



the Emmanuel Connection

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House mother SA



Meet Beauty Skolanie, a house mother who works at the African Hope Trust Orphan Safe Houses in South Africa, in partnership with Emmanuel International.

Beauty and her Husband Themba joined the Orphan Safe House ministry 3 years ago after being led by the Lord to become involved in vulnerable children's ministry after they discovered from medical tests that they would not be able to have children of their own. The Lord called them to be full-time house parents after

investigating various children's ministries and models. They felt being full-time foster parents to the most vulnerable children would be the best way to minister to them and raise them in a Godly environment.

Beauty has 6 children aged between 3 and 18 years in a home custom built by African Hope Trust so that she has a safe environment where she can provide all the support, nurturing and discipleship the children need.

The best part of Beauty's work is providing a loving and safe environment to children who have come from shocking abuse and neglect. She loves seeing them grow in their love of God and in their trust in her love to them.

Beauty loves being involved in her community church and keeping her house tidy and organized. She admits to being a neat freak!

Beauty also loves socializing with many of the young ladies in Masiphumelele township and helps to mentor and counsel many of these 'mom's to be.'

Please pray for us every day in February!

- 1 Canada:** In the words of F. Buechner, "Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need." Please pray that God will bring called "need meeting" people to the EI booth during Missionfest Vancouver from January 30 to February 1. Please pray that God will guide Andre VanWoerden as he connects and talks with people, introducing them to the EI world.
- 2 Uganda:** Please pray for God's protection and good health upon Paul and Anita Bertrand during their travels in February.
Haiti: Please pray for the church construction in Marbial.
- 3 Philippines:** Please pray for safe travels for Pastor Alex Pacis, his wife Rosie and a team from Canada going to serve with short-term mission work in typhoon stricken areas until February 10th. The team left on January 11th. Please pray for Edna Santos as she coordinates the hosting and mobilizing of the team, for the most effective and efficient ministry.
- 4 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Agricultural Project in Mwanza as we harvest the maize and beans this month with the various farmers.
Malawi: Please pray for relief for the flood victims and for funds to come in so that we can assist in a substantial way.
- 5 United Kingdom:** Please pray for Andrew and Miriam Wingfield and their children Ben, Sam and Bethany while they are on home leave: for Andrew and Miriam as they present to various churches and groups, for Ben and Sam in their new school and for Bethany as she does part-time pre-school and some speech therapy.
- 6 EI Mission (USA):** Please offer prayers of rejoicing for the Copsey weddings in the last two months: Kenneth and Jeanette got married in late December and Joanna and Jared in January
Brazil: Pray for Sérgio and Beth Souza, as they need to make some decision about their activities this year.
- 7 South Africa:** Pray for the remaining funds to come in for the renovations to the newest Safe House. We were able to purchase the home for a very good price but need to add on two bedrooms at the back. The total cost is only \$7800/£5150!
- 8 Philippines:** Today Pastor Noel Taban is getting married to his fiancée Early Jen Ortaliz. Please ask God to bless their union and also pray for everyone travelling there, including Alex and Rosie Pacis.

- 9 International Council:** The council is having a Skype meeting today. Please pray that they will have good connections.
- Uganda:** The school year starts this month and it is time for the Pads Ministry to swing into action again. This year we are seeking ways to achieve real sustainability: having the production of pads moving towards a sustainable business and more importantly, trying to find what it takes to persuade parents to pay for their girls needs. Please pray for these issues.
- 10 Tanzania:** Please pray for Tim Monger's Genesis course each Tuesday.
- Brazil:** Pray for Ivan Matos and his desire to get involved with Emmanuel, opening a new site at the Northeast of Brazil.
- 11 South Africa:** Pray for us as we interview potential house moms for the newest Safe House. Our standard is high in the most important area: that she loves the Lord and feels this ministry is a calling, not a job. As we've seen with similar NGO's, the burnout rate is very high if the moms' desire is employment and income.
- 12 Uganda:** Please pray for the translation of the Discipleship lesson into kiSwahili, Kinyarwanda and Kirundi; starting today, February 12.
- 13 Canada:** Please join us in asking God for a favorable response to two of our Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development proposals. One is the Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition proposal for Malawi and the other is for the Philippines, for which the final acceptance date is February 13th at 3:00pm.
- 14 Tanzania:** Pray for Jesca, for complete healing following her complicated delivery and that she will enjoy motherhood. Pray for health and protection for baby Emmanuel.
- 15 Philippines:** Please pray for another \$12500 needed to cover all 20 wells that will supply water for 1,000 families who are being relocated from evacuation centres after more than a year!
- 16 Canada:** Pray for liberty of spirit and helpfulness for Scott Maclean as he functions in the role as host/facilitator for the missionPREP IMPACT course from February 16 - 26. We have 14 adult participants coming from Canada and USA, who are preparing to serve in Cameroon, England, Mexico, Nepal, Russia and Uganda.
- 17 South Africa:** Pray for our visa situation in South Africa. The rules for visas have changed so drastically this year that thousands of people have been denied visas that normally would have qualified. Our application has been in progress for the last 18 months. We would like some closure on this application, no matter the outcome.
- 18 Malawi:** EBCM is in need of a Principle for the Bible School. Please pray for God's provision for His choice of the person for this assignment. The next term starts in April.

- 19 Brazil:** Praise God for the Queixada Church – they have been able to work more on their church building. The dedication is set for March 20 to 22nd.
- 20 Tanzania:** Pray for Ezekiel, continuing to act as Stoves project supervisor while Jesca is on maternity leave. Pray for safety as he travels around to the different Stoves groups in the villages, and that he can be effective as an encourager to the groups.
- 21 United Kingdom:** Today is the EIUK Annual Conference and AGM. It is a new, shorter format. Please pray for a good time of fellowship and sharing.
- 22 Haiti:** Praise God for the new parent for the boys at the Marbial boys home. They are doing a good job with the boys.
- 23 Uganda:** Pray for God's wisdom as the CHE team plans for 2015 and 2016, which will include some strategic changes. Pray as well for the translation of teaching materials, which has proved much harder than anticipated.
- Tanzania:** Pray for Andy and Angela Sharpe, that they can manage the EI houses staff with wisdom, in the WIngfield's absence.
- 24 Tanzania:** Pray for the Ihomasa Water project work as it moves towards completion and hand-over to the newly formed Village Water Users Committee.
- 25 Haiti:** Pray for the Young People's Spiritual Retreat or Youth Camp in February and pray for the speakers who will be addressing the youth.
- 26 Tanzania:** Pray for Bishop Joseph, for good leadership skills and that he can be a godly example, as he leads the Anglican Diocese of Ruaha that EI partners with in Iringa.
- 27 Malawi:** Pray for the Evangelical Baptist Church Malawi (EBCM). This is the year that they will do elections for the 3 key leaders of the EBCM Management team. The elections will take place in August. They have put together a committee to start the process of selecting candidates for the positions of Bishop, General Treasurer and General Secretary. Please pray for God's wisdom
- 28 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Mongers as they explore further how to start a bee project.
- Uganda:** Please intercede for the clergy and the Bishop in the Diocese of Kitgum. A long-standing conflict, which was thought to have been resolved a few months ago, has come once again to a head. Pray that God's will and His ways will permeate this tough situation.