



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on : Kungeka Madolo

Kungeka is a House Mother at the Safe Houses in South Africa. African Hope Trust is EI SA's partner in this project.



Kungeka Madolo joined the Safe House ministry of Emmanuel International South Africa in 2021. She is the eldest daughter of our very first Safe House mother, Rachel Madolo who retired at the end of last year.

Kungeka fills some very big shoes and some little hearts after Rachel retired from the role after 11 years of raising the children as her own. But the children feel they are still part of 'the family', as Kungeka had been called 'aunty' from her frequent visits to Rachel and the children over the years.

Kungeka is the mother of 2 grown children and had previously worked in early childhood education at a local creche, which she studied for at False Bay College, many years prior. So, we are spoiled to have someone with this experience which has been a blessing, not only to the children in her home, but to the children in the other homes where she helps them with reading and maths.

Kungeka enjoys singing on the worship team at her local church, tutoring young children, visiting her family in the Eastern Cape during holidays and playing with her grandchildren who also live in Masiphumelele.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Uganda:** In November and December of last year, we began to prepare 16 churches to host a presentation of the Jesus Film in their communities, including follow-up with new believers and an eight month chronological Bible study. This month we will start showing the film, as the dry season makes transport and open-air events much easier.
- 2 Tanzania:** This month we will be starting new project villages in the Iringa region. Please pray for us as we are looking at churches to work with.
Malawi: The President has called a Public Health Emergency after an outbreak of cholera in the country.
- 3 South Africa:** Please pray for the House Moms in the year ahead; that the Lord would continue to bless and encourage them in their ministry role as moms to the Safe House children. Pray that the children would be drawn to the Lord and would have repentant hearts and a desire to live for Him.
- 4 Canada:** We are having conversations with individuals who are interested in long and short-term missionary/internship opportunities with EI. Please continue to pray for all of us as we explore possibilities.
- 5 International:** The EI Council and those working on the Strategic Plan Steering Committee will appreciate your prayers for unity and confidence in God's direction.
- 6 Tanzania:** Fred Silva is travelling to Tanzania today. Please pray for safe and smooth travels.
- 7 Tanzania:** Construction of a latrine block at Ibumu Secondary School is starting. Please pray for this.
Philippines: We thank God for the new set of Board Members. Pray for good working relationships.
- 8 Malawi:** Students will arrive at Chisomo Theological and Vocational Training School today. Pray for Scott and Lorilee MacLean who will begin teaching Romans to this new cohort of students. Pray for the 6 Mozambican students who will attend Chisomo this year. Pray that they will pick up Chichewa quickly (they know it but mostly speak Yao or Lomwe) so that their studies do not suffer. The need for trained church leadership in Mozambique is great, so we hope these leaders will be a great help to their congregations by persevering with their studies.
- 9 Tanzania:** Simon will be in Dodoma for partner church meetings from today until the 13th.
- 10 Tanzania:** Joel Newby and Fred Silva will take the long drive across country to Tanga to visit and encourage the team there. They will visit Tanga from 11 to 15 January.
- 11 Canada:** Please pray for the ongoing process of the audit and that the draft is ready for the EI Canada Board Meeting to review.
Philippines: Tonton and Nona Cabellero would like to attend the Global gathering in June 2023. Please pray for favor for their visa application.

- 12 Brazil:** Praise God for the good start of Águas Formosas women's cooperative. The participants are starting to see the results of their work and are very encouraged.
- Haiti:** There is an outbreak of cholera that is spreading. Gang violence and political turmoil is not helping the situation. Please pray for peace and healing.
- 13 Tanzania:** This month, Theopister, Esther, and Laura will be finishing at Sangabuye Secondary School. They've been there since mid-September teaching all Form 1-4 girls. They are thankful for the girls' attentiveness, excitement, and questions in learning how to care for their changing bodies.
- 14 Philippines:** We are fundraising for our "Fish for Life" project. Please pray for funding so we can build more fishing boats for the poor fishermen in Palawan. Please also pray for a good catch for the 4 sets of fishermen that we are already helping in Palawan.
- 15 Uganda:** This month we plan to hold a training for Sunday School teachers in both churches and schools, as we lay the foundation for expanding the Child Discipleship ministry to new areas in 2023.
- 16 Tanzania:** Fred travels back to Germany either today or tomorrow. Pray for safe travels.
- 17 South Africa:** The Sayers family is asking for prayer: Pray for Danielle and her plans to further her Paramedic studies in Canada; that her results from her FREC 5 (Mexico internship) would be graded and received in time for her application to NAIT in Edmonton. Pray for Hudson as he finishes his last year of school, considers his options for the future and finishes his Scouting Springbok award, which will take lots of effort and time. Pray for Nate as he starts grade 11, continues in Scouts and his music studies and that he would grow closer to the Lord. Pray for Rachel as she continues to home school the boys and fills in as taxi driver for their many appointments. Pray for Don as he continues administration and direction of the Safe Houses, teaches at Living Hope Bible church and leads in Scouts. Pray for wisdom, patience and longsuffering.
- 18 Haiti:** The situation in the country continues to be difficult for churches, including our partner church. Please pray for peace to prevail.
- Malawi:** There are many cases of suicide in the country. Cholera cases are also increasing. Let's pray for God's intervention so that this should come to an end.
- 19 Tanzania:** During the month of January we hope to make a lot of progress on our process of registering as a charity in Tanzania. Please pray it goes smoothly.
- 20 Philippines:** The Maguindanao mothers in Midsayap, where we have our scholarship program, have started a savings club in 2018 with a very small contribution from each member. They have continued saving and some have benefitted from the available money as loans with a small interest rate. This year they would like to start a livelihood project. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they meet to plan for this endeavor.

- 21 Malawi:** It's rainy season in Malawi. Please pray with us for good rains for crops to grow well.
- Philippines:** All our Children's clubs all over Mindanao continue to meet and learn about the Lord. Pray for all the volunteer teachers as they prepare and plan for each session.
- 22 South Africa:** It has been very difficult to keep the operational budget for the Safe Homes funded and some months we've gone into the red. Please pray for an increase in funding for 2023. Pray that the Lord would direct the right people to this ministry.
- 23 Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Cosey want to start this month working with the Indigenous people (IP) in Baroyon or Manobos. Many IPs in Baroyon, where we had the water project and health care training program, do not have birth certificates. Traditional birth attendants do not register the babies or IPs do not understand the need to have one. But this means a significant number of them lack legal access to government benefits like health care, education, and financial services. In schools for instance, children can't enroll without a birth certificate. Pray that we can help as many Manobos get their birth certificates through our partners in the area.
- 24 International:** Pray for the Lord's open doors to share the work of Emmanuel International with those who He is calling to serve with us.
- 25 Malawi:** We pray for the teenagers who are HIV positive.
- 26 Tanzania:** The TURAZIKUJA project in Tanga requires more funding. Please pray that this project will be well funded. We have 3 groups participating at the moment and another 3 groups who plan to join. Please also pray for the progress of the existing groups.
- 27 Brazil:** The Terena Bible School leadership needs prayer as they plan for the next school year, starting in February 2023.
- 28 Canada:** The Global Gathering will take place in Toronto in June 2023. Please continue to pray for those organizing and for those travelling to Toronto to attend. Although the date seems far away, many details, such as visas, need to be addressed in a timely manner.
- 29 Uganda:** The Pads ministry is gearing up for the new school year starting in early February. Our 2022 plans were cut short when the government closed schools early, so we're hoping to quickly roll out our new training curriculum and compare methods of sustainably supplying washable sanitary pads to girls.
- 30 Canada:** EI Canada has a Board meeting scheduled For today. Thank God with us for the members of our Board and for their service with us. Pray that God will be glorified in our discussions.
- International:** Our EI Council members and our Boards are prayerfully reviewing EI guiding documents, the Bylaws and the Policy Manual.
- 31 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Annual General Meeting is taking place on Saturday 11 March 2023. Please pray as we make arrangements and finalise the reports for the AGM.