



# the Emmanuel Connection

May 2022

## 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?**

Thornton, Liverpool UK

**Your favourite childhood memory:**

Playing on the beach

**When and where did you meet Jesus?**

When I was 14 at a school outreach meeting organised by the Christian Union.

**Are you married? Children?**

No

**Your favorite pastime:**

Tough to decide between walking and volleyball.

**Your favourite Bible verse:** Psalm 139

**When did you start working with EI?** 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1985

**Something special about the country you are working in:**

It's a beautiful country!

**A word of encouragement for the rest of us:** Have confidence that God knows each of us completely and loves us and cares for us.

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

- 1 South Africa:** Please do pray also for our Leadership Conference at Living Hope Bible Church. It's the last week of April into May and we've had a very good response from other churches in the area to attend. The theme is Biblical model of Leadership and Faithfully Applying the Word of Truth.
- 2 Uganda:** We are holding a four day refresher training for Sunday School teachers from today till the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with nine churches, to help their children's ministries become self sustaining. We will also be training teachers from five schools which have Good News Clubs.  
**Canada:** EIC has a Board meeting today. We welcome our new Board Member Sheila Reid to her first full meeting.
- 3 International:** The EI Council are embarking on developing the Strategic Plan for the organization.  
**Tanzania:** The IMARIKA project is still waiting to hear from the community leaders of Migoli and Mbigili about dates for the agreement meeting with the villagers that will begin the relationship for IMARIKA activities. Please pray for us so that this does not take a long time
- 4 United States of America:** Please continue to pray for Don, Sherry's Mom and my, Mark's, Mom. Sherry is filling out the application for an assisted living home for her Mom that is nearby so praying that they will accept her Mom to stay there.
- 5 South Africa:** Our prayer request for a newer vehicle has been answered... but not in the way we had anticipated. The parts for the 7 Seater Chevrolet finally arrived and our water pump was replaced! Two days later our family car broke a timing chain which has bent the valves and is sitting at the same garage. The parts will take 21 days to arrive and cost will be close to \$4,000. It's cheaper than buying another car so we had to accept the quote. God is good, even in the challenging times!
- 6 Canada:** Please continue to keep both EIC and EI MW in your prayers as they finalize the submission of the GAC Malawi project proposal on Sexual and Gender-based Violence. It is due no later than May 11<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- 7 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey's main supporting church in Toronto, the CABC, will have their Mission's month this May. Pray for the Missions seminar "Where in the world is CABC in missions?" today. All the home-grown and sent missionaries of CABC are in the country at this time so we see it as God's special gift for the church. Ken and Ruth will also participate by being part of the panel, teaching a few Cebuano words and phrases and sharing a local delicacy for lunch. Pray that it will be well attended and that people would know more about the ministries CABC is supporting.
- 8 Uganda:** Today we are excited that two Ugandan missionaries are going to North Eastern Uganda to begin their preparation for Bible translation and church planting among the Ik people! Please pray for their travel, and for the next six months of training.

- 9 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey will share about their ministry and speak at two services today. Pray that people will be encouraged by what the Lord has done all these years and that some may respond to the call for missions.
- Tanzania:** The Mwanza Team will have a full day session today on project management.
- 10 South Africa:** We have upcoming meetings between our Safe House partner Home from Home and the Department of Social Development. We are signing a Memorandum of Understanding for the next couple of years and there are some policy changes that change the way we work with both entities. Pray for wisdom and discernment.
- 11 Canada:** Kentro (previously CCRDA, a network of Christian missions) is having an in-person conference from today till the 13<sup>th</sup>. Pray for fruitful conversations and networking.
- 12 International:** We are asking the Lord to lead 12 new missionaries to work with EI this year. Would you please join us and pray for the ones that God is speaking to, that they will hear His voice and respond.
- 13 Tanzania:** Today is Distribution Day! Theopister, Esther and Laura will be distributing dignity kits to all Grade 10's at Bugogwa Secondary School. Please pray these girls will retain the biblical and menstrual health knowledge they've learned.
- 14 Brazil:** The Monte Alegre indigenous village is preparing the soil to plant cassava and beans. Emmanuel International has provided funds for tools and seeds. Please pray for good rains this year.
- 15 Philippines:** We are hoping to purchase a fishing boat for the Pastor and 8 households of their community for their livelihood. Their source of income used to be the cashew plantation which was destroyed by typhoon Odette in December last year. We need more or less P200 000 for it. Please pray that we receive these funds. Please also pray that the Bureau of Plant Industry will give us seeds to distribute to this same community as a further source of income or livelihood. There are more or less 100 households for each tribe in 8 different areas.
- 16 Malawi:** We pray for the peace that we have to continue.
- Haiti:** Please pray for God to raise the needed leadership for the country. The gangs are getting stronger, even to the point where they are fighting each other for territory. The police force is very, very small in a population of 14 million. They need a solution to the gangs before there can even be a thought of a new government leadership. There seems to be no will for international involvement by countries around the world so please pray for those who should be assisting to step forward to help the country find stability.
- 17 South Africa:** Our church is still looking for a larger affordable venue so please pray that God would have something for us in our general area.
- 18 Tanzania:** All the beekeeping groups will be harvesting honey this month. Pray for a bountiful harvest.

- 19 Haiti:** Daniel Jovin is very busy at the school in Canada that he is in charge of, as can be expected! It is a good school year nonetheless. Please pray for Daniel as he also is the contact for EI in Haiti. Please also pray for Phanell in Haiti.
- 20 Tanzania:** Our goal is to have everything in the construction on the church planting school finished by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.
- 21 Philippines:** Leyte is an area badly hit by the last typhoon named Agaton, with 156 deaths and many still missing. Please pray that we are able to help.
- 22 International:** The International office is contacting churches in the area to discuss God's mission and how together we are filling Jesus' command. Please pray with us for this.
- 23 Tanzania:** Please remember each of the 4 new entrepreneurship groups in your prayers. They have all just received their loans and will be starting their businesses.
- 24 Malawi:** Please pray for Gender Based Violence to stop.
- 25 Uganda:** EIUganda is participating in a mission conference from today till the 28<sup>th</sup>, where like-minded churches and agencies will be discussing how to help the church in Uganda create pathways for Ugandan missionaries. Please pray for wisdom and strong partnerships.
- 26 Tanzania:** Simon and Laura are thankful for the hard work being done on the WASH project in Igombe! Teams have been working hard to repair toilets, build septic tanks, converting rooms into girls changing rooms, and more. Thank you for your continued prayers!
- 27 Philippines:** One of the places we helped in Bohol, in Pitogo island, keeps asking for a medical mission. Please pray that we will be able to go back to provide this.
- 28 Haiti:** With the country's insecurity, medical facilities are not able to function effectively. Produce has to go by air or by ship to move around the country; the roads are so unsafe because of the gangs. This insecurity affects the church family. The rural areas are doing better in the current situation as they are continuing to meet together as individual small congregations but they are no longer able to have large gatherings. They are coping for now but have been in this sort of isolated position for a couple of years. If this continues for a year or two more, it may be too much for the church to sustain. They need fellowship with each other.
- 29 Brazil:** Uniedas Church, a group of 40 indigenous churches and 10 mission fields among other ethnic groups in Brazil will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. Let's praise the Lord for them and pray for the details of the 3 day celebration activities.
- 30 Tanzania:** In the health project they will start health lessons in new project villages. Please pray for them.
- 31 Haiti:** The in country situation has had a devastating effect on schooling, especially in the cities. Teachers are afraid to travel so schools are not operating. Again, in the rural areas, it is not quite so bad but with power outages, lack of supplies and resources, every facet of life is affected.