



# the Emmanuel Connection

November 2021

## Focus on: International Council

The Director of each of EI's 10 countries is a member of the EI Council. It is this Council that runs the affairs of EI and informs the Board for their governance.

### Antonio Caballero (EI Philippines)



**Where were you born and raised?** Philippines

**Your favourite childhood memory:** Playing tennis with my brothers.

**When and where did you meet Jesus?** December 1989 (at home)

**Are you married? Children?** Married to Nona Caballero. We have 2 children: Kirstine Jean (married) and Kenno Jan.

**Your favorite pastime:** Taking care of our garden while listening to music.

**Your favourite Bible verse:** Proverbs 3:5-6

**When did you start working with EI?** 2010

**Something special about the country you are working in:** People are resilient and we have religious freedom.

**A word of encouragement for the rest of us:** "Our goal should be to increase our standard of giving, not our standard of living." Paolo Punzalan

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

- 1 Canada:** Laura Kelly is on home leave in Moncton, NS. Pray for God's refreshment for her in every way.  
**United States of America:** Don Cressman found that none of the treatments were working and he has been approved for an experimental treatment. He had a platelet transfusion last month and then received the great news his haemoglobin had gone up to 8.9, after being anointed in one of the church services. Please pray it will get over 10, as that is one of the MDF cancer markers to indicate potential longevity. Please also continue to pray for his wife Julie.
- 2 Tanzania:** Today the Integrated project is starting a tree planting seminar that will carry on till the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will also be having VICOBA seminars during the month of November. Please pray for receptive hearts.  
**United Kingdom:** Chris Parrott is giving feedback about his trip to Tanzania. Sue and Linda are going to support him and hear his presentation.
- 3 Canada:** Anita Bertrand passed away from COVID last month. Please carry Paul, Michael and CherrybAnn in your prayers. Paul is continuing to recover from COVID. Pray for his healing. Pray for strength and comfort as he makes plans for his furlough to Canada to be with Michael and Cherry Ann.  
**Tanzania:** Today the executive committee of EITZ will be having a meeting to plan the agenda for the AGM.
- 4 International:** The International Board is meeting today. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance and continued unity among the Board members. As the governing body for the whole of EI, their responsibility is great.
- 5 South Africa:** Beauty is taking 2 weeks holiday in the Eastern Cape starting in November. She does not enjoy the travel as the roads in that part of the country are very dangerous. She has asked that we pray for safety and that she would have a blessed time with her family in her village near Aliwal North.
- 6 Canada:** Ken and Ruth Copsey are making arrangements for their journey to California on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Pray for them and for all of us to help them find accommodation and a vehicle for their time in the Toronto area in March 2022. Pray as they continue to hand over responsibilities to team workers and clearing out their home of many years.
- 7 Tanzania:** The purchasing of pipes for Ibumu water project is being followed up. Please pray for a smooth process.

- 8 South Africa:** We are glad to welcome a new child into Florida's home. Iminathi is a 6 year old girl who has been in 'the system' for many months and is now able to settle with Florida in her 'forever home'. We look forward to getting to know her better and welcoming her as part of the family.
- 9 International:** The EI family is meeting via zoom today. Please pray for good internet connections.
- 10 Tanzania:** Please pray for Joel all month as he will be working at getting phase two going on the church planting school in Sengerema.
- 11 South Africa:** Danielle is starting her Paramedic course in November. She has written 5 pre-course exams already and feeling well prepared, but still a bit nervous. Pray also that her visa would come through so she can begin working on her driver's licence. Do also pray for the other outstanding visa for Nathan and Rachel. Their appeal has been with Home Affairs for over a year so we're hoping for a positive outcome.
- 12 Tanzania:** Joshua and Edward will be spending most of the month collecting data and writing project proposals (concept notes) for the Tanga office. Pray God gives them wisdom which direction they should go.
- 13 Uganda:** Drusilla, our Jesus Film ministry field officer, is busy following up the groups trained in 2019 and holding refresher trainings for the groups trained in 2020. This work has been slow, because of on-again off-again COVID restrictions, but we are seeing fruit. Please pray that it will be completed in the month of November.
- 14 Brazil:** Águas Formosas Day Care Center has started In-door soccer classes for boys and Karate classes for girls. Our prayer is that the classes would be a great chance to share with the students about God and His love.
- 15 Uganda:** This month we hope to start renovating the EI house in Pader, which was destroyed by a fire in 2018. This renovation work is part of our vision for growing the ministry in Uganda, as it will allow us to host visitors and trainers.
- 16 Tanzania:** Joel will travel to Iringa for the AGM, along with Emmanuel, around the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safe roads driving there and back.
- 17 Tanzania:** Emmanuel will officially transfer from Mwanza (the Health & Sanitation project) to Iringa (the Imarika project) today. Please pray for a smooth transition for him. He will be a big blessing to the Imarika project.
- 18 Canada:** EIC is having a board meeting today.

- 19 Uganda:** In August we trained 100 pastors in a simple Bible study method, to help them adapt their ministries to COVID restrictions. Over the past two months we have seen 144 Bible study groups start, with almost 650 people. We thank God for this progress, and pray that the work will be multiplied as group members are encouraged to start their own Bible study groups.
- Tanzania:** The EITZ AGM will take place today. Please pray for a productive meeting.
- 20 Tanzania:** It is important for the beekeeping groups on Kome that the hives colonize. Please pray for this to happen.
- 21 Brazil:** Pastor Laucídio and Nanci Jorge are the Terena Bible School leaders. They are suffering with some health issues and need our prayers.
- 22 Tanzania:** We are planning the hygiene and sanitation training to the villagers in Ibumu and would appreciate your prayer.
- 23 Malawi:** Please join us in prayer for complete eradication of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 24 Canada:** Richard and Kristy are having meetings with donors to give an update on some of the projects they are supporting.
- 25 Philippines:** Tonton and Nona Caballero are continuing to develop in their role with the work of EI Philippines. Please pray for wisdom and direction as they do this.
- 26 International:** Good progress is being made on the revisions of the Bylaws and the Policy Manual for the organization. Thank you for your continued prayers through this process.
- 27 Haiti:** Daniel Jovin has a demanding job as Headmaster in Canada, and he is overseeing the work of EI in Haiti with the help of Phanell. Please pray for them as they manage this in the midst of a pandemic and their response to the earthquake.
- 28 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board is meeting on 3 December. Please pray for our preparations for the meeting and for safe travels for all on the day.
- 29 Malawi and Tanzania:** Both countries need good rains and ask that you pray for the blessing of rain on their crops and fields.
- 30 South Africa:** We are planning year-end events and Christmas parties for the Safe House ministry. The children are looking forward to joining 3 other Safe Houses in the Peninsula for an outdoor celebration and gift-giving. They've missed getting together and finally the SA government has granted permission for large gatherings. Pray that the logistics would come together and that it would be a blessed time for all the children.