



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: EI Canada Board (part 2)

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Brian Simcoe

Brian was elected to the EIC board in 2020. Over the past 25 years he has visited various EI projects starting with Haiti in 1999 and Malawi in 2018. He served with Springvale Church from 1988 to 2002 in Youth Ministry and continues to volunteer there. He was the Director of Youth at FEB Central for 9 years, and now works fulltime at NAV Canada in the Learning Training area. Brian and his wife, Jennifer look forward to continuing to support EI through their involvement with the Board.



Jennifer Simcoe

Jennifer was elected to the EIC board in 2020. She has an upholstery business and works at Springvale as their Communications Administrator. Jennifer has served in various capacities at Springvale and FEB CENTRAL with a focus on serving Children and Youth as her ministry for over 30 years. She took part in a trip to visit EI projects in Malawi in 2018 and has been very encouraged by the work EI is doing. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve with her husband

Brian on the EIC board.



Sonia Wiebe

Sonia was born in Hampshire, England and moved to Ontario at age 23 to work as a physiotherapist. Her passion for missionary work includes her belief that she is on the mission field daily during her day to day interactions and a short-term visit to Haiti and Malawi to observe the work that EI is involved in. Her connection with EI reaches back to the first church she attended, Rexdale Alliance, where she met Lorilee & Scott Maclean. Lorilee was her mentor during

her early years as a Christian. Sonia, her husband Ziggy and daughter, Katie, live in Stouffville. She joined the EIC Board in 2019.



Keith Wilson

Keith was elected to the Board in 2018. He met Richard and Pam McGowan shortly after their arrival from the UK in 1971. Keith spent most of his working career at IBM and is now focused on helping others as he seeks to live out the great commission. Keith is excited to serve in this important ministry as he has seen the opportunities that Emmanuel International has been given around the world.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Canada:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean arrive in Malawi today. Pray for their transition back into the community and the classroom to finish off teaching their Romans course (in Chichewa) which was cut short by COVID-19 measures at the end of March.
- 2 Canada, United Kingdom, United States of America:** The 2020 Christmas catalogue has been sent out. Pray for receptive hearts. It should be reaching people's homes early in November.
- 3 Uganda:** This month we are starting to train parents in how to disciple their children at home, since COVID-19 has closed schools and stopped Sunday schools at this time. We are also working on starting a weekly radio Sunday school class to support this discipleship in the home.
- 4 South Africa:** Rachel Sayers has been diagnosed with a parathyroid tumor. Parathyroid surgery is very specialised. Pray as we look for the right specialist who is able to perform the procedure in South Africa, for a successful surgery and that Rachel would be back to strength. Pray also for peace and joy through the trial and that God would be glorified in all of this.
Tanzania: Ajery Kahise has to do post project surveys for Lupembelwasenga Water project early in November. Please pray for him.
- 5 Tanzania:** The El Tanzania Executive Board plans to meet today for a quarterly meeting.
- 6 Philippines:** More churches have shown interest in using the children's discipleship materials and are asking for training. Unfortunately, Davao City just approved a stricter set of rules for mass gathering. Please pray that we can still do training on a much smaller scale. Pray for the children taking the lessons... for them to know Jesus as savior.
- 7 Malawi:** We plan to resume our monthly staff meetings. May we ask God to help us be wise in the final assessment of the COVID-19 situation.
Tanzania: Pray for the Igusa and Hamkoko entrepreneurship groups as they both will be harvesting tomatoes at the beginning of the month. Hamkoko is expecting to have a large harvest.
- 8 Brazil:** Let's praise the Lord for the medical teams that were sent by the Government to the Terena villages. The number of deaths caused by COVID-19 has been greatly reduced.

- 9 United States of America:** Sherry Abbott's mom is improving physically, so we give praise. Sherry is still looking for a long term possibility for her mom as her dementia is getting worse.
- 10 Canada:** Praise God with Amy Maglayo (EIC Finance) for answers to prayer for confirmation of a job opportunity for her husband and that her son was protected from COVID-19 when a friend of his was infected.
- 11 Philippines:** There are typhoons passing Mindanao these months, and flooding too. Please pray for those affected. Pray also for our sponsored students as they adjust to a different school routine. Pray as their parents struggle with finances during this pandemic.
- 12 Philippines:** We are preparing the books for audit as it is the fiscal year end. We also need to apply for receipt books from the Bureau of Internal Revenue.
- 13 Malawi:** Thank God for His protection of the EI Malawi staff so far: nobody has been found with COVID-19.
- Tanzania:** This month, Theopister and Laura are hoping to start Phase 2 of the girls health project! Please pray for a strong partnership between Emmanuel International and Kisundi Primary School!
- 14 Tanzania:** Simon will be doing a bee / honey processing seminar and VICOBA training in the middle of November on Kome; pray for a successful seminar.
- 15 Canada:** EIC's audit will begin. Ask God for His peace and blessing through this process.
- 16 Brazil:** Some of the activities at the Águas Formosas Day Care Center have been resumed, with a smaller number of children per class and great concern for the children's health. Prayer for the the health of staff, children, and their families is welcome.
- 17 Canada:** The EIC Board is meeting today.
- International:** EI Council will be meeting today, Lord willing.
- 18 Philippines:** Shem and Fleur Catanus ask for prayer for protection against COVID-19 for their whole family, even their daughter who is in Indonesia.
- 19 Uganda:** In October schools opened for P7 students taking the primary leavers' exam, and we're busy making washable sanitary pads to distribute to support the girls who have reported. We are also working on testing a new pad design for older girls with a heavier flow.

- 20 Brazil:** The food distribution for another 400 families, and the kits for the children, have started. Our prayer is that each family feels God's love and compassion for them as they receive the food package.
- 21 United States of America:** We give thanks for healing of blurry vision in Mark Abbott's eye!
- 22 Haiti:** Continued prayer for Daniel Jovin, who is overseeing the work in Haiti while working full time as the principal of a school in Ontario. Pray for wisdom in the challenges of running a school through this COVID-19 pandemic.
- 23 South Africa:** We thank God for those who contributed to the grocery outreach that we started a few months ago to feed 13 grandmothers in the Maranatha church in Masiphumelele.
- 24 Tanzania:** We plan to have our AGM today but the meeting will probably take place over Zoom with some board members in Iringa and some in Mwanza. Please pray for constructive meetings to help with the development of EI Tanzania.
- 25 Philippines:** Fleur suffers from a night time allergy. Please pray that she will find out the source of it.
- 26 South Africa:** The water damage on our third Safe House has been repaired. We were able to finish the repairs before the worst of the rainy season and the workmanship is fantastic. Praise God.
- 27 International:** Pray for God's wisdom and vision as the EI Council continues organizational discussions. We thank God for His faithfulness being experienced in all our countries of service.
- 28 Uganda:** Concy, our Child Discipleship field officer, is getting wedded in the church today after completing her traditional marriage last month. Please pray for God to be glorified, and for a safe celebration during COVID-19.
- 29 United Kingdom:** We are preparing the accounts of the last financial year to be externally examined. Please pray that the process with the new accountants will go smoothly.
- 30 Malawi:** Pray for continuous good relationships with our partner churches.
- International:** One result of COVID-19 has been increased opportunities for collaboration of Christian organizations. Pray for wisdom in developing relationships that strengthen God's kingdom building.