



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Susan Adong



My name is Susan Adong, and I am the Bookkeeper for EI Uganda.

I was born in Agago Distict, the district where EI first began its work in Uganda. I am married to my husband, Alfred, who is also an accountant, and we have three boys.

I studied accounting at the diploma level, and I have been working with EI since September 2021. What I love about EI is the social way people live and work,

and the colleagues I work with. Above all I like the leadership of EI.

I love accounting. I love dealing with numbers and balancing the books, and knowing that I am helping my fellow staff and the ministry by making payments and doing my job. I can see that I am making a difference through my work, as EI is doing a lot to help people – especially children.

Hobbies: Singing in the church choir

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Rachel Monger will be in Tanzania for the first 2 weeks of March working on the Upendo wa Mama group and checking up on the Kome beekeeping groups.
International: The International AGM will have been held on February 28, 2023. We thank God for His continued leading and unity with the EI Family.
- 2 Brazil:** The Terena Bible School year starts this month. Pray with us that a good number of indigenous people decide to take the challenge to attend the 3 year course.
Tanzania: Justina, Majaliwa and Rachel Monger will be visiting Kome Island today. Please pray for safe travels.
- 3 Tanzania:** Today and tomorrow we will be having group leaders' seminar from all groups in the Health for Development project. Please remember us in prayer.
- 4 Malawi:** Lorilee MacLean is arriving back in Malawi today. Please pray for travelling mercies.
- 5 Tanzania:** The KWETU final report is due 10th March. Pray for good responses from the donor (FIT) and discernment in how to carry the project forward.
- 6 Philippines:** Ruth Copsey is travelling today, bound for Manila, and then onto Vietnam on the 9th. Pray that the trip would be smooth and that she makes all her connections. It will also be her first time in over 30 years to travel overseas alone.
South Africa: Living Bible Church is looking at 3 potential venues this month. It's a gap-move from our small venue to a larger-but-temporary facility whilst saving towards purchasing our own building. The Lord has been very good to us with the giving and saving towards a permanent facility but we need something to fill the gap as we make our final move.
- 7 Canada:** EIC has their AGM today. Pray for a good meeting, with God's continued unity through EIC and for His glory.
Uganda: In February we asked for prayer for the Jesus Film ministry. We had planned to show the film in 8 communities, as we focus on completing the film shows before the rainy season starts. However, we faced a lot of spiritual opposition, with dates being cancelled and the vehicle breaking down. Please pray for protection and success in March.
- 8 Tanzania:** All the women from IMARIKA plan to attend the National Women's Day celebrations.
International: Paul and Helen Jones are traveling to Brazil today. Praise God for this excellent opportunity to share His goodness face-to-face.
- 9 Brazil:** From today till the 24th Paul and Helen Jones are visiting the EI work in Brazil. Pray for safe trips and good contacts with the partner churches and the EI Brazil people.

- 10 South Africa:** Danielle Sayers has moved to the Edmonton area for her new job at her fiancé's engineering office. She will work for the next 6 months to save up for their wedding in August which will be in South Africa. So, mom and dad will have their girl back for a couple weeks before the wedding... then they begin their life together in Canada.
- 11 United Kingdom:** Today we are holding the EIUK Annual Conference and AGM. Please pray for a good time of worshipping together, hearing about our work and being together as an EIUK family.
- Philippines:** Ruth is doing teacher's training in Vietnam with TMC. Pray for over 20 pastors and Christian workers who plan to attend and be equipped to use our children's discipleship materials. Pray for Paul Bertrand and Lia who will facilitate the training with Ruth.
- 12 Tanzania:** EITZ has submitted various proposals to funders and is waiting to hear their decisions. Please pray for favourable consideration.
- Malawi:** There are 22 students here at Chisomo bible training and carpentry school in Malawi. Please pray that they will grow in their faith.
- 13 Philippines:** The TMC Asia conference is being held in Bali, Indonesia from today till the 18th. Pray for a great time of fellowship, reconnecting with fellow workers and volunteers from all over Asia. Pray for all the delegates, their travels and financial needs.
- Canada:** Kristy and her family will be off spending the week together at home. Pray for a restful week.
- 14 Uganda:** In the Child Discipleship ministry we are finishing the graduation of the 21 churches we have been working with for the past three years. In March we are left with 6 churches. Please pray for these churches as they continue the work.
- Tanzania:** During this month please continue to pray for the new group we have started in the Turazikuja project, particularly as we continue to do group formation.
- 15 Malawi:** We pray for the cholera outbreak to be overcome. So far our staff haven't been affected but they're vulnerable since they are working in the field and may be tempted to consume food they are not sure about. Some of our projects with health workers have been affected in some districts as people are against the vaccine, to the point that the health facilities have been closed.
- 16 Tanzania:** This month Theopister, Esther, and Laura will begin teaching girls at Kisundi Secondary School. They've revamped the practical component of the "Strength & Dignity" project, so please pray for good implementation of this.
- 17 International:** Ben and Mary Sybring, ERRI Board chair, are traveling to Brazil to join Fred and the Jones for the remainder of the MEB program visit. The Sybrings and Jones return on March 24.
- 18 Haiti:** The situation in the country is unchanged. They are experiencing political instability, a rise in gang violence and economic instability. The cholera outbreak is worsening. Please pray for God to bring peace, stability and health to the country.

- 19 International:** Continue to hold the Strategic Planning Steering Committee in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom in our planning for the next 5 years for ERRI.
- South Africa:** Praise the Lord for the Safe Houses passing the Department of Social Development audit. They tested our book-keeping systems, administration, child records and facilities. We had a week to prepare and thankfully passed with flying colours.
- 20 Philippines:** During this month we will visit our jail ministry and another village where we have kids and moms doing Explorers Club.
- 21 Canada:** Kristy is working to gather information for the EI Canada Annual Report, Please pray that it can be completed by the end of March.
- 22 Philippines:** Ken is working on page after page of paperwork in preparation for the interview for Ruth's green card. Pray that Ruth can get all the documents needed to finalize her resident's visa for the USA.
- 23 Malawi:** Lorilee and Scott MacLean will be travelling to Ubwenzi primary school at the end of March, staying for 2 months to teach the book of Hebrews. Pray for good preparations and that it will be helpful for those who God brings.
- 24 Philippines:** Our Club 10:14 volunteers are holding a Planning Retreat today and tomorrow. Pray that most can come and be encouraged to continue the task of reaching out to children in Mindanao.
- 25 Canada:** EI Family members from our various countries are working on visas in order to be able to attend the EI Canada Global Gathering in June 2023.
- 26 Uganda:** We are working on renewing our NGO registration with the Ugandan government, which needs to be done every 5 years. This process is long and involves a lot of paperwork and many different government offices. Please pray for favour as we seek to complete this before May.
- 27 South Africa:** We are looking for a second assistant for the Safe Houses. Andrina, who has been with us for a year, is unable to cope with the physical demands of the position and we need to find someone who can help the moms when they are on leave or running errands with the children.
- 28 United Kingdom:** We are looking at how we can engage with our supporters better. Please pray as we do social media post and outreach, that it will be received well.
- 29 Philippines:** A one-day refresher course for the graduates of Primary Health Care in Baroyon, Cotabato is being hosted today. 22 Manobo moms have expressed their desire to attend. Please pray as Ruth travels to the village. This will be the first time since the pandemic that she will return to the village.
- 30 South Africa:** The support of the Sayers family is currently below 90% and we need to top it up before summer. Pray that it would be done in the Lord's time and that His will be done.
- 31 Tanzania:** Next month we plan to start new two villages in the IMARIKA Project.

Daylight Saving Time : clocks move forward on...

US, Canada, Haiti : 12 March 2023 • UK : 26 March 2023