



the Emmanuel Connection

May 2020

Focus on: EIUK Board of Trustees



Clive Tydeman

Clive became Chairman of the Board in 2017. He worked with EI in Malawi and Sudan. He enjoyed these experiences with EI and would like to give others the same experiences and opportunities.



John Raby

John was elected to the Board in 2019. He and his wife, Christine, spent 2 years in Malawi with EI. He would like to see others using their skills to serve God in retirement and is happy to be able to continue serving EI.



Lucy Harding

Lucy has been on the board since 1994. She is a retired health visitor and is passionate about overseas mission. She has visited projects in India and EI projects in Uganda to encourage missionaries.



Alan Parrett

Alan was elected to the Board in 2018. He and his wife Cheryl worked in Kasese, Uganda. Alan is very passionate to see EI expanding its work and will be using his time on the Board to fulfill this vision.



Bernard Lane

Bernard was elected to the Board in 2012. He worked in Brazil in 1983 on a team in Passabem. He has returned to Brazil with EI to help with short term summer teams..



Dave Varcoe

Dave went out with EI to Northern Uganda in 1984/5 where he met his wife, Ineke. He is a Minister of a Church in London. He has been on the EI Board since 2001, having been both Vice-Chair and Chairman too.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

Our work has been affected by the spread of COVID-19. Life is uncertain at the moment and many events cancelled in our project countries. People cannot move as freely as before.

Please pray every day for those affected by the coronavirus.

International

- 1** Thank God for His protection over our EI family around the world. The Tuesday Zoom share and prayer times are a time of blessing and connecting.
- 2** Continue to pray for our missionaries, staff and partner churches across Africa as the pandemic is growing in that part of the world.
- 3** Pray for the EI Council meeting on May 20. We thank God for the unity of His people in EI.
- 4** Please pray for: Paul and Helen Jones

Brazil

- 1** In these challenging times we need to pray for our Partner Churches – they need wisdom to discern this time and hear from God how He wants them to act.
- 2** Pray for pastor Jader Oliveira, the chair of the Terena Church, a group of more than 30 indigenous churches and 10 mission fields. He needs God's strength and grace to provide good leadership.
- 3** The Águas Formosas Day Care Center activities are on hold because of COVID-19 crisis. The leadership is trying different ways to reach the families and help them in their immediate needs.
- 4** Please pray for: Fred and Carla Silva and Tarcisio and Jurema Porto.

Canada

- 1** Please pray for: Richard McGowan, Pam McGowan, Cindy Bates, Kristy Nowell, Amy Maglayo, Helen Jones and David and Alyssa Forsythe.

Haiti

- 1** Please pray for: Daniel Jovin in Canada, Martinez and Emma Jovin in Miami and the staff in Haiti

Malawi

- 1** Please pray for: Charles Mukiwa, Breteron Mitambo, Scott and Lorilee MacLean, Ben Voss and other staff in the office and on the field, and the leaders of our partner churches.

Philippines

- 1** We (Ken and Ruth Copsey) praise God for food on our table, that we were able to get groceries and for protecting us. Pray for all of us during this pandemic, for patience as we “shelter in place.”
- 2** Pray for the rescheduling of events that had to be cancelled, including a conference in Manila for The Mailbox Club, small group Bible studies, church services, our strategic planning meeting with our SALT team, the graduation of over 300 elementary age kids who completed their explorers club books (the first graduates taking the Cebuano Explorers discipleship program. Please pray for: Alex Pacis, Edna Santos, Ken and Ruth Copsey, Shem and Fleur Catanus, Noel Taban and Alex Pantua.

South Africa

- 1** The lockdown has been largely ineffective in the informal settlements where the crowded living conditions and shared toilet and water points makes social isolation and distancing impossible. By God's grace the virus has not had a large impact on SA as yet and most people in the informal townships are beginning to demand the lockdown be lifted. Pray for the health of the people of SA and for safety and stability as we transition to regular life afterwards.
- 2** For millions in SA, they would not survive without the hundreds of thousands of food parcels that are being delivered daily. Pray as EI SA helps with food purchasing and delivery through our partner church in Masiphumelele. We are helping with many elderly couples who are afraid or unable to shop during the lockdown due to public transport being unavailable. Many do not have refrigeration so the food delivery is done twice a week.
- 3** Pray for the Safe House children and mothers who have had a difficult time staying isolated as many people come to the homes looking for food and assistance. It has been very difficult for them to turn friends away and so they help where they are able. Pray with us as we assist and support when safe and when able.
- 4** Pray also for the safety in the country. The rioting and looting has begun but the large military and police presence has kept it to a minimum for now. Pray this would hold and that the people in need would receive the assistance they require.
- 5** Please pray for: Don and Rachel Sayers and the house mothers in the safe houses.

United Kingdom

- 1** The EIUK Summer Event and AGM is planned for 13 June 2020. Please pray for wisdom about if and when to postpone or hold through alternative means, eg. online.
- 2** Please pray for: Sue Fallon, Linda Fitzmaurice and Andy and Angela Sharpe.

Tanzania

Mwanza

- 1** We are continuing to work hard to distribute handwashing stations through our partner churches, along with teaching on coronavirus prevention.
- 2** We are preparing, planning and praying for what could be the next phase as the virus spreads more widely and in the case of a possible lockdown. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to help and serve in the safest and most effective way we can. Please pray for Tanzania, for the government to make wise and consistent decisions for the health (both medical and economic) of the country.
- 3** We are working to sign a contract on a building for The Hive. This has been a huge challenge! Please pray that this could be done and the work started to get the building in use for the beekeepers and mamas as soon as possible! Pray for Rachel and Elisha as he works on the contractual side, and Aikande as she prepares to manage the Upendo wa Mama side, and Bhatendi as she works to manage the beekeepers side!
- 4** Please pray as we work on preparing for a new partnership with a church in Tanga.
- 5** Please pray for: Peter Beatus, Elisha Maganga, Bhatendi Mwandandila, Emmanuel Boaz, Vicky Napiya, Theopister Shoo, Laura Kelly, Simon and Victoria Ewing, Joel and Samantha Newby, Tim and Rachel Monger; for our pastors working with Community groups through their churches in Kayenze and surrounding villages, Malya, Ngudu, Ukerewe island villages, Kome Island, Ngombe, Sengerema area and Magu villages.

Uganda

- 1** The physical distancing laws, which are quite strict in Uganda, are currently set to expire on May 5th. Please pray that the government will have wisdom as they assess the situation and make decisions regarding extending or relaxing these laws.
- 2** In Northern Uganda the biggest impact of COVID-19 has been on food prices, which have sometimes doubled or tripled. Please pray that people will have enough to meet their needs, and for good weather at this time early in the agricultural season.
- 3** Please pray for the church leaders whom we work with in Northern Uganda, as many of them are struggling to feed their families. Most of them depend on a combination of agriculture and weekly offerings and tithes, but with church services prohibited at the moment they have lost this second source of income.
- 4** Please pray for Mike, Marianne and Elias Botting who remain in Canada at this time.
- 5** Please pray for: Okidi Walter, Agenorwot Concy Lilly, Okot Ceasar, Akello Milly, Rev. Patrick Labanya and support staff: Odong Patel, Okeny Tiberio, Acaa Doris and Oyet Polycarp.