



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: EI Tanzania Board

This is the first of 3 features of the EITZ board as there are 12 members altogether.



Dr. Zakayo Nzogere

Dr. Zakayo is the Lead Pastor at Mwanza International Community Church and Vice Chairperson of EITZ. "EI's strong

partnership with churches and its wholistic approach encourages me to continue serving with EITZ."



Mr George Massaka

Gideon Massaka is the Executive Director for Sunseed Technologies Transformation (STT). "It is my great honour

to serve as a board member of EI Tanzania. It is also my passion, through prayers, to see EI achieve its objectives in Tanzania positively and get to its purpose. I commit to continue to participate and deliver my advice through my organizational experience."



Miriam Loivotoki-Elisha

"Emmanuel International has been a blessing to churches, communities and people of Tanzania. People who once did not

have access to water are now enjoying the safe and clean water that have been made possible through EI's work. Household incomes are now better in the villages that have benefited from EI projects through entrepreneurship trainings, farming and bee keeping projects; this is just to mention a few. In my capacity as a Board Member it is such a privilege to be part of the noble work that EI is doing through the churches and community."



Ms Ester Rwela

"I feel blessed to serve God in this EI Tanzania Board as a board member. I am still new in it so I am learning but I see light before me in this ministry. EI

Tanzania has good projects that touch and transform the lives of the community spiritually, and economically. I am ready to use my career and professionalism in helping this ministry when needed."

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Today the Iringa and Mwanza teams will be having a fasting prayer day as a team to pray for our projects, EI workers around the world and our donors. Pray for a refreshing and renewing as we pray together.
- 2 Tanzania:** Every Tuesday and Friday Laura has teaching sessions with the girls in the Strength and Dignity project. Please pray for them throughout the month on those days.
Canada: Today EIC will have a staff meeting.
- 3 Uganda:** Milly is continuing to distribute washable sanitary pads to P7 girls, as Uganda is still keeping the school system closed to all but candidate classes. Please pray for these girls, as they prepare for their Primary Leavers exams.
- 4 Haiti:** The board of our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda, is considering possibilities for continued projects with EI.
- 5 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is meeting via Zoom today.
Brazil: The school year for the Terena Bible School starts in March. This is the time where churches and people are considering theological training and the costs. Pray that God would continue to touch people's minds and hearts and also provide the necessary funds for the future students.
- 6 Tanzania:** Core training for the Health project with the Pentecostal Holiness Mission (PHM) will start in the new village of Ifunda.
- 7 Malawi:** The COVID pandemic is increasing very quickly in the country. The government is working hard to provide more testing centers and care sites. Pray for the protection of all those working with patients and for our EI missionaries and staff.
- 8 South Africa:** Rachel, a house mother in the Safe House ministry, celebrated her 60th birthday last month and as she ages she is finding the ministry physically straining. She wants to continue as a house mom and she is still doing a wonderful work with the children, but her birthday reminded us both that eventually she will need to transition out. Pray that she would stay strong both physically and spiritually.
- 9 Canada:** EIC has a board meeting today.
International: We thank God for the expertise of others who help us along the way. The International office has needed to get a website up and running, and that is now a reality after many months of work. We thank God for this provision.
- 10 South Africa:** Praise God for Rachel Sayers, that the parathyroid surgery was 100% successful and that she is going from strength to strength. She feels like a new woman! We thank the Lord for such a quick and dramatic recovery!
- 11 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey have scheduled several training sessions for this month for The Mailbox Club (TMC) children's ministry. Pray for continued protection from the virus as they travel to different areas in and around Davao region.

- 12 United Kingdom:** We have submitted an application to Guernsey for funding for a water project at Ibumu village in Tanzania. Pray that this will meet with favour.
- 13 United States of America:** Pray for the country as we transition to a new Administration.
- Philippines:** Ruth is forming and organizing her training team for Mindanao this month. Pray for additional volunteers with the heart for ministry to children. Pray that we can think of creative ways to make this program sustainable for years to come.
- 14 Uganda:** We are training parents how to disciple their children from home, as schools are still closed to most students and churches are not allowed to hold Sunday School because of COVID restrictions. Today is our first training of 2021.
- Canada:** For those living in countries where a shutdown is in place due to COVID-19: may we continue to reach out to our friends and family so they know they are not alone.
- 15 Uganda:** Today we expect a new staff member to start their work with the Jesus Film ministry. Even though we are not currently allowed to show the Jesus Film, because it attracts large crowds, the Bible study groups are still active and are in need of follow-up and training.
- 16 Tanzania:** Simon, Laura and Joel will be attending the Dioceses elections and conference for all 3 Mwanza districts from today until 18th February.
- Philippines:** Antonio and Nona Caballero are taking over the administration of ERRP from Edna Santos. Please pray for the handover process, that it will be completed in an orderly manner and without catching the virus. Please pray that we will learn if there are scholarship funds or funds for gadgets as we streamline the scholarship program.
- 17 Canada:** We are thinking of those who are ill and undergoing treatment and for improved health.
- 18 International:** The international council is meeting today.
- Brazil:** Emmanuel Brazil is helping a Terena missionary couple that is working among the Xukuru-kariri people. The first project is food distribution, as the families are in great need because of the pandemic. But the plan is to work with them in community development and income generation projects. Prayers for wisdom in the discussion and planning are welcome.
- 19 Haiti:** Daniel Jovin is a headmaster of a busy school. Please pray as he guides his school through the COVID regulations.
- Philippines:** That the discipleship of our students will continue to empower the young people being trained.
- 20 Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi, one of our partner churches, is praying for wisdom in helping their congregations across the country to be wise in these pandemic times.

- 21 South Africa:** Beauty is a house mother at the second Safe House. Two of her boys (Mzamazi and Zukile) have moved into a brand new transition house in a different community. This home will help them become more independent and will serve as a launching pad for their adult life. The boys are siblings and have been with Beauty from the start in 2011. It was a sad farewell but not a goodbye as they will come for visits often.
- 22 Philippines:** We have a new partner in TMC ministry - the Philippine Bible League and its church-planting workers. They found it effective to enter a community with the gospel by teaching children first. Pray for all the teachers trained.
- 23 South Africa:** Please pray for our daughter, Danielle Sayers. She has done well on her SAT exams and is enrolling at Durham College in Canada for their EMT program as well as a similar one in South Africa. The challenge will be converting her volunteer visa to a student visa as well as the finances for the programs but we are looking at potential scholarships and student loans. She is excited about her future but there are many forms to fill and bridges to cross before she'll feel content.
- 24 International:** Thank God with us for His continued care and protection for our EI family around the world: partner churches, missionaries and staff members in each country.
- 25 Philippines:** Pray for the children currently enrolled in TMC program. Because of the strict guidelines for quarantine, we also distribute reusable face masks thanks to a gift from the Clemens. Pray for safety and protection for both the teachers and their students.
- 26 Brazil:** Emmanuel Brazil and three people are discussing and praying for their possible involvement with the mission as full time missionaries. We all need to listen and follow God's will on that.
- 27 Philippines:** The Baroyon churches are tribal churches EI had several projects with in the past. Pray as they distribute Bibles and hymnals in the Cebuano dialects to several smaller congregations. Pray that more people can come and study God's word and attend worship services.
- 28 International:** Pray for the ongoing meetings of the EI Country Directors for God's wisdom as we seek to fulfil His purpose for EI in His Kingdom building.
- Philippines:** Please continue to pray for our (Fleur and Shem Catanus) church and family, for safekeeping from COVID virus. Please pray that vaccine for COVID will be available soon in our locality. Pray also that despite the unfavorable circumstances, we as a church will still be able to reach out and share the gospel to our neighbors and relatives and to follow up those patients during the medical mission who seemed interested to know more of God.