



# 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.

## Richard McGowan (EI Canada)



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

Born in Halifax Nova Scotia, went to England at age 6 until age 20.

**Your favourite childhood memory:** Playing football on Saturday mornings for the Boys' Brigade with my friends.

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

I made a decision to follow Jesus at a Billy Graham crusade in London in 1967. I hadn't met Pam at that time, but she also was at the Billy Graham Crusade, in the choir. My Mum and my older brother Peter were also in the choir.

**Are you married? Children?** Married Pam in 1971. We have 4 grown and married children Gary

(married to Michelle), Kristy (married to Mark Nowell; Kristy also works at EIC), Kevin (married to Nhung) and Angela (married to Adam Driscoll) We also have 10 grandchildren.

**Your favorite pastime:** Watching Football (from England).

**Your favourite Bible verse:** Proverbs 1 :7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. I used this verse for the Bible Game that we produced in the 80's. The Bible Game was a Bible Trivia game and we sold about 50,000 altogether.

**When did you start working with EI?** My first connection with EI was through Bob Black in 1979 when he asked me to do some printing for EI. After we sold our printing business in 1981, we then joined EI full time. I was with the Canadian office in Public Relations for 2 years before returning to the business world. I returned to EICanada in January 2009 as the Executive Director (for 1 year!). I am still there and loving it!

**Something special about the country you are working in:** Basketball was invented in Canada. Canada has more lakes than any other country in the world, the longest coastline and the longest international border.

**A word of encouragement for the rest of us:** I look forward to travelling again and sharing a cup of coffee with you and being encouraged by the work that each of you is accomplishing.

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

- 1 Tanzania:** The Kwetu project officially launches today and has many activities to complete in the first month. On the 6<sup>th</sup>, Judith will begin searching for the master trainers. Pray she finds the right people. Additionally, with the Kwetu staff we'll be working on group formation and training. Simon will also be busy setting up the containers and getting them delivered to the project sites. Pray for wisdom for the whole team as they get this project launched.  
**United Kingdom:** We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from tomorrow until Sunday. We give thanks for her reign and her Christian faith. The office will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2 International:** Paul and Helen Jones, with friends Graham and Barb Foster, are travelling to Southern Africa today. They will be visiting projects in Malawi and South Africa on this trip.  
**Tanzania:** Bhatendi will be working with the Malya and Ngudu beekeeping groups on their harvest. The hives and been checked and we determined that early June will be best to harvest. Pray for a good harvest.
- 3 Canada:** Kristy will be on vacation the first week of June. Please pray for a restful week.  
**Tanzania:** In the Strength and Dignity project Theopister and Esther will be teaching Form 1 girls at Bugogwa Secondar (Session #2). Pray for a good session.
- 4 Canada:** Richard McGowan is travelling to Tanzania today till 16 June to visit the Mwanza team and to join in the celebration opening of the new Bible school there. He is travelling with Ziggy Wiebe. Pray for safe travels and good fellowship through their time there.
- 5 Tanzania:** In June the farmers of Iringa region will be working to harvest their crops, even though many farmers do not have good crops due to low rainfall.
- 6 Tanzania:** Richard and Ziggy will be visiting the Strength and Dignity project in Igombe with Joel, Aikande and Laura. Pray for a good visit!  
**South Africa:** Thank you for your prayers for the partnership meeting we had with Home from Home and the Department of Social Development. The meetings went well and in our favor for most of the concerns, which will help us operate with more independence and internal policies.
- 7 Tanzania:** Richard and Ziggy will be visiting the Integrated Environmental Renewal Project in Mabuki. Pray for safe travels. Pray for Peter as he prepares and potentially will travel in the month of June to research goats for this component of the project.
- 8 International:** We of Emmanuel International are asking God to send to us 12 new workers for His kingdom this year. Will you pray with us that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers.  
**Tanzania:** Justina will be carrying on with the Kome island beekeeping groups, specifically setting up the new group. They will begin with signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the church then start with training. Pray for Justina as she sets up this new group.

- 9 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee Maclean are teaching two intensive classes on Romans and Hebrews in Ubwenzi in the Chilonga area for June and July. They have to relocate, packing their blankets and buckets, as they have to take the basics for the time they are there.
- 10 South Africa:** Do please pray for Florida's health. She's been having difficulty with her arm again after the blood clot a couple years ago. She is on blood thinners and we hope that will help with the numbness and help prevent any future clots.
- Tanzania:** In the Strength and Dignity project Theopister and Esther are to teach Form 1 girls at Bugogwa Secondar (Session #3). Pray for another good seminar.
- 11 Canada:** EIC will be hosting another online auction mid June. Please pray we can gather the items and information needed to make it a success and be able to raise funds for projects around the EI world.
- Tanzania:** Today the four new entrepreneurship groups in south Mwanza will have their second entrepreneurship seminar. Elisha will be teaching this seminar with church leaders from the project department. Also Richard and Ziggy will get to join in for a bit!
- 12 Tanzania:** Today Richard and Ziggy will visit one of the Kwetu project sites at Katunguru and attend church there. Pray for their visit.
- Uganda:** We are organizing and hosting the Kairos course in Pader, with a focus on key church leaders, from today till the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that these leaders will catch God's vision for cross-cultural missions, and be able to lead their churches with an eye towards the nations.
- 13 Tanzania:** Today is the opening ceremony for West Mwanza Church Planting school. This is a very big day for EITZ, EIC, and our partner church the Tanzania Assemblies of God. Pray for good weather, that the vision of church planting and holistically training pastors be communicated clearly and for the vision to be cast.
- 14 Tanzania:** Pray for Elisha during the month of June as he will be doing monitoring and evaluation with each of the entrepreneurship groups.
- 15 United Kingdom:** Sue has a Group of 6 meeting today, a group of 6 small charities who meet together to support and pray for each other.
- 16 Brazil:** The Monte Alegre village families are very happy with the cassava, corn and beans crops. Prayers for some more rain and a good harvest are more than welcome.
- 17 Tanzania:** In the Strength and Dignity project it will be Distribution Day at Bugogwa Secondary (Form 1 girls). Pray for the girls as they get to go home with their dignity kits.
- 18 South Africa:** A member of our church has informed us that the hall we are in will be potentially put up for sale by the City of Cape Town or long-term lease. If we are able to put in a purchase bid, we will be able to stay in the community we minister to and then make alterations to extend the main worship area. It's an exciting development and potential answer to prayer.
- 19 Uganda:** In the Pads ministry we are experimenting with new teaching materials. Please pray that we will find the right resources, as we seek to expand our teaching of the girls to better encourage and equip them.

- 20 Canada:** Scott is back in Malawi and Lorilee flies to Toronto today, returning to Malawi on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Continue to pray for safe travels, for class preparations and for continued care plans for Lorilee's Dad, Don Scott.  
**Tanzania:** Today Theopister comes to EITZ Office for Project Management Training with Laura.
- 21 Uganda:** This month the Jesus Film ministry is holding handover ceremonies for our older Bible study groups. We desire to see Bible reading and study sustainably incorporated into the life of these churches, as we begin to plan for the next round of churches to be trained.
- 22 Tanzania:** In the Health for Development project, two groups (Ifunda and Mbuyuni) will complete the first round of VICOPA this month.  
**Malawi:** We pray for all those who don't have sufficient food.
- 23 Haiti:** We would appreciate your prayers for our partner church in Haiti, for the team working with Phanell in Haiti and for Daniel Jovin in Canada.
- 24 Brazil:** From today till June 26<sup>th</sup>, Uniedas Indigenous Church will hold a leadership seminar on Authentic Leadership, in partnership with Equip Leadership Canada, for Terena pastors and church leaders.  
**Tanzania:** We are planning to have a big celebration (all 4 schools) to celebrate all that the Lord has done through the Strength and Dignity project as it comes to completion. Pray for a good celebration and for wisdom as we are finalizing the proposal on the next phase of this project.
- 25 Malawi:** Lorilee is working with primary school teachers to develop various resources to improve numeracy and literacy outcomes. She is working on a comprehensive phonetic reader for Chichewa which we hope will become a useful tool in primary schools in the future.
- 26 South Africa:** Please do keep Danielle in your prayers. Her plans for joining a group in Mexico for her Paramedic hours has been an exercise in patience (not patients yet) but she's hoping to finalize the journey and host families soon.
- 27 International:** The International office, together with all of EI's country directors, are working together in the beginning stages of our next Strategic Plan. Please pray for God's wisdom, unity and direction through the months ahead in this endeavour.
- 28 Philippines:** "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Please pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. As the work in reaching children and youth for Christ expands, we need more teachers and follow-up workers.
- 29 International:** We are thankful for all our staff around the world. We thank God for their faithful work.
- 30 Malawi:** We pray for good governance.