



the Emmanuel Connection

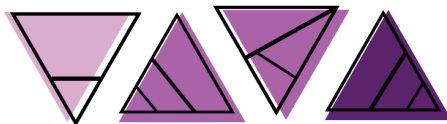
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Focus on: Laura Kelly



Bwana Yesu Asifiwe! That means
“Praise the Lord” in Swahili.

It's hard to believe I've been in Mwanza, Tanzania for almost 9 months now! I'm so thankful for the Lord's provision in moving to another continent, learning a new language (“trying to learn” might be more accurate), renting a house, managing guards, and helping the church launch a new project.



Nguvu na Hadhi
Educating and Empowering Girls

Our project is called “Nguvu na Hadhi” which means strength and dignity. It will educate and empower 1,575 girls to take care of their changing bodies by providing resources, menstrual health education, and biblical teaching.

One of my favourite quotes is, “Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.” And folks, that's exactly how I feel. As much as I miss my family, especially my 5 nephews and 2 nieces, I truly believe this is exactly where the Lord wants me!

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Philippines:** Pastor Alex Pacis is in the Philippines at the moment. Please pray for wisdom and strength as he goes about his meetings. Please pray for travelling mercy and protection.
- 2 Tanzania:** The Botting family and their friend Jackal are arriving in Mwanza. We are looking forward to having time together.
- 3 Philippines:** We were 47 at prayer meeting in July that is held for the youth being disciplined in NCF here at the subdivision - praise the Lord! Please pray that they will become steadfast in their faith. Please also pray for the future discipleship meetings on Fridays and for provision for this.
- 4 Canada:** Cathy Clemens continues her cancer treatment; pray for healing. Also pray for Jim who is making progress after his recent stroke.
- 5 South Africa:** Our House Mother Florida is still recovering from a blood clot in her lung and would appreciate your prayers. She's been assisted with her duties and is still on blood thinners to help prevent future blockage. She is looking much better and feeling strong! Praise God for that. She is also on a strict diet and a new exercise regime.
- 6 Philippines:** The corn crops in Isabela are due to be harvested this month. Pray that it would withstand the typhoons before then.
- 7 Tanzania:** The Bottings will be sharing today with the Mwanza team! Pray for their time together.
- 8 South Africa:** We've had some very heavy rains and wind storms over the past couple weeks. The informal settlement in Masiphumelele is on a low part of the Fish Hoek valley and is prone to flooding, which it has done again this year. The areas closest to the wetland habitat are affected most with knee deep water and sewage. Pray as the community continues to provide shelter for those affected and that the flooding will drain away soon.
- 9 Tanzania:** Today is the deadline for one of the foundations we are submitting a grant application to for the menstrual health project. Please pray for funding for this project!
Haiti: Pastor Martinez and Emma Jovin are visiting the UK, along with their son Daniel and his family. Please pray for them for safe travels. They will be visiting the EIUK office today where some Haiti alumni will be meeting with them too.
- 10 Philippines:** We need responses to our fundraising in-country. Please pray for this.

- 11 Tanzania:** Today Rachel is travelling to Dar es Salaam. Pray for her time over the next few days working with the women's group there and in meetings to plan the handover of this group.
- 12 United Kingdom:** The team from St Peter's Church, Farnborough is returning back to the UK from their trip to Ibumu in Tanzania. Please pray for safe travels and for their settling back into life in the UK.
- 13 Uganda:** The Community Health Empowerment ministry recently completed the second of three trainings for Chua Archdeaconry, our newest area. Please pray that these church leaders will already be putting their new skills into practice. We are also preparing for a brief training to orient our new Bishop and diocesan administration.
- 14 Tanzania:** The Monger family are travelling for 10 days holiday in Zanzibar with Tim's mum. They are looking forward to a special and relaxing time!
- 15 Canada:** We would appreciate your prayers for the Promise 2 project, for acceptance and good outcomes.
- 16 Philippines:** We still need to build about 40 houses for the Marawi housing project. Please pray that more donations will come in for this.
- 17 International:** Paul and Helen Jones are joining Richard and Pam McGowan from the EIC office to visit EI programs in Uganda and Tanzania, departing tomorrow. Please pray as we make our preparations. We are so grateful for this opportunity to see first hand the work on the ground and to witness what God is doing through our missionaries and partner churches in these countries.
- 18 Tanzania:** Laura is worshipping today with Igombe Christian Centre, the church who will be running the "Nguvu na Hadhi" menstrual health project. Pray for her as she builds relationships with this church.
- 19 Uganda:** Pam and Richard McGowan and Paul and Helen Jones will be visiting the EI Uganda team from today to the 26th. Please pray for safety in their travels, good visits to the projects and ministries, and fruitful sharing about the vision for Uganda.
- 20 Tanzania:** The toilet project is getting underway on Kome Island with four pits dug at different churches. Pray for progress on this project. Also pray for Gertrude as she works with the women teaching other women in a new training seminar.
- 21 Philippines:** We need to find another place for the office in the next couple of months, one that will be reasonably low in rent. Please pray with us.

- 22 South Africa:** The heavy rains have damaged our third Safe House. The addition we added 2 years ago has sprung a leak from the roof line and flooded the ceiling and interconnecting walls, which are rhino board. It will likely require an extensive rebuild on the North facing side (the direction of the storm). The children are still living in the home as we have dried everything but the damage on the ceiling and walls is evident and will need to be replaced soon, and the roof repaired before the next rains.
- 23 International:** Both the International and the US Boards are in need of members. Please pray.
- 24 South Africa:** Pastor Denver and family have returned from their sponsored Study time in California for the past 3 years. Pray as they readjust to life in Cape Town, restock their home and reconnect with family and friends.
- 25 Canada:** During the summer school holidays, pray for safe travels and a meaningful time together with family and friends.
- 26 Uganda:** We are in the process of revisiting the Bible study groups established in 2018 through the Jesus Film ministry, to check on their progress and encourage them to continue fellowshiping and studying God's word together.
- 27 Tanzania:** Paul and Helen, Richard and Pam are arriving in Mwanza for five days with the team. Pray for safe travels to different islands and energy for many visits and for fruitful times of fellowship together.
- 28 Malawi:** We would appreciate your prayers for our staff and projects.
- 29 International:** We partner with churches to help them serve their communities. Please pray for our partner churches in each of the project countries.
- 30 Tanzania:** The entrepreneurship project in Mwanza is moving ahead! Pray this month as business proposals are submitted. We need to decide which ones are best. Pray also for the follow up on existing groups.
- 31 United Kingdom:** Andy Sharpe has been doing excellent work approaching organisations for grants and donations for EI projects. Please pray that more organisations will respond positively to his applications.