



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Diocese of Kitgum, Uganda



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The Diocese of Kitgum (Anglican) has been a partner of Emmanuel International for 36 years! In 1983 EI opened their first Ugandan base in Patongo, in Northern Uganda. At the time our partnership was with the Diocese of Northern Uganda, but over the years it was broken into many smaller diocese leaving the Diocese of Kitgum as our main partner.

This 36 year partnership has been very fruitful, and the current EI team often hears from church leaders and community members about the impact of past EI missionaries and projects. In particular, the diocese has always thanked EI for remaining even during the years of conflict in Northern Uganda. The Lord's Resistance Army burned the Patongo base in 2003, but EI continued to work with the diocese and in 2007 established our current centre in Pader town.

The Diocese of Kitgum went through a prolonged period of internal conflict, but we praise God that last year He provided a new Bishop who has been able to bring reconciliation. Bishop Wilson Kitara has been a blessing to the church, and we're excited to enter a new period of partnership as just last month they launched their new five-year strategic plan!

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Julian and Zoe Willford arrive in Mwanza from the UK to work with the beekeepers and mamas. Pray for their times with the groups in Kayenze, Malya and Ngudu.
- 2 Canada:** We are making our preparations for the gala at the end of the month. Please pray for items to come in for the auction to make this a great night.
- 3 Malawi:** Prof Dixie Banda, the Board Chair, is still recovering from the surgeries he had a couple of months ago. Please pray with us for his healing.
Tanzania: This month is planting season in Mwanza. Please pray for Peter, Elisha and Bhatendi as they work with the many farmers in different villages. Pray for good planting and a good rainy season.
- 4 International:** The September Board meeting did not materialize so, Lord willing, this will be in October. We will be sharing with our Board reports from our visits to Uganda and Tanzania, a wonderful reflection of God's work by His people.
- 5 Tanzania:** Jesca and Ibrahim are travelling in the first week of October to Karagwe to visit another OperationAgri conservation agriculture project to learn more from our partners in an area heralded as the best example of conservation agriculture in Tanzania; pray for safety as they travel by bus and that their time there would be encouraging.
- 6 Tanzania:** We are installing the solar pumping system at Amani Christian Training Centre in the first week of October. Pray that the existing pipeline and tank will hold water and that this water will create opportunities for irrigation and income generation.
- 7 Canada:** Lindsay O'Connor had a serious health incident with his Myasthenia Gravis and was in intensive care, his life under threat. He is now receiving rehabilitation treatment. Please for his health as he continues to recover.
- 8 Uganda:** This month we are conducting an evaluation of the girl's hygiene project, to measure the impact of our trainings and the distribution of washable sanitary pads to school girls aged 12 and above. The evaluation is important, because it will help us to improve the project and to lobby for further funds, but it will be a very busy three weeks as we interview 630 girls in 14 different schools!
- 9 South Africa:** Our Safe House mom, Rachel, has been to the doctor 3 times in the past month with high blood pressure and an enlarged heart. She is on medication that has reduced the blood pressure and are waiting to see if the heart will recover as well. Please pray for her.

- 10 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira is the chair of the group of Terena indigenous churches. He understands his main role is to visit the more than 30 churches and 10 mission fields to encourage the leaders and the Christians and bring the church together. This is a great task, as he sometimes needs to travel more than 1,500 km on each visiting trip. He needs our prayers for physical, mental, and spiritual strength.
- 11 Tanzania:** The Monger family are travelling to Dar es Salaam where Tim will be teaching at Victory Christian Church for the weekend and then Rachel and Amisadai will stay on until Wednesday to work with the mamas group there.
- 12 Uganda:** This month we are advertising to hire a bookkeeper, to help us manage the administrative work of the Pader office. Please pray that the right applicants will come forward and that we will have wisdom as we prepare for the interview process.
- 13 Brazil:** The Águas Formosas Day Care Center continues to offer the Arts, Chess, and Sports projects for the children. They now started a Music project and Sewing Course for ladies and teenagers. Let's thank God for the good results of those projects in the lives of the children and their families.
- 14 Canada:** Thanksgiving is being celebrated in Canada today; a time to reflect on Gods provisions for us and thank Him for what He has done.
Tanzania: Pray for the villages in Magu and Ndagula as they begin businesses to bless their communities. Pray for patience for Joel and Elisha as they wait for the villagers to do their part in setting up the businesses.
- 15 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is attending the Christian Resources Exhibition in Esher today. Please pray that this will be a worthwhile visit.
- 16 Tanzania:** Many of our IMARIKA groups are preparing tree nurseries now; pray for timely preparations, good management, and effective propagation of tree seedlings to be ready for planting when the rains come in December.
- 17 South Africa:** Please continue to pray for our church, Living Hope Bible Church, as we settle into a new part of town at the community hall. Pray that we would have evangelistic opportunities and that people in the community would have a hunger for God's word. This is a temporary venue that will allow us to save a considerable amount of money and save towards building or purchasing a new building.
- 18 Tanzania:** Theopister and Laura are hoping to be on their way to Pader, Uganda for a week of all things health-related with the EI team there!
- 19 South Africa:** One of our members was kindly storing our (Living Hope Bible Church) sound equipment, cables, microphones, etc. and his home was burgled! He and his family are fine but our equipment was stolen! We praise God that we have a budget to replace some of the items however we don't have enough to replace it all, nor the same quality. But praise the Lord even in this challenge!

- 20 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is speaking at Emmanuel Church Tolworth about the work of Emmanuel International. This church has been a faithful supporter of our work for many years.
- 21 Uganda:** The Child Discipleship ministry is organizing scripture memorization competitions within the five schools where we have started “Good News” clubs. These competitions are meant to encourage the students to plant the Word of God in their hearts, and to help other students and the school administration to see what is being accomplished.
- International:** Please continue to pray for God to bring alongside individuals who will be willing to serve on our International Board.
- 22 Tanzania:** At Ndolela Primary School we are continuing with construction of rainwater harvesting tanks and student latrines; pray for Ajery as he oversees the project and for the builders onsite.
- 23 Canada:** The PROMISE Malawi team (Bernard, Phillip and Esnatt) start for Canada to join us for the Gala Being held on Saturday. Prayer for safety during their trip.
- 24 Malawi:** September was the final month of our fiscal year and we are busy with annual close outs. Let’s pray for our audit and other end of year stuff.
- 25 South Africa:** We (the Sayer family) need continued prayer for our visas for our next 3 year term.
- Philippines:** Please pray for the ERRP staff and the work that they are doing in the different areas of the Philippines.
- 26 Canada:** The EIC Dinner Gala Silent and Live Auction is happening today to raise funds for PROMISE. The PROMISE Malawi team will be speaking to share how the project has impacted the lives of so many.
- 27 Malawi:** We have been applying for funding for projects and are waiting for feedback. Please pray that these applications will be met with favour.
- 28 Tanzania:** Vicky and Emmanuel, the new Mwanza team members, are settling into their work on Kome Island. Pray for them as they build relationships and establish a routine there. Pray for houses to be ready for them to move into quickly.
- 29 Brazil:** At the end of the year Carla Silva will finish her post graduation studies in Education. She is busy with the classes and the end of the course paper she needs to hand in. She needs energy and focus this last few months.
- 30 South Africa:** We (the Sayer family) are planning on a furlough in the new year and Lord willing, will be in Canada from February to June 2020!
- 31 Haiti:** Our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptist Bethesda, asks that you join us in prayer that God would grant us wisdom to serve our communities, that our churches would faithfully preach the gospel message and that our Christian schools, clinic and ongoing training of leaders would bring glory to God.