



the Emmanuel Connection

July 2021

Focus on: International Board

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



Fred Silva

Fred represents Brazil on the International Board. Fred and his wife, Carla, have served with Emmanuel International in Brazil since December 1979. He first felt God's call to missions six years previously. Fred says in his testimony, *"After I finished Bible School, my leader at Youth For Christ (YFC) said that it was time for us to start something. A few days after we had that talk, he called me to the YFC office, where I met Ken Decker, a missionary who knew George*

Middleton and the EI philosophy. He heard there was a youth group that wanted to do missions in a very different way and came to Belo to meet us. When Ken started to talk about Emmanuel International, it was like music to my ears. That was exactly what I had dreamed about. Further contacts were made with EI and Brazil was then approved to be a project country." Fred continues as Director of Missão Emanuel do Brasil (MEB/EI Brazil). You can read more about Fred's journey with EI on the EIUK website *Down to Earth* July 2020 publication.

Dr Dixie Maluwa Banda

Dixie represents EI Malawi on the International Board, and is seen here with his wife Mary. Dixie is chairman of the EI Malawi Board, one of the first Board members since its affiliation in 2006. A professor at the University of Malawi, Dixie teaches English as well as psychology. He is an Elder in the Zomba Baptist Church and a frequent inspirational speaker for national youth conferences and at the University church services. Over his tenure as professor at the University, he has twice served the government of Malawi as the Tertiary Education Director.



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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 International:** Heather Taylor had to abandon her second attempt at a Pacific row. Thank God that she has arrived back on main land safely. Pray for Heather as she winds up the arrangements, and also that people will continue to support her fundraising. She has endured a lot, 40 days on the water, and though the row had ended, the needs she is raising funds for has not!
- 2 Canada:** Please pray for the two MacLean family weddings: one today and another on July 31st. Pray for both couples to know the presence of Christ and the blessing of community in a unique way on those days!
- 3 Tanzania:** The Ewing family are starting their travel to the UK today. Please pray for them.
Malawi: Pastor Maxwell Ngulande asks for prayer for Living Gospel Evangelistic Church (LIGEC), one of our partner churches. Please pray for growth of the Church and all its branches, and that God provides leaders (elders & deacons) that are faithful and committed.
- 4 South Africa:** SA has been put into lockdown level 4 at the end of June. There are to be no public gatherings or church so pray as we make the adjustments and move our plans for the next couple weeks.
- 5 Philippines:** We would appreciate your prayers for the processing of ERRP's government papers.
- 6 Brazil:** Pastor Daniel and Mariana Poquiviqui are Terena indigenous missionaries among the Xukuri kariri ethnic group in Brazil. They're working together with the leadership to respond to some of the immediate needs, such as food packages, tutoring classes for the children, and pure clean water for the community. Please pray for wisdom and resources.
- 7 Tanzania:** Today Joel and Elisha will be meeting with partner church leaders to discuss our current projects.
Philippines: We know some pastors and Christian workers who have COVID. Pray for them and all patients for healing. Pray for financial provision and protection for their families, too.
- 8 International:** The International office will be having a Board meeting in July. Pray for unity and wisdom for the Board.
Tanzania: The IMARIKA project will have core training in two new villages in July. May God help them to do well.
- 9 South Africa:** The winter rains are here and are beginning to flood out the low areas in Masiphumelele township. There are thousands of people in the area known as the 'wetlands' so it will take a community effort to shelter them in community centres and churches until the water recedes. Please pray for these people. Our Safe Houses are on higher ground so we are not affected as badly.

- 10 Uganda:** Uganda is facing a new wave of COVID driven by the Delta variant. The current lockdown lasts until the end of July, and may be extended. This time it is much more severe, and has affected many - including relatives of our staff. During this lockdown most work has been suspended, but churches are still holding small Bible study groups and as an office we are still meeting with small groups to raise awareness about the global mission of the church. Please pray for these small groups, for safety and effectiveness.
- 11 Tanzania:** The Strength and Dignity project will be starting back up in July after a school holiday.
Philippines: We know some pastors and Christian workers who have COVID. Pray for them and all patients for healing. Pray for financial provision and protection for their families, too.
- 12 Canada:** Kristy will be taking 2 weeks off from today to spend with her family. Pray for a restful time with Mark and the boys.
Malawi: Ask for God's divine intervention in Church building for the mission Church as well as strong families embraced in agape love for one another.
- 13 Uganda:** Thank you for praying for Michael and Marianne Botting, after the passing of Marianne's father in June. Today Marianne is returning back to Uganda. Please pray for safe travels, especially with COVID restrictions on travel.
- 14 Brazil:** Thousands of poor families are struggling in the north of Minas Gerais State in Brazil because of the pandemic. El Brazil is planning another food distribution in the area. Our goal is to provide food for the poorest among the poor, and also show God's love to them. Prayer for that is welcome.
- 15 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean will teach at two locations in the coming year: pray for the revision of the Romans course and the completion of the Hebrews course.
Philippines: Students are in their last month of school. It has been such a challenge for all our sponsored students this school year but pray they all finish well.
- 16 South Africa:** We are looking for a new house mother for House 1. Rachel Madolo has announced that she would like to retire at the end of the year. Rachel was our first house mom and has served faithfully for the past 11 years. The transition will be very difficult for the children, especially the younger ones who know Rachel only as 'mom'. Rachel has agreed to stay on until we find a suitable house-mom and then have a month overlap for the children to bond with the new mother. This is new territory for us so we covet your prayers.
- 17 Tanzania:** We thank God that we have received good news: the donors have agreed to provide financial support for the water project in Ibumu village. Please pray for God to bless this work to have a great success.
- 18 Philippines:** Please pray for the continuity of ERRP's projects in the current situation.
- 19 Tanzania:** Each week Edward and Joshua will be continuing to rotate from church to church in Tanga, introducing themselves and EI. Pray for safe travel and solid relationships to be built.
- 20 United Kingdom:** Sue will be interviewed today by a new Charity Radio station about the work of Emmanuel International.

- 21 Philippines:** Pray for all the recipients of our Old and New Cebuano Bibles. At least three pastors are still able to move around to distribute this precious cargo to those thirsty for the Word of God. Pray for protection for these pastors as they travel. Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance for the readers.
- 22 Haiti:** Many schools and churches are in a difficult position due to chronic political violent clashes (referendum and election pending), social unrest due to kidnappings and gang violence, increase in COVID cases due to variants and devastating increase in inflations: the government turned to Haiti's Central Bank for money, which sparked a devaluation of the Haitian gourde and led to a spike in inflation. This spike among other systematic social issues is contributing to social unrest. Inflation is estimated at almost 22.95%. Due to these challenges and crises in Haiti, please keep various communities in prayer. Please pray for pastors, teachers, principals, various administrative staff, students, families and church members.
- 23 Philippines:** We need God's guidance on weekly Bible studies, every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Brazil: The Terena Bible School activities continue in this pandemic time. We praise the Lord for his care for the 18 indigenous students and the Bible School leadership.
- 24 International:** Continue to pray for members of the EI Council through the process of updating critical organizational documents, the Bylaws and the Policy Manual.
- 25 Philippines:** As people are being vaccinated, please pray that they will have no adverse effects from the COVID vaccine.
- 26 United States of America:** We give thanks to God for a successful short term mission trip to Mwanza, Tanzania last month. It was a great experience. Mark Abbott's wife, Sherry, tested positive for COVID in Zanzibar and though she had no symptoms, she had to quarantine while the rest of the team returned home. Liza, another team member, had contracted an e-coli infection but is fully recovered.
- 27 International:** Periodically, requests for other countries for partnership are received by the International office. Pray for wisdom to know the Lord's leading in these requests.
Philippines: Praise God that several children's classes are ongoing despite the lockdown in various parts of Mindanao. Pray for protection for both the teachers and their students.
- 28 South Africa:** As a praise item, the Safe Houses have received brand new computers and internet connection dongles from an organization called Home From Home. The children and house moms are now able to study from home more effectively and to learn the basics of PC computing.
- 29 Malawi:** We are developing a Faith & Science conference tailored to youth, which we hope will take place in 2022.
- 30 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is planning to meet today, in person in London, if COVID restrictions allow. It will be great to see the trustees in person again, so we are also planning some social time after the meeting.
- 31 Canada:** We are starting the preparations for the Christmas Catalogue 2021. Many things need to happen to complete the job. Pray as we start the process working with each country to select appropriate projects to feature.