



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Drucilla Achola



Who am I?

My name is Drusilla Achola. I was born in Lira in Northern Uganda, and I have worked with EIUganda as the Jesus Film ministry field officer since March 2021. After university I served for two years as a missionary with Global Link Afrika (GLA), in West Nile and in Karamoja. I joined EIUganda after learning about EI from a fellow GLA missionary.

How do I feel about my work?

I find my work very exciting. I truly believe God has placed me here at this time for a purpose. I enjoy how my work lets me interact with people and learn from them: how they do their ministry and worship together. I especially love seeing how people share and respond in the Bible study groups.

What impact have I seen?

I think the most encouraging impact I have seen is the ripple effect. We have taught people, but they have also shared with others and produced more disciples.

Hobbies

I love reading, poetry, dancing and singing.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1** **Canada:** Today is Canada Day, a bank holiday, so the EIC office will be closed.
Tanzania: The Strength and Dignity team will have a planning meeting today.
- 2** **South Africa:** Praise the Lord for both cars now back on the road after weeks of repairs and parts delays. We're also thankful for the extra driver in the family as Danielle has become our 'uber' for many of the errands mom and dad used to have. Such a blessing.
Tanzania: Today Elisha will be doing discipleship with an entrepreneurship group.
- 3** **Malawi:** We pray for good governance.
Tanzania: The beekeeping team will be doing the beekeeping basics seminar with the Nyakasasa group on Kome island. Later this month they will also teach hive building and hanging in this village. Please also pray as the beekeeping team continues with honey harvesting in other villages.
- 4** **Brazil:** Praise the Lord for the EQUIP program that ministered for 25 Terena pastors and Church leaders. It was a time to learn and reflect on 'being, instead of doing'.
- 5** **Tanzania:** The Strength and Dignity team will be preparing the phase 3 end celebration. Also, from today till the 10th, Peter will be traveling to Morogoro to purchase goats and lambs for the IERP.
- 6** **Tanzania:** The Strength and Dignity team will take part in teachers training at the Igombe primary school.
- 7** **Uganda:** We are continuing to grow partnerships with churches in the West Nile region of Uganda, and also linking the Diocese of Northern Uganda and the Diocese of Kitgum with unreached areas in the Diocese of Madi and West Nile. Please pray that these partnerships and relationships will continue to grow.
- 8** **Tanzania:** Today will be the big celebration day for the Strength and Dignity project in Igombe.
Philippines: Praise God for the 4 tribal churches in Palawan that we (Tonton and Nona Caballero) visited. They continue to meet every Sunday and are very happy to be using the Bibles that we distributed. We also gave them vegetable seeds so they can start providing for their own livelihood.
- 9** **Tanzania:** The KWETU team will be finishing baseline surveys in all 3 villages, later to be followed up with core training. The team will be working with Thrive International in the first set of training.
- 10** **South Africa:** Thank you for your prayers regarding our meeting with our facilitation partner, Home from Home. During one of the workshops it became clear that several other 'affiliates' shared some of our concerns with their upcoming policy changes and so they have agreed to go back to revisit some of the demands and expectations in the partnerships. I know this sounds like vague NGO speak, but we will have more information when we circle back.
Tanzania: During the month of July the IERP team will be showing the Jesus film in 3 of the project villages.

- 11 Philippines:** At the Marabuhay water project, we have these activities upcoming: construction of the storage tank, organization of the community for a water committee and the tree planting activity around the water source as soon as the rainy season begins. Please pray for our water project and our team working on it. Pray for strength and patience for Omega and Dian as they work with the villagers in finishing this project. Pray that we can see people not only receiving clean water but also rejoicing in Jesus, the living water.
- 12 International:** Paul and Helen Jones are travelling by road to Malawi; they will be in Malawi from today till 25 July and are very much looking forward to meeting with Charles, the Board, the staff and the partner churches. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus' love in word and deed.
- 13 Tanzania:** The Strength and Dignity team will take part in teachers training at the Kisundi primary school.
- Philippines:** Pastor Abelardo Calaripio, known by his members as Pastor Billy, has a colostomy and is paralyzed from the waist down. He and his wife, who was injured during the typhoon in December, continue to shepherd their church. Both of them are in wheelchairs. He needs a study Bible and Bibles for the members. They also need opportunities for their members to create an income.
- 14 Tanzania:** In the Health program we will be conducting health lessons in new project villages. Also pray for the groups that completed their VICOBA rounds as they are starting their new rounds in this project.
- 15 Tanzania:** Elisha will be doing discipleship with an entrepreneurship group.
- South Africa:** One of our teen girls has special needs and is about 5 years behind in her schooling. We were very blessed to have a special vocational school accept her across the city but we have recently discovered she has been skipping school with a friend that is influencing her in a very negative way.
- 16 Uganda:** Today we are finishing a MissionMode training at University Community Church in Gulu. Please pray that this training will impact the students and open doors to mobilize for missions on the Gulu University campus.
- 17 South Africa:** We (the church) have another conference weekend today and tomorrow. We're blessed to have Karl Hargrove of The Masters Seminary passing through Cape Town to Johannesburg and he'll be ministering to the church on both days with lessons on leadership and servanthip.
- 18 Philippines:** Pastor Jerry Laraya continues to pastor his church even if their church was totally destroyed by the typhoon. His wife is sick and very weak. Pastor Ramon Banez is helping them. They need cement flooring for their church because that's where the members sleep on Saturday nights so they can worship together the next day. Members live in the mountains.
- 19 Tanzania:** The team in Tanga asks for prayer for safe journeys from home to villages. They are establishing the project in 3 villages. Please also pray for their families and relatives.
- Canada:** Kristy and family will be travelling to California for a vacation from today till 30 July. Please pray for rest and safety as they travel.

- 20 Tanzania:** The Strength and Dignity team will take part in teachers training at the Bugogwa Secondary school. Also today, Elisha will be doing discipleship with an entrepreneurship group.
- 21 International:** Thank you for praying with us for the 12 new missionaries that we are trusting God to bring to join us, the EI Family... wherever in the world they come from!
- 22 Uganda:** Our financial year ends in June, so please pray for us as we prepare the financial accounts and reporting for the Board of Directors and the Ugandan NGO Bureau.
- 23 Brazil:** Águas Formosas Day Care Center classes have been a great opportunity to bless not only the children and teenagers, but also their families. Pray for the team involved in all the activities.
- 24 Tanzania:** The IERP team is doing VICOBA training in two of the villages this month. Elisha will also be doing VICOBA training with the Halwego Entrepreneurship group.
- 25 Philippines:** We need more doors to open for training in the use of our children's discipleship materials in Mindanao now that the restrictions have been eased.
- 26 Malawi:** We pray for an improvement in the economy.
Haiti: Pharnell and the team will appreciate your prayers as they continue their work while the country is still in such turmoil.
- 27 South Africa:** Danielle has finally received more news from the Global Medical Projects in Mexico and it looks like they can accommodate her in August! She's now waiting confirmation from her fellow graduate in the UK so they can finalize travel plans and accommodation.
- 28 Philippines:** Pastor Ricky dela Cruz is the head Pastor of the tribal churches. Pray for a good catch as we were able to help him purchase a fishing boat. It will help 8 families from their church.
- 29 South Africa:** We (the church) are still looking for a larger venue. We're at the difficult stage as a church where we're too poor to build or buy, but growing too fast for our current venue. We are blessed to have a growing building fund but pray we could find an interim venue that will accommodate our girth while gentle on our wallet. The Lord has blessed us with such spiritual maturity in the Saints beyond what we've ever anticipated. Praise Him.
- 30 Tanzania:** Elisha will again be doing discipleship with an entrepreneurship group.
- 31 International:** Pray with us as we launch into the Strategic Plan process. Please pray for those who will be spearheading this endeavour.
United Kingdom: Sue, Andy and Linda in their various roles are working on new ways of engaging with people and will appreciate your prayers.