



Chris' Trip to Tanzania

Where am I going?

Emmanuel International (EI) are a Christian development charity who partner with churches in serving their communities. On the 18th of July I am going to Iringa to visit and stay with the Emmanuel International (EI) team. Then in August I will be travelling to the north west of the country near Tanga to visit some new projects that EI have started.



What will I be doing?

In Iringa I will be working with the EI team as they prepare for the construction of a footbridge to connect two villages either side of the Ruaha river. I will also be visiting the Imarika projects, which are empowering farmers to look after the land through planting trees, setting up community banking groups, and making farming practices more sustainable. All these projects are run through partnerships with local churches.



Seminar on Community Banking near Tanga

El has also started some new projects with a Tanzanian Assemblies of God church near Tanga. These projects are similar to the Imarika project in Iringa and the Strength and Dignity project in Mwanza, which educates and empowers girls to take care of their changing bodies. I will be visiting the Imarika projects near Tanga and learning about how El is partnering with churches to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of majority Muslim communities in Northern Tanzania.

Why am I doing this?

It will be an amazing opportunity to worship with and be encouraged by Christians in Tanzania. I'm sure that I will be inspired by the community development projects that EI are doing. I also want to learn about what it is like living and working in a country like Tanzania, as I am interested in doing a job that involves travelling to places like Tanzania in the future.

How can you support me?

You can pray for me! Here are some things that you pray for:

- Pray that God will help me with preparations for the trip, such as getting vaccinations, organising visas and learning Kiswahili.
- Pray that God will help me learn about Tanzanian culture as I attend an orientation day with EI on the 22nd of April.
- Pray that I will see God at work in the communities I visit in Tanzania and that this will renew and strengthen my faith.
- Pray for the rest of the EI team and the communities they are working with in Tanzania. EI publishes a monthly prayer newsletter that you can sign up to on their [website](http://www.eiuk.org.uk) (www.eiuk.org.uk).

Secondly, I need to raise funds for this trip. You can come along to the fundraising event that I am doing after the service on Sunday 21st May, where I will be doing a quiz and talking more about what I will be doing on the trip. You can also support me financially by donating on the fundraising page that EI have set up on their website: www.eiuk.org.uk/chris-manktelow

Note this incurs an admin fee which you can avoid by donating directly to covering the costs of the trip using the following details: CAF Bank: Emmanuel International Ltd, Sort code 405240, Account 00033722, Reference: Chris Manktelow



Imarika Project in Iringa