

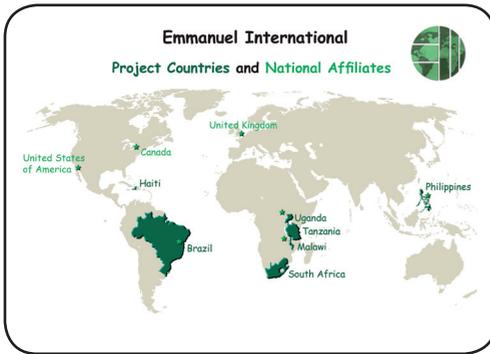
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## A look at some of our affiliates...



Emmanuel International (EI) has 10 offices around the world. In each country, these offices are designated as either an affiliate or a project office of the organisation. Affiliate countries are those in which there is an EI office that is registered as an NGO within that country, has a board and a constitution, and is able to source funds locally. An Affiliate office is self-governing within the vision, mandate and ethos of EI. 7 of our 10 countries are now considered affiliate countries. EI in Canada, the United States of America and the United Kingdom, as well as the International Office, are only affiliate offices and work closely together to coordinate communication, funding, support of projects, etc.

Meet the people who work here and find out what is happening at the moment in these offices!

## EI International Office

Greetings from the International office!



There are two of us in the International office, **Paul and Helen Jones**. We love working as a 'tag team' in this assignment. Paul is International Director and Helen assists.

One of our biggest challenges, believe it or not, is describing to people what exactly is the International Office. Picture in your mind an umbrella. The 10 countries of EI are the ribs of the umbrella. The International office is the little knob at the top, connected to the handle that is meant to hold it all together.

So what does "holding it together" entail? The International office is meant to be a unifying agent within our EI

organization. The foundational role for this office is to safeguard the integrity of EI's mandate: **To encourage, equip and assist churches to serve the poor in wholistic ministry according to God's word.** To bring this a little closer to home, it can be interpreted as saying: **we partner with churches, we serve the poorest of the poor** in places that others are not willing to go and we do all this in obedience to God's Word.

We are blessed with an engaged Board of Directors, meeting quarterly to report back as the International Board are actually the ones who have the final say in the organization. The EI Council is made up of the Directors from EI's 10 countries. Maintaining communication individually and as a group are key to maintaining organizational unity and keeping us all headed in the same direction. This doesn't mean doing exactly the same thing but rather working within the same guidelines and principles for the same purpose of glorifying God.

Of our 10 EI countries, 7 are affiliates. Being an affiliate means they are self-governing. There are 3 countries who are currently described as 'project' countries. This harks back to the 'old' days when all countries and projects were managed through the International office. International is still responsible for the 'project' countries.

We are here to help in whatever way we can. We have the privilege of praying for our EI family around the world. It is part of our job description. I'd say it is the best part, but hearing from 'our' people across the globe is right up there.

We returned to Canada in 2019, moved into our new apartment last October and love having our own place... but still haven't gotten the pictures up on the wall. We are close enough to see our grandchildren and delight in watching them grow and develop. Who knew that little tiny children are SO smart!

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## Emmanuel International Canada

The Canadian Office is located in Stouffville, Ontario. Our building is full of history including being the head office of EI and Training School in the past. Our bridge is also famous and known for being in the movie Anne of Green Gables! Over the years one thing has remained though, The Kitchen Table, it has shared many stories, lunches and tea breaks. This past year our staff has missed this special time and if you have ever visited us, you know that exact table.



Richard McGowan Executive Director, **Pam McGowan** Finance Manager, **Cindy Bates** in Member Care, **Kristy Nowell** Public Engagements Director, **Helen Jones** Donor Relations and our newest member **Amy Maglayo** working in the Finance Office as Donor Services and Receipting Assistant.

Our focus in 2021 is to find new individuals who want to join EIC. We are communicating with Churches to see if they know people who may want to have conversations with EIC. In addition, we want to increase the awareness of what our project countries are doing. Kristy works with the missionaries and field offices to bring these stories to you. We often hear from individuals once a story is shared, thanking us for the update. Here is just one *“A great story of the impact on many lives by something so simple yet so essential. Keep up the great work as an organization”*.

As project requests are sent to the Canadian office, we meet as a project team to review and approve funding requests. Throughout the year, through various appeals and events (like the Gala), monies are raised for the

approved projects. It is through these projects that these stories come to life. We are in discussion on how we might be able to host something, whether in person or on online, this fall. Please pray with us as we have discussions on how best to move forward on this.

We are a small team who jump in to meet the needs of our missionaries and help support other EI offices around the world. It is a blessing to be part of this team and it brings us joy to share Jesus with one another, during every call and interaction with our visitors.

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## Emmanuel International United States



**Mark Abbot**

Emmanuel International Mission (EIM) was established in the United States in June 1978. Officially it is based in Vashon, Washington where the Chairman of the EIM

Board of Directors, **Mark Abbott**, lives. However, in reality it is a virtual office since its office is Mark's dining room table or his laptop at 35,000 feet. EIM is comprised of all volunteers. Virtually all of its administrative fees are used to directly support EI projects worldwide or to raise money to fund EI projects.

Mark's full time job is a captain of an MD-11 flying for FedEx. The Vice Chairman of the EIM Board, **Jim Walter** is also a full time captain flying for FedEx on the Boeing 767. Jim and Mark both

flew in Africa at the same time in the mid-1990's for Air Serv International. The EIM Secretary is **Dave McCauley**. Dave is retired and has been with EI since the 1980's. He is a great source of knowledge for the EIM Board. The EIM Secretary is **Tim Sims**. Tim is a partner at Capin Crouse where he travels the world auditing not-for-profit organizations, many of them mission organizations. Tim is an MK from Zimbabwe. **Don Cressman** is also a EIM board member and is retired. Don and his wife Julie also served with Air Serv International in Africa for many years. One of EIM's most valuable members is our accountant, **Leigh Anne Gravley** who keeps our finances and record-keeping impeccable. She and Tim oversee the annual audit. The EIM board of directors meets virtually since they

are spread out all over the United States. Each year the board holds elections and when necessary, considers additional directors. EIM also serves on the ERRI Board of Directors and the EI Council.

EIM's main mission is to raise funds for EI missionaries and for EI projects

around the world. EI missionaries that are not from the United States are able to raise funds from American donors through EIM. In the near future, EIM is planning to fund the start-up of the IMARIKA-Phase 2 project for EI-Tanzania.

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## Emmanuel International United Kingdom



**Sue Fallon** (middle) is the General Manager of the EIUK office. Originally from the UK, Sue worked for over 20 years at our Headquarters in Stouffville, Ontario just outside Toronto. She co-ordinated our Training School which all our workers attend and was the Finance Administration Assistant at Head Office. She was also Youth Pastor to 4 local churches. In 2005 Sue felt God calling her to return to England to join the UK Team in Chichester. She took up the post of Operations Co-ordinator and was appointed General Manager in 2006.

**Linda Fitzmaurice** (right) is Personal Assistant to General Manager Sue. She is originally from South Africa and has settled in the UK with her husband and son. She started working with EI in 2006.

**Andy Sharpe** (left) is Fundraising Support. Having worked with EI in Tanzania, together with his wife Angela, from 2010 till 2015, he is now helping the EIUK office with funding applications and promotions.

We raise all the funds required for the office in the UK through supporters and a very small administration fee. Andy submits funding requests for larger EI projects and collaborates with all the EI affiliate and project offices to ensure that funds are allocated properly.

Linda updates our website and social media regularly with the latest news and our regular publications, which include a monthly magazine and a prayer diary. You are welcome to subscribe to these from the links on our website.

There are some exciting opportunities available for ministry overseas if you are looking to serve God in new ways. We really want to fill those positions. Could it be you? Or do you know someone? Sue would love to talk to you.

It would be great to share with you in person the great things that God is doing through EI in partnership with churches. If your church, student union, school or other group would like to hear more, do invite us to come.

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