



the Emmanuel Connection

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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.



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Where were you born and raised?
Butte, Montana USA.

Your favourite childhood memory:
Riding bikes on long summer nights with my Dad.

When and where did you meet Jesus?
At home as a young child with my parents. Later at a youth conference in Colorado at 17 years old.

Are you married? Children? Samantha (Wife) Hephzibah 11, Ethan 4, and Coen 16 months.

Your favourite pastime: Classic Films.

Your favourite Bible verse: Psalm 139:1-18

When did you start working with EI?

2016.

Something special about the country you are working in: Tanzanite a precious gem stone which was discovered in Tanzania and is only found in Tanzania. If you ever visit you should buy some here.

A word of encouragement for the rest of us: Being a part of EI has helped me grow my faith in vast ways. It has challenged me to dive deeper into the meaning of various scriptures and has challenged my worldview, especially in the awareness of holistic mission. I would encourage everyone to study holistic mission and what it means to be a holistic man/woman created by God.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 South Africa:** Our Board Member Letson Kamwama was travelling to Malawi to accompany his niece who had a back injury and couldn't work in SA any longer. After they arrived she developed a lung infection and then had a cardiac arrest. She passed away 3 days after arriving home. Pray for the family and for safe travels for Letson as he returns to SA.
- 2 International:** Paul and Helen Jones will be in the UK from today till March 24. They are looking forward to being a part of EIUK's AGM, meeting with the EIUK Board and reconnecting with EI alumni.
- 3 Haiti:** Martinez and Emma Jovin are in Haiti right now and will be returning to the USA the middle of March. They travelled to Haiti as they felt they needed to be there as well as to renew their passport. Please pray for safety traveling back to the USA and while they are in Haiti. Daniel will also be driving to Florida to assist with their return.
- 4 Brazil:** L, an indigenous leader on the mission field, made a public commitment to follow Jesus. We praise the Lord for that, and pray for the discipleship that will start soon.
- 5 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Conference and AGM is taking place in person today, the first time after the pandemic. Please pray for safe travels for all and a fruitful time of sharing about EI's work. We are very happy that Paul and Helen Jones (ERRI Director), Richard and Pam McGowan (Canadian Director) and Andrew Khoo (EIUK Alumnus) can travel from overseas to join us.
- 6 International:** Today the EIUK Board and staff will meet with Paul and Helen Jones and Richard and Pam McGowan. It is a great blessing to be able to meet together in person.
- 7 Tanzania:** From today till 12 March all 3 offices of EITZ will be meeting together in Dodoma for our retreat. Our theme is "Restoration". We will be having a guest speaker: Dr. Ole. He grew up in a pagan Masai family and was lead to the Lord by a Tanzanian missionary. He later was educated in the USA receiving his PHD and pastored a church there for 8 years before returning to Tanzania to pastor. He will be ministering to us in the mornings and teaching us on missions in the afternoons. Prayer for safe travels as we all go to Dodoma and for a refreshing time.
- 8 South Africa:** Danielle is preparing for her internship in Mexico as a Paramedic. The Training College has a partnership with two NGOs in Mexico and Danielle is hoping to coordinate with two other graduates and travel with them.

- 9 Canada:** Richard and Pam are returning from the UK today. Please pray for their safe travels.
- 10 Tanzania:** The Ibumu water project is progressing well. The storage tank is being constructed and the hygiene and sanitation training at the secondary school is ongoing. Thank you for your prayers.
- 11 Brazil:** El Brazil has partnered with ELC, a leadership training agency. The first session will take place from today to the 13th, for 15 Uniedas indigenous leaders. Pray for a blessed learning and sharing time.
- 12 International:** International is working together with EIC to develop presentations to churches and youth groups, Bible schools and similar venues to share the urgency of Jesus' commission and to encourage participation with Emmanuel International. Pray for those who are working on these presentations and for those we will be meeting with.
- 13 South Africa:** Our ministry vehicle served us well for 12 years but has been sitting at the garage for weeks, waiting for a water pump. The cost of repairs for this 7 seater is getting uneconomical and we are hoping to buy a better used one this year. Please pray for funds to replace the vehicle.
- 14 Malawi:** COVID and its variants are still an issue. Please pray that it will be completely eradicated.
- 15 Philippines:** Tonton Caballero is involved in the Typhoon Rai relief program. Please pray for his trips to the affected areas.
- 16 Tanzania:** Rachel Monger will arrive and spend a few weeks with the team here checking up on the Kome bee project and the Upendo wa Mama group. Prayer she arrives safely and enjoys here time here.
- 17 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is travelling to Canada today. She plans to visit her supporting church and supporters during her time there.
- 18 International:** The EI Council and the International office are beginning the work of developing an organizational strategic plan. Pray for wisdom.
- 19 Tanzania:** In the IMARIKA project, we thank God that the seminar activities in the new villages Izazi and Migoli are progressing well. We have also started a relationship with the new village of Mbigili.
- 20 South Africa:** Our new Safe House mom, Kungeka, is finding her feet in her calling to this ministry. She's adjusted well but finding the pace a bit more than expected, so pray for strength, wisdom and long-suffering with the children.

- 21 Uganda:** We are looking for new ministry partners and opportunities and we are talking to a potential partner organization in the West Nile region of Uganda, and also meeting with two like-minded organizations to explore the possibility of working together or using their ministry materials.
- 22 Canada:** The EIC AGM will be held today.
- 23 Tanzania:** We have started with Entrepreneurship in the Health project. Please pray as we work with the community leaders and await their feedback.
- 24 International:** Paul and Helen Jones will be returning to Canada today. Please pray for safe and smooth travels for them.
- 25 Uganda:** Our Community Health Empowerment ministry in Uganda recently reached 10 years, and we're working with our partner church to conduct a review and discuss the way forward. Last month we met with the people implementing the ministry on the ground, and this month we will be meeting with the church leadership. Please pray for good discussions and for wisdom for our future plans.
- 26 Malawi:** There are cyclones hitting the Indian Ocean. Please pray that they would not have a negative effect on our country.
- 27 Canada:** Praise that we have received our signed copy of the Audited Statement. Thankful for another completed audit.
- 28 South Africa:** Our church, Living Hope Bible church, has outgrown our current venue at a local community hall and are looking for a larger space. Pray for an affordable venue in the same area of Cape Town.
- 29 Philippines:** We are in need of funding for field testing of our Bible translation project for the Kolibugan dialect. This is where the translators meet with villagers to share portions of the Bible and determine if it is easy to understand and that the context is clear to the listeners/readers.
- 30 Tanzania:** Construction on the church planting school is continuing. Please pray for this project.
- 31 Uganda:** Last month we recruited a new Child Discipleship field officer, to replace Concy who is following God's leading into a new ministry opportunity. Please pray for their orientation and integration into the team! Their first activity will be helping us to celebrate the graduation of 12 churches, whose Sunday School ministries are now self-sustaining and ready for handover.