



# the Emmanuel Connection

June 2021

## Focus on: International Board

The International Board has 9 members. Please see previous and following months for the complete board.



### Brian Seim

Brian has served on the Board since 2011 and is currently Secretary. He has been instrumental in guiding the recruitment process for finding Board members. Brian is a missionary serving with SIM. He and his wife Sally have lived in Toronto for 27 years helping churches reach the nations in their neighbourhoods as Champion For Urban Mission for SIM International. In Canada he has helped build a TESL training network to facilitate ESL ministry in local churches; initiated church-based community

centers in cities across Canada; and coached pastors to implement the changes needed to accept immigrants within their fellowships, and into leadership. He is the author of several books on culturally-diverse ministry, including Canada's New Harvest— Helping Churches Touch Newcomers, and Moved with Compassion. In 2013, he released Urban Mission Toolbox and is finishing Still Good News—Closing Communication Gaps Between God's Message and Our Society.

### Sue Fallon

Sue represents EIUK on the International Board. She arrived in Canada in May 1985 to start her three- month training school before serving for a year in Jamaica doing children's work. At the end of her contract in Jamaica, Sue was asked to work with the Training School, a position she ably led with great enthusiasm for ten years. Following that she worked with the finance offices of EI Canada and International. In 2005, Sue was asked to take over the Directorship of the EIUK office, a position she continues to fill. *Sue celebrated 35 years with Emmanuel International in May, 2020. You can read more about her journey with EI on the EIUK website Down to Earth June 2020 publication.*



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## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi will hold a pastor's conference from today till June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
**Philippines:** Our (Ken and Ruth Copsey) training sessions are on hold because of COVID. Pray for a 'relaxing' of travel restriction so we can resume these sessions.
- 2 United States of America:** The EIM group left for Mwanza on May 30<sup>th</sup>: Mark Abbott and his wife Sherry, along with 4 twenty-something year olds who have never been to Africa before. They are visiting EI Tanzania projects in Mwanza for a week. Pray that travel goes smoothly, everyone stays healthy and that no one tests positive during all of the tests required going back and forth.
- 3 Tanzania:** The EIM team arrives in Mwanza, from the USA. Pray for their safe arrival.  
**Uganda:** Please continue to pray for Rev. Patrick Labanya, our Community Health Empowerment coordinator, who had a significant motorcycle accident on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We thank God for protecting his life, but his physical and mental recovery has been slow.
- 4 Tanzania:** The EIM team will visit our Integrated and Entrepreneurship projects. Pray for fruitful visits.  
**Haiti:** Praise God with Emma Jovin, who has had cataracts removed from both eyes. The surgery has been very successful.
- 5 Tanzania:** Today, the EIM team will visit the Strength and Dignity project and reach out to hundreds of kids in Igombe with their Soccer Clinic. Pray for good weather and good ministry time.
- 6 Tanzania:** It is children's day today. The EIM team will join in celebrating this at the Igombe TAG church.
- 7 Tanzania:** Today and tomorrow, the EIM team will be visiting the Health and Bees projects on Kome island. Pray for fruitful visits.  
**South Africa:** Please continue to pray for our Safe house moms. It has been a particularly difficult month with one of the teenaged girls running away for 5 days. She had done that at a previous home and we hoped with Rachel as her mom and girls her age in the home, she would bond with them. Pray the Lord would work in her heart.
- 8 Haiti:** New COVID variants are in Haiti now, so pray for the country as they face this additional challenge.  
**Philippines:** EI Philippines is in the process of handing over responsibilities as Edna Santos retired. Please pray for a smooth transition of leadership.
- 9 United Kingdom:** We are raising awareness and support for Heather Taylor's Pacific Giants Row challenge. She has been battling some very strong winds and stormy seas. Please pray that the seas will calm and that Heather will be able to make progress in the right direction.

- 10 Brazil:** Daniel and Mariana Poquiviqui, Terena missionaries among the Xukuri kariri people, are doing research to find ways to better work with that people. Please pray for wisdom.
- 11 Malawi:** The Living Gospel Evangelistic Church is asking for prayers for the spiritual, moral and knowledge growth of the church in all aspects, for financial breakthrough for the church building construction project and for evangelistic revival over the church catchment area.
- 12 United Kingdom:** Today is the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. Please remember her in prayer; it is her first birthday after losing her husband, Prince Phillip, earlier this year.
- 13 Brazil:** Food distribution in the north of Minas Gerais State is still being carried out. El Brazil is planning the next moves, after the Phase 3 (500 food packages) is finished.
- Haiti:** Praise God for the high schoolers and young adults who are gathering frequently to pray and worship, to hear from God's Word through special speakers. This has been very encouraging.
- 14 Uganda:** This month we are launching Good News Clubs in 6 primary schools, using trained Sunday School teachers to reach out to children in these government schools. Please pray that the schools and students will continue to be receptive.
- 15 Philippines:** The child discipleship classes are on-going all over Mindanao. Pray for protection for all the children attending and their teachers.
- International:** Members of the EI Council are working through the International Bylaws and Policy Manual to update these documents. Please pray for them.
- 16 Tanzania:** Ajery will meet the Kilolo district government engineer in June to go and visit Ibumu village to see the design of a water project, surveyed by Andy Shape.
- 17 United Kingdom:** Sue is meeting virtually today with a group of charities who network to pray together and support each other.
- Brazil:** We praise the Lord for the 18 indigenous students at the Terena Bible School enrolled this year.
- 18 Canada:** We pray and praise with the Maclean family. They have 2 children getting married in July. So, through June the family are busy with wedding preparations and making adjustments to plans according to government directives. Challenging!
- 19 Uganda:** Drusilla, our Discipleship Field Officer, is visiting the 16 churches trained through the Jesus Film ministry in 2020, to provide a refresher training. We are encouraging these churches to conduct door-to-door evangelism, at a time when large-scale film shows are not allowed, and to incorporate these new believers into discussion-based Bible study groups.

- 20 Tanzania:** We have identified the new villages for the IMARIKA project and have started working with them in the preliminary stages. In June we will have a lot of training. Please pray for us.
- 21 Philippines:** Please pray for all the teachers trained to use the children's discipleship materials, that they will be encouraged to begin and continue their classes, in spite of the restrictions.
- 22 International:** Pastor Michael Tesema (International Board) asks for prayer for peaceful elections in Ethiopia. These are imminent although no date has yet been set. Praise for the Berea Leadership Training Center which Pastor Michael has established in Ethiopia, that it is growing with a strong group of teachers and administrators.
- 23 Haiti:** Pharnell is the OEBC mission Director. Please pray for him. The schools are struggling with finances for teachers and pastors. In the current unrest, parents are struggling to pay school fees.
- Philippines:** We would appreciate prayers for the financial needs of ERRP.
- 24 South Africa:** Living Hope Bible Church enjoyed a camp at the end of April, after forgoing this blessing for more than 2 years. The turnout was nearly 60% of the church and we enjoyed special fellowship and time around God's word. We also had 6 baptisms at the camp pool, with Danielle being one of the candidates. It was a blessing for Don to baptize his own daughter as she made a public profession of faith and desire to walk with Christ.
- 25 Canada:** The EIC office is exploring different avenues to contact people in trying to find new candidates. Pray for this strategy.
- 26 Philippines:** We are in the process of selecting new board members and would appreciate your prayer for guidance about who to select.
- 27 South Africa:** The Safe House ministry is running at about 50% of its operating capacity. Please pray for this financial situation. It is sometimes topped up with year-end and one-time donations. The lockdowns have not helped with fund-raising plans and we also appreciate that a few of our donors have been restricted financially by the lockdown. Pray that the Lord would link a few like-minded partners with this ministry that He has entrusted us with.
- 28 Canada:** The 2020/2021 school year will be ending today for high schools and tomorrow for primary schools. It has been a difficult year with some online and some in person learning. Please pray that students will be able to return to school in person in September.
- 29 Philippines:** Pray for all the people who received Bibles, that the Holy Spirit will be their teacher and their guide.
- 30 International:** We thank God for our International Board and for their wisdom as we work together to follow God's leading for our EI Countries.
- Malawi:** EBCM will hold their Annual General Meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held on this day.