brazil is trying a new approach to communicate with its constituency to give an update on the projects. Pray for wisdom and for Jessica Ribeiro, the volunteer who is leading this.
- 27 Tanzania:** This week a team arrives to work with Under the Same Sun and BMCC church in Mwanza to run a Summer Camp for children with albinism. Tim and Rachel also have a friend from the UK arriving who will be helping at the camp. Pray that this would be a special and healing time for the children!
- Haiti:** The church in Font Blanc continues to seek a pastor for the congregation.
- 28 United Kingdom:** We would appreciate your prayers for our trustees on the EIUK Board. They give their time and skills voluntarily and it is much appreciated. Please pray for God's blessing on them.
- 29 South Africa:** Pastor Denver and family are returning to South Africa after 3 years studying under full scholarship at Masters Seminary! They arrive mid-July! Pray as we continue to look for a more affordable venue to enable us to fully support Pastor Denver to enable him to pastor full-time.
- 30 Tanzania:** Peter has been working on a funding proposal for the Tanzania Forestry Fund for Beekeeping and Tree Planting projects. Please pray for the success of this application as it goes forward!
- Philippines:** Bring the staff and work in the Philippines to the Lord in prayer.