



the Emmanuel Connection

September 2021

Focus on: International Board

The International Board now has 10 members. Please see previous months for the complete board.



Martyn Hartley

Martyn represents EI Canada on the International Board. He came to Canada from England in 1966 and married Jill. They both became Christians in 1972. In 1990, after 27 years in business, Martyn resigned as Vice President of an insurance company to go into ministry with EIC (after Jill joined EI in 1989). Both worked in the Canadian Office until 1992. He joined SEND International in July 1992 as Director of Donor Relations. In 1997 Martyn and Jill moved to Sichuan, China

where they taught modern day sheep farming to the Yi minority and also English. From 1999 until he retired from SEND in December 2015, God entrusted him with a unique ministry to evangelize and minister to Chinese people in Diaspora. He is now teaching English at a local church and ESL tutoring of Assyrian refugee families. Martyn brings with him a passion for sharing Jesus cross-culturally. Within the Canadian and International Boards, Martyn is consistently advocating for the welfare of those serving with EI around the world.

Regina Wang

Regina is the newest member of the International Board, having joined on July 30, 2021. Raised in the Philippines, Regina's schooling includes a BA in English, a TESOL qualification and a certificate in Administrative Assistance. Her work experience includes Campus Evangelism and a TESOL trainer in the Philippines, followed by teaching English and an Administrative Assistant post at an international school in East Asia.

She moved to Canada in 2015. She serves with SIM as Director of Mobilization, leading a team of 19 mobilizers across Canada.

She is also a Certified Life Coach with an independent practice in her spare time.

She is mom to 2 children who have been home schooling since the start of the pandemic in 2020. Welcome, Regina, to the Board!



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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Canada:** EIC is raising funds to assist with relief in Haiti after the 7.2 magnitude earthquake at the end of August.
United Kingdom: Sue and Linda plan to return to the office now that the COVID situation is under control in the UK.
- 2 Tanzania:** Theopister and Laura will finish with the next 100 girls at the Igombe Primary School today. Pray for the girls as they will have a two week break after that.
- 3 Uganda:** We are holding interviews today to hire a new bookkeeper. Please pray for the right person to grow our office!
United Kingdom: Andy Sharpe and Chris Parrott are returning to the UK today after a month in Iringa, helping the team and doing the surveying of the Ibumu water project. Please pray for safe travels.
- 4 Haiti:** We seek God's mercy and grace over Haiti after the recent earthquake. Our partner churches have not been directly affected, but they are reaching out to help those in need. Please carry them in prayer.
- 5 United States of America:** Don Cressman has just finished his first course of chemo treatment. Please pray as he starts his next round of chemo treatment soon.
Philippines: 45 churches in Mindanao received around 2,500 children's discipleship materials. Please pray as they begin to use them in their own areas.
- 6 Tanzania:** This week (6-10th) and next week (13-17th) the Integrated Environment Renewal Project will be hosting seminars on Agriculture, Livestock, VICOBA and Entrepreneurship.
- 7 United States of America:** Mark Abbott's brother-in-law Wade Witherspoon is in hospital with Cryptococcus, an invasive fungus that is especially associated with those with weak immune systems. Wade recently was treated for chronic lymphocytic leukaemia which weakened his immune system. Please pray that the antifungal treatment kills off the infection and that Wade's brain will be healed!
- 8 South Africa:** Thank you for continuing to pray for a new House Mother to fill the very big shoes that Rachel will be leaving behind. The most important criteria is that the candidate loves the Lord and has placed her trust in Him so that she will serve Him in this difficult calling, rather than serve a boss in a job. The work is difficult but if they feel called and do it unto the Lord, the success rate will be better and God will be glorified.
- 9 Philippines:** Pray for Nasrudin as he leads the group in marriage and parenting classes, the Kitab (Biblical) way.
Canada: We thank the Lord for a new part-time EIC employee, Allan Bowers, who is joining us as a Fundraiser, starting in September. His focus is on Alberta.
- 10 United States of America:** Mark's mother, Jo Ann has been in a severe dementia group home for 3 years now and just turned 90 years old. She does not know who anyone is any longer. Mom is not eating much at all and her body is shutting down. Please pray that throughout this process Jo Ann is kept comfortable as she is approaching her time to be with her Lord.

- 11 South Africa:** Please continue to pray for the political situation in South Africa. Although it is not making international headlines, there are still concerns locally about the potential for country wide rioting by those who orchestrated the first round. The success of the chaos and looting with so few arrests has emboldened the political agitators. Chaos is good for business if your business is tyrannical governing. Pray that sound minds would prevail and that the authorities will be prepared.
- 12 International:** Praise God for His guidance as we continue to review and rewrite El's Bylaws and the Policy Manual. Pray for continued unity throughout this process. The next step will be for all the Directors to review these revisions with their Boards.
- 13 Uganda:** In August we supported 100 pastors and their families with food items, whilst also training them in a simple Bible study method. This month we are working with them to help them start Bible study groups and train other Bible study group leaders.
- 14 Tanzania:** The water project in Ibumu village is in the preliminary stages. In September there will be a lot of work to do that will involve the villagers. Please pray for Ajery who will be managing this work.
- 15 International:** Pray for our world-wide prayer times each month as we gather together wherever we are via ZOOM to meet before God's throne of grace.
Tanzania: Emmanuel will continue talking and teaching about SATO toilets in market places and dispensaries throughout the month.
- 16 Philippines:** Over 100 pastors and Sunday School teachers attended a Zoom training session held by Ken and Ruth Copsey in August. Pray that they will be challenged to teach creatively and that more children will come to know the Lord as their Saviour.
- 17 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira is the leader of the Uniedas Church, a group of 38 Terena indigenous churches and 10 mission fields in other indigenous nations in Brazil. Please pray for wisdom as he leads the Uniedas Church.
- 18 Haiti:** Our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda continues to seek God's guidance for a strategic plan they have been working on.
- 19 Malawi:** Pastor Maxwell Ngulande of our partner church, Living Gospel Evangelistic Church, asks for prayer for growth of the Church in all aspects, including spiritual and moral growth of ministries. Please pray for God's grace upon the newly established Church branch at Mayela and for a financial breakthrough and resources for building the Mission Church at Makawa.
- 20 Tanzania:** The Kome bees group will be having a tree planting seminar around the 20-24th of September.
Philippines: Six young people have recently been baptised. Pray for them as they continue their journey of faith. Pray for protection and for growth in their spiritual lives.
- 21 Haiti:** Please pray God's mercy over Haiti during this dangerous time when gangs seem to be ruling the streets and are creating challenges for relief assistance to reach those in need.

- 22 Philippines:** Pray for the on-going children's discipleship classes in areas with less COVID restrictions but pray even more for those classes who were ordered to stop meeting due to the pandemic. Pray for protection for teachers and students and the new graduates of these classes. Please pray that the teachers can follow them up as they continue to grow in the Lord.
- 23 South Africa:** Danielle is waiting for her visa so that she can apply for a drivers license. This is one of the requirements for the Paramedic courses that she will begin in October. She is being allowed to finish the academic part without a license but for her practical later in the year she will need it. Nathan and Rachel are also waiting for their visas.
- 24 Uganda:** At the beginning of 2021 our Child Discipleship ministry trained parents how to disciple their children, but Uganda's second COVID-19 lockdown prevented us from following them up. This month we plan to visit all of the churches, to encourage the parents and see their progress.
- 25 Philippines:** Our ministry among the Muslims is still on-going but now being facilitated by our partners in the field and some of the Muslim Background Believers. Pray as they begin to reach out to other Muslims in the area as they use the health booklets we produced in their dialect as an entry point to teach health and sanitation.
- 26 International:** Many of our countries around the world are nearing the end of this fiscal year. Ask God to open our eyes to what He is accomplishing and wants to accomplish through EI.
- 27 South Africa:** We have been blessed with many donations of clothes and shoes for the Safe Houses during the rainy season! The children's cupboards are full and they have loads of warm clothes to choose from. It's been a wet and cold rainy season and we look forward to summer in the next couple months. The department of education has just announced that school holidays in October have been cancelled so the students can catch up on their lockdown missed days. We understand the decision but feel bad for the children who will miss some beach and down-time.
- 28 Brazil:** Ninheira and Morro Alegre Projects involve almost 200 hundred children and teenagers. These include tutoring classes, sports, music, etc. Spiritual support is a component in all the projects. Pray that the children would come to know God and see His love through the life and testimony of the project leaders.
- 29 Canada:** We are preparing for the online ZOOM event that is planned for October 16, 2021. Pray for good participation and for God's Spirit to speak to our hearts as we praise Him for His work around the world through EIC.
- 30 Tanzania:** The EI Mwanza team will be teaching Church and Transformation at the north Mwanza church planting school from today till 4th October.