



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on: EI Uganda Board



### Chariton Namuwoza

Chariton became Chairperson of the Board in 2019, after getting to know EI through Margaret Laloyo (another member of our board). He is a business person, CEO of an agribusiness and consultancy firm focused on organic products, but he has a real heart for Christian ministry. In addition to serving on our board he is also a board member for CBMC Uganda, an organization focused on Christian mentorship and discipleship in the marketplace.

### Margaret Laloyo

Margaret, our Vice-Chairperson, has known the work of EI since she was a child, having grown up in an area reached by EI when we were still based in Patongo (1983-2003). She is a business woman, working with women to produce organic shea butter, sesame, mango jam and juice, and much more! She has a heart for intercessory prayer, and everywhere she works she also does discipleship.



### Rev. Robinson Oginga Odinga

Rev. Robinson is our Treasurer, and for many years he was the parish priest in Pader Town Council where our office is currently located. He originally trained as an accountant, and worked for the Diocese of Kitgum as the Diocesan Treasurer before he took a degree in theology and began parish ministry. Rev. Robinson's passion is to share and teach the Word of God.

### Pastor Justine Otim

Pastor Justine, better known as Pastor J.J., has pastored Victory Outreach church in Pader Town Council since 2008, during which time he got to know the work of EI. Pastor J.J. has a heart for youth, having begun his ministry as a Youth Pastor, but his biggest passion is discipleship.



### Phionah Alinda Okello

Phionah is involved in discipleship and outreach at Gulu University, where she and her husband, Pastor Jimmy, founded University Community Church. She was introduced to the work of EI when Mike and Marianne Botting were speakers at the same youth conference, and since then we have shared a heart for youth and for disciple-making.

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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:** Peter, Bhatendi, and Elisha are launching a new project: Integrated Environmental Renewal Project. This project integrates a variety of projects we have been doing and has added new elements. Pray for success as they start today. This is their schedule for teaching: Chabakima (September 1-2), Igumamoyo (September 3-4), Nyamilolo (September 7-8), Bundiliya (September 10-11), Itabumba (September 15-16), Busenge (September 17-18) and Misungwi (September 21-22).  
**South Africa:** Our house mother, Florida, is away on holiday in the Eastern Cape and will need to be quarantined upon her return to the Western Cape this week. She's not looking forward to the lockdown but she needed to spend time with family as she missed two funerals while travel was not permitted.
- 2 Tanzania:** Bhatendi will be hosting Michael from Arusha who is helping take pictures of the bee project that will be included in later fundraising from an outside organization.
- 3 Uganda:** Mike, Marianne and Elias Botting are back in Uganda! Please pray for wisdom as the office meets to discuss restarting our various ministries in new ways during the COVID-19 restrictions.
- 4 Brazil:** El Brazil continues to help the partner churches respond to the immediate needs of poor families. Food distribution continues to take place, together with spiritual assistance.
- 5 Uganda:** The transmission of COVID-19 has greatly increased in Uganda in the past few weeks. Please pray for mercy for Uganda, and safety for our staff. There are rumours that the government will reimpose lockdown measures if the situation doesn't improve.
- 6 Tanzania:** September 10<sup>th</sup> is the C-section delivery date for Joel and Samantha's baby. The baby could come early so we are all prepared.
- 7 Haiti:** The country has experienced flooding as a result of tropical storm Laura, with some areas seriously affected. Please pray for all who lost livelihoods or homes.
- 8 Tanzania:** We are in the process to add another new community to work with in IMARIKA project. Please pray for us that God will help us to get a good community to work with.  
**Philippines:** Ken Copsey has injured his shoulder and is in pain. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors in determining the problem and the best treatment.

- 9 Brazil:** The Terena Bible School now has been able to provide online classes for the 17 students. The teachers, who couldn't come to minister classes in person because of the COVID-19 restrictions, are now providing regular classes.
- 10 Malawi:** A long-time supporter of El Malawi's partner church Word of Grace, Frannie Grey, is struggling with illness. Pray for God's intervention for her.
- 11 South Africa:** Rachel Sayers has been recovering from a broken foot and has now injured her back after falling off a step ladder that broke under her. The x-rays show mostly soft tissue damage and a bit of whiplash, but the pain is making sleep difficult.
- United States:** Mark and Sherry Abbott request prayer for wisdom in determining future care for Sherry's mom, Joanne. Presently we are caring for Joanne 24/7 at our home. Sherry's niece was living with us helping out but she recently received an opportunity for a full time job and had to move closer to her new job location. Joanne's situation is deteriorating and Sherry may not be able to provide her the proper care at home. Praying for God's wisdom and provision in the next step in care for Joanne.
- 12 United States:** Dave (EIM Board) and Sue McCauley request prayer for their granddaughter Delaney Pace as she undergoes combat medic one and two training in the heat of Houston Texas while starting toward a physician's assistant career.
- 13 Brazil:** The Terena indigenous people have been severely affected by COVID-19. One of the reasons is the lack of proper health assistance. Please pray for endurance as they face this very challenging time and for the Health Department to do a good job and provide assistance.
- 14 South Africa:** Praise God for the growth and faithfulness of the saints at Living Hope Bible church. We've divided the church into two groups which alternate each Sunday for attendance, and the ones at home join via zoom. It's reminded us how vital it is to meet together and encourage and pray for one another. Virtual fellowship is a poor substitute and we look forward to meeting as a whole body again soon.
- 15 Haiti:** Those who are working in the homes, churches and schools that El Haiti is involved with have been much affected by reduced income because of COVID-19.
- 16 Canada:** Pray for the vanWoerden family as the girls settle into school in BC, and for jobs for Andre and Alex.
- Philippines:** ERRP is continuing to help families who are struggling to cope financially because of COVID-19 by distributing food parcels.
- 17 United States:** Don (EIM Board) and Julie Cressman request prayers for their son Nate who is a pilot for American Airlines and may be furloughed or may have his salary severely reduced starting in October.

- 18 South Africa:** Zukile is one of our older boys who has been with us since he was 10. He's matriculating this year and applying for Engineering at Stellenbosch University and considering the Navy as a career as well. Pray for him as he makes the transition from leaving his 'family' and his Safe House mom, Beauty, to his new life of independence. Pray most of all for his salvation and his walk with the Lord.
- 19 United Kingdom:** The Monger family are looking for a home in Bath. It is a university city and houses are in high demand. They would appreciate your prayers!
- 20 Canada:** Laura Kelly is enjoying much anticipated visits with family and friends over the next few weeks. Pray for continued support raising during this time in Canada.
- 21 Malawi:** The partner church, Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi, decided to postpone their church leadership elections until next year due to gov't regulations surrounding COVID-19. Pray for strength and wisdom for those in leadership as they continue for another year.
- 22 Philippines:** The Philippines has been affected by a typhoon at the end of August. The farmers in Isabella are likely to have been hit too, but we don't have an update at the time of printing. They have just put in fertilizer after funds have been raised for this.
- 23 Canada:** Kristy Nowell and Erwin van Laar are working on the EIC outreach for resource and personnel building.
- 24 Tanzania:** Pray for the Iringa team and all the works we have to do and that it will be done well.
- 25 Uganda:** Concy, our Child Discipleship field officer, is being traditionally married today. The church wedding is planned for October, but this traditional marriage is the first step as they receive permission from the family and clan.
- United Kingdom:** We are planning to have a board meeting in person today, if allowed under the lockdown rules.
- 26 Tanzania:** Ajery is getting married today. Please pray that the marriage will be successful and a happy one.
- 27 Haiti:** Daniel Jovin is coordinating the work of El Haiti which his parents, Martinez and Emma Jovin, began any years ago. Please pray for him.
- 28 International:** The website design process is ongoing. Please pray that God's glory will be displayed through our social media efforts.
- 29 Malawi:** Pastor Maxwell Ngulande and his church are reaching out to their predominately Muslim community. Please pray for them.
- 30 International:** Today is the end of the financial year. Please pray as the different affiliate offices and project countries start preparing their financial reports.