



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on: EI Mission (USA) Board



### Don and Julie Cressman

Don joined the EIM board in 2017. He and Julie have been married for 42 years. He retired from a career of flying, primarily in Africa for AirServ (where he served as Vice President) and Zimex where he felt he could use his God-given skills. Canadian by birth, dual US/Canadian citizenship, 2 sons and 4 grandkids. Favorite activity camping/riding in Nevada desert with grandkids/sons. Don and Julie have lived overseas including in Mozambique, Kenya, Angola and Sudan.

### Dave McCauley

Dave helped revive the EIM Board back in 1978. Dave has been married to Sue for 57 yrs. They have two kids, nine grand and great grandkids, loves world travel, hunting, fishing and is an avid reader. In 1971 he founded McCauley's Ethan Allen Gallery in Akron, Ohio. He developed a large missionary headquarters and childcare center. From 1985-95 he managed famine relief and aviation in 15 different countries, including with Emmanuel International under George Middleton in Ethiopia.



### Tim Sims

Tim joined the EIM board in 2020. He and his wife, Cheri live in Colorado Springs and have 2 sons (both graduated from the USAF Academy) and 2 daughters (all college athletes). He is a partner with the accounting firm CapinCrouse. He has more than 25 years of public accounting experience mostly serving nonprofit entities. He specializes in serving organizations with international operations, higher education institutions and other exempt entities. Tim grew up as an MK in Zimbabwe. He and Cheri lived in Cape Town, South Africa for several years where he was an accountant.



### Jim Walter

Jim joined the EIM board in 2013. He and his wife Nancy served six years with AirServ International facilitating other NGO's involved with Relief and Development in Mozambique, Sudan, Angola and Kenya. Jim is currently a pilot for FedEx and an active lay minister in his local church in Goshen, Indiana. They have two married daughters. He enjoys beekeeping and he is an expert HAM radio operator, earning membership into the DX Century Club and the 5-Band DXCC Award.



### Mark Abbott

We featured Mark in the December 2019 issue of the Emmanuel Connection.

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## **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 Tanzania:** 1 Laura is travelling back to Canada to visit family. She plans to leave Tanzania August 1<sup>st</sup>. Pray her flights go smoothly as many get cancelled. Also pray she returns safely.
- 2 South Africa:** Please continue to pray for Rachel as she has broken her foot after a fall during a walk. It's on the mend now but she's had to limit her mobility and keep off her foot for most of the day.
- 3 Tanzania:** 3 Our team is teaching a church and transformation course this month at church planting schools. The aim is help new pastors better understand Holistic Mission. We will teach in the South Mwanza District August 3-7 and the North Mwanza District August 9-13.
- 4 Tanzania:** We are to participate in the zonal farmers' show next month on IMARIKA Project.
- 5 Canada:** EIC welcomes Erwin Van Laar to our team. Erwin will be assisting us in fundraising.
- 6 South Africa:** In our feeding program we are helping to care for 13 elderly ladies at a local church who cannot stand in a 4 hour queue for food, especially in the winter rains that have come. Any support towards this would be greatly appreciated.
- 7 Tanzania:** We are still continuing with nurseries tree planting for the remaining villages in the IMARIKA project.
- 8 South Africa:** Our church has seen some encouraging growth in numbers. We have been given permission to meet as a body provided we don't exceed 50 people, so we have divided the church into two groups who come alternate weeks and provide a zoom option for those that are unable to come. We praise God for the small liberty we have been given but look forward to an end to the heavy handed lockdown.
- 9 Philippines:** The food distribution for COVID-19 relief is still continuing. Please pray as the needs are great and the funds limited.
- 10 Tanzania:** 10 All the pastors of our partner church, the Tanzanian Assemblies of God, are gathering in Dodoma on August 10-14. They will hold elections for the Archbishop (General superintendent). None of us will be able to participate but have sent our greetings.

- 11 International:** Your prayers for the development of the International website is much appreciated. We trust God to use the media for His glory; may we be good and faithful servants in this.
- 12 Canada:** The EIC office is considering the reopening requirements and regulations. There are no immediate plans to reopen as yet as we continue to work from home.
- 13 Brazil:** The Montes Claros 7<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Church continues to distribute food packages to poor families in different areas. It is our prayer that the families would not only receive much needed help, but also feel God's love to them.
- 14 Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Church Malawi (EBCM) is holding their church elections in August.
- 15 Canada:** EIC is beginning the process of preparing the Christmas catalogue in mid August. Pray for the coordination between project countries and EIC in gathering information.
- 16 Haiti:** Pastor Martinez and Emma are in Miami, undergoing medical treatments. Please continue to pray for Pastor Martinez' back problems.
- 17 United Kingdom:** Tim, Rachel, Amisadai and Louisa Monger have arrived safely in the UK in July, having completed their term in Tanzania. They have completed their quarantine in Bath. Please pray as they map out their next steps.
- 18 Uganda:** Mike, Marianne and Elias Botting are still in Canada. Please pray as they seek God's wisdom on when and how to return to Uganda. They have been using their time productively, attending online courses in mission.
- 19 United States:** We are also praying for the farmers being supported by Edna Santos' project in the Philippines - that their growing season would be successful that will lead to a bountiful harvest.
- 20 United Kingdom:** The UK is slowly relaxing the lockdown measures. Please pray that there will be no 'second wave' and that people will continue to observe good practice to safeguard everyone. We are particularly aware of you difficult it is for those who have been shielding since the beginning of lockdown in March. They have not been outside their homes in 4 months and are still vulnerable healthwise, which makes it emotionally difficult to 'let go'.

- 21 South Africa:** The Safe Houses need more support. We have about 45% of the required funds pledges on a monthly basis and the remainder is often topped up by one-time gifts. We have about 2 months operational funds left so we pray that those who have shown an interest in the ministry might consider giving. We need about \$700 a month more to keep the 3 Safe Houses operational.
- 22 Uganda:** The EI team in Uganda are holding the fort, doing as much work as they are able to do under the COVID-19 restrictions. Please pray for them.
- 23 Haiti:** The boys and girls in the orphanages would very much appreciate your prayers.
- 24 Brazil:** EI has been able to provide food packages on a regular basis to the Águas Formosas Day Care Center families. We praise God for the response of so many people, in Brazil and in other countries, to that need.
- 25 Tanzania:** We are expecting to start IMARIKA activities with another new community, which will be chosen. Please pray for us.
- 26 Philippines:** Pastors in rural areas are finding it difficult to meet together with their congregations. and are suffering financially as well. Please pray with us that they will be able to find ways to meet and be supported soon.
- 27 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are in Canada, having returned to share in joyous events with their children. Their son Will is engaged to be married.
- 28 Brazil:** COVID-19 has come to a number of Terena indigenous villages. Unfortunately Government medical assistance is poor. Pray that the authorities will provide the necessary assistance to the villages.
- 29 United States:** I would like lift up the U.S. amidst the Covid crisis; that a vaccine will be developed for the virus and that treatment would be readily available.
- 30 International:** Thank God with us for the good unity within our mission leadership. We are so thankful for those we are working with around the world.
- 31 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board is meeting in person on 25 September, providing that COVID conditions allow.