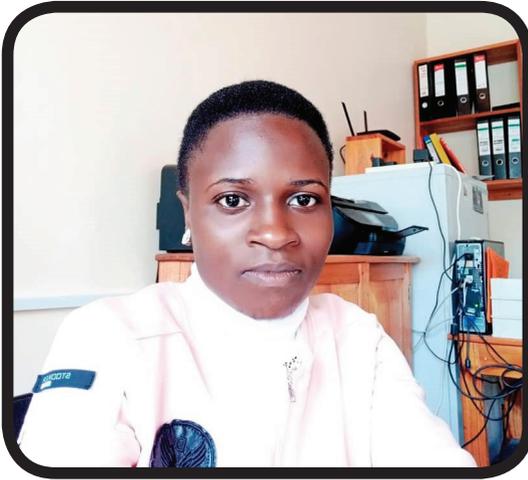




the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Suzan Nyigo



My name is Suzan Nyigo, a first born in a family of six children. I am Hehe by tribe; my original home is Iringa region at Mafinga. I took my first degree at a Constituent college of St Augustine University of Tanzania and I graduated in 2016. Since then I was working as an entrepreneur,

selling clothes and shoes, until 2020 when I was employed by Emmanuel International as a Pentecostal Holiness Mission (PHM) Development Officer.

I have not had any project yet but I had some time to visit the IMARIKA and water projects to see and learn how Emmanuel International works. For the time being, I have completed visiting some of PHM churches and so I am working on what project to do in accordance to the challenges that I have seen and heard while talking to the pastors. I am expecting to have written a project proposal in early June.

Generally I am very glad to work with Emmanuel International because it is all about working for the God's kingdom.

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.

- 1 International:** Continue to pray for the EI Council, the directors from all our EI countries, as we continue to seek God's will and guidance for our organization.
- 2 United Kingdom:** Sue has an online Global Connections meeting today.
Uganda: Please continue to pray for our staff, as well as our partner churches and communities, as we pass through this time of COVID-19. The current physical distancing laws have been extended until June 2nd, during which time the government is working on distributing reusable masks to everyone in the country over 6 years of age. Once these masks have been received they plan to start loosening restrictions.
- 3 International:** We thank God for our Board members, for the care and the interest shown in guiding our organization.
- 4 International:** We thank God for His care of our mission family through these past months in this pandemic, for His faithfulness to those involved in EI's work around the world.
- 5 Brazil:** Pray with us for the families that will be receiving food packages. We want them to feel God's love and care for them.
- 6 Brazil:** The Terena Indigenous Bible School is in lockdown since March. Pray for the students and the families there, as they need patience to face this time.
- 7 Brazil:** Brazilian authorities are saying the COVID-19 peak will be this month. Pray especially for the poor, who usually suffer the most in times of crisis.
- 8 Malawi:** We want to continue praying for the COVID-19 pandemic across the world.
Malawi: Our Board Meeting is planned for June. We were supposed to meet in May, but it was postponed due to restrictions on gatherings etc. Now that the situation is easing, we may hold our meeting.
- 9 Philippines:** We are doing whatever we can to help pastors who are under economic pressure more than the poorest of the poor. The government have provided for the poor people but left the pastors fending for themselves while they are not able to work or conduct services and therefore without any funds to sustain them.
- 10 United Kingdom:** Sue and Linda are meeting with Kristy from EIC via the internet today.
- 11 Philippines:** We are not sure to what extent the farmers have been affected by the recent typhoon. Travel has been restricted and communication is poor. We hope to send Alex Pantua as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Please pray that their crops have been spared.

- 12 Philippines:** Please keep Edna's health in you prayers.
Philippines: Pray that people in our tribal villages (Manobos of Carmen, Cotabato; Tedurays of Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat and B'laans of Tacurong) will be allowed to work in their farms and sell their produce so they can provide food for their families.
- 13 United Kingdom:** The EIUK summer event and AGM that we had planned for 13 June has been cancelled. Please pray as all arrangements are on hold. We are hoping to be able to meet in the autumn.
- 14 Philippines:** Please pray for our students from our scholarship program. We have 7 high school graduates who did not have a grad ceremony because of COVID 19. We are still unsure of their future. Our Department of Education is still figuring out how to do schools when they open in August.
- 15 Philippines:** Please pray for encouragement for our Pastors in rural areas who are unable to meet together with their congregation and are suffering financially as well. Praying the help given to 30 pastors through EIM would give them the encouragement they need at this uncertain time.
- 16 Haiti:** Haiti is under a limited lockdown due to Covid-19. Recently, there has been public protest regarding how the government is handling the Covid-19 outbreak.
Canada: EIC has a board meeting.
- 17 Haiti:** Please pray that God would continue to safeguard the ministry leaders and the girls and boys from the group homes/orphanages.
- 18 South Africa:** We thank you for your continued prayers for the Safe House ministry during the lockdown. It has been particularly difficult for the safe house children who are complying with the lockdown rules and staying on their property behind the fence while all of their friends are playing as normal on the street in front. The informal settlements are crowded places and so the call for social distancing and staying home is very difficult when the water points and toilets are shared by many families. Most homes don't have refrigeration either so shopping happens every other day.
- 19 South Africa:** EISA has also been helping to purchase food parcels for the elderly in the informal settlement from our partner church in the community. We have 13 grandmothers that we have been able to feed for the past few weeks as they are unable to queue for 6 hours in the hope of collecting a small government food parcel. Please pray that we are able to continue until this lockdown is lifted.
- 20 South Africa:** We are thankful that the rioting and looting has not been as bad as predicted. It has been relatively isolated so far but the protesting is happening daily for the government to reopen because SA's COVID-19 death rate is among the lowest in the world per capita. Many in the community have told me they are not afraid of a virus because they deal with death on a weekly basis but they worry they may not have jobs to return to after the lockdown. Pray for a speedy economic recovery once SA is open for business again.

- 21 United States of America:** Please continue prayers for Mark Abbott and fellow EIM board member Jim Walter as they continue to travel on a regular basis, flying for FedEx.
- United States of America:** We're thankful that Tim Sims has joined the EIM board bringing a career of financial expertise to our group.
- 22 Tanzania:** The beekeeping groups will be harvesting honey in June. Please pray for all the groups to get good honey and to be able to do the harvest by themselves.
- 23 Tanzania:** There is a new beekeeping project in Kome Island.
- Tanzania:** Please continue to pray for the girls in the "Nguvu na Hadhi" health project in Mwanza! Theopister and Laura are excited to resume project sessions when things calm down with COVID-19. In the meantime, they're doing their best to prepare for Phase 2 (i.e. sewing the cloth bags for the dignity kits and reformatting the health and bible curriculum.)
- 24 Tanzania:** Pray for our whole team as we continue to work through the COVID-19 situation, in particular Ibrahimu, Jesca, Ajery and Suzan.
- Tanzania:** Pray with us that God would protect us as we travel or stay home and that our partner church leaders would remain safe as they teach their congregations.
- 25 Tanzania:** Suzan in Iringa is preparing a health project proposal for work with our partner church, Pentecostal Holiness Mission.
- 26 Tanzania:** May God protect the technicians who build the tanks at Mkulula water project during this difficult time of COVID-19.
- 27 Uganda:** We praise God that we received funds to support church leaders during this time, when they are missing support from weekly tithes and offerings because church services are prohibited. In the month of May 60 church leaders were provided with a one-time gift of food and soap, and we pray that these church leaders will feel encouraged and provided for so that they can continue their vital ministries in their communities.
- 28 Uganda:** Our staff and board need wisdom as we discuss how we can safely work with our partners as we prepare for the partial lifting of physical distancing laws, and how we may need to adjust our ministries to meet the most pressing needs. During this time of transition there is a lot of uncertainty about what is allowed and what is not, and there is fear that the security forces may not always be fair or equal in their treatment of people.
- 29 Uganda:** Mike, Marianne and Elias Botting who remain in Canada at this time.
- 30 Malawi:** We are in the final month of the political campaign for the Presidential Elections, planned to take place on 2 July. Let's continue to pray for peace and justice in the forthcoming elections.