



the Emmanuel Connection

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Success stories: The Valley of Seeds

Missão Emanuel do Brasil (MEB) is Emmanuel International in Brazil. MEB, together with the Montes Claros 7th Presbyterian Church and Sementes do Vale, are responding to the needs of nearly 200 children and teenagers from five small and very poor communities at Ninheira.



Computer classes

Deep in the heart of Ninheira is a thriving Community Centre: Sementes do Vale, the Valley of Seeds. MEB, through its partner church Montes Claros 7th Presbyterian Church, has been contributing to the outreach of this community center for over 4 years.



Crochet classes

A varied weekly schedule offers computer training, literacy, art classes, robotics classes, music training, guitar lessons, crochet classes, sports such as football, and a library. Smiles and a love for Jesus are happily shared with others!

Nutritious snacks are also provided. To value and care for children and teenagers is a very good way to show them God's love.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Canada:** Canadians are celebrating Canada Day today. Canada is 156 years old. Please pray for safety as families around Canada take time to celebrate.
International: Pray with us for our missionaries who are still on home leave through July, for rest, encouragement and renewal.
- 2 Uganda:** Emily is busy training Child Protection Committees in all of the churches trained earlier this year in the Sunday School ministry. Please pray for the churches to take ownership of their Sunday School ministries, and to see how the church can help children in the community.
- 3 United Kingdom:** Clive Tydeman (Board Chair) and Andy Sharpe (Board member) are visiting the office today to discuss the future planning of EIUK.
Canada: The EICanada Office will be closed for Canada Day.
- 4 International:** The International office is taking some time off in July and are looking forward to a change of pace for a few weeks.
- 5 South Africa:** The Sayers' current visas were approved after sitting for 18 months at the Home Affairs office so they are hoping their new applications will be approved sooner.
- 6 International:** The International office is praising God for the wonderful fellowship of the Global Gathering and the fruitful discussions of the EI Board and Council meetings. God's goodness and answered prayer has been abundant.
- 7 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is meeting via Teams today. Please pray for good connections and a fruitful online meeting.
- 8 Brazil:** Today the Águas Formosas PROPAC Women's cooperative will carry out a special event to sell the products they are making, like fruit sweets and cheese. Pray for a good response from the community.
- 9 Philippines:** We are holding youth camp during the 2nd or 3rd week of July. Pray that all the campers would come away refreshed, not only physically but spiritually as well. Pray for the staff, mostly alumni of our scholarship program, who will facilitate the camp.
Tanzania: The Newbys will be briefly sharing at Mill City Church in Fort Collins, CO today. Pray for safe travels there from Montana and for good connections. We do hope to express EI's need for missionaries as this is a growing church and has many affiliates.
- 10 Uganda:** Milly is in the middle of completing the Pads Ministry training with girls from four primary schools, as we continue our sustainability pilot. This is a key time for the pilot project, as we finish the first phase and prepare to share the results with other schools.

- 11 Philippines:** We are arranging a joint teachers training in the use of our children's discipleship materials for life coaches, policemen and other volunteers in Region 10. Pray for the logistics of doing such a big training.
- 12 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are preparing and updating their class material for Hebrews, which they will begin teaching in August at Chisomo Theological & Vocational Training School.
- 13 Haiti:** The situation in Haiti is heartbreaking. It is not safe to move about or to send money to the country. We are praying for Haiti every Tuesday morning till end August but would appreciate your regular prayers for the country too.
- 14 Brazil:** The Terena Indigenous Church in Dourados has been involved in reaching out to two very poor communities where Guarani and Kaiowá indigenous people live. Emmanuel International Brazil has been discussing a future partnership with the church. We need wisdom to see the best and most effective way to work together.
- 15 United States of America:** Former EIM Chairman Alan Graham's wife, Barbara, has been diagnosed with uterine cancer. She had surgery for it recently but just found out that the cancer is in stage 3 and that it has spread to her lymph nodes. She remains positive and at peace with whatever happens. Both Barbara and Alan are living with their son and his family in San Jose, California. Also pray for Alan as he is dealing with the early stages of Alzheimers.
- 16 Tanzania:** Today the Newbys will be sharing about EI at their home church in Butte, MT. Please pray for a good service.
- 17 Malawi:** People are still in camps after being displaced by Cyclone Freddy. Please continue to pray that they may be able to receive the assistance that they require. Please pray for people who are enduring hardship after the loss of expected harvests due to the cyclone.
- 18 Tanzania:** In July Peter will be doing initial surveys on water well drilling on 4 different sites. Praise God we have received the majority of the funds from Guernsey, please pray for the additional funds to come in.
- 19 United States of America:** Dave Barnwell's monthly immunology treatments for his cancer have been going smoothly and is keeping the cancer at bay.
- 20 Philippines:** We are helping fishermen in Palawan after Typhoon Odette/ Rai. Pray for a good catch for them.
- 21 Tanzania:** The Newbys church will be holding a Missions Night this evening. We are looking forward to it.
- 22 Malawi:** EI Malawi's longstanding church partner, the Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi, is preparing for their 50th anniversary.

- 23 South Africa:** The logistics we need to finalize for Danielle's wedding in August are many - please pray. We look forward to her arriving at the end of this month to help with the last of the details. Pray for her safe travel from Canada.
- 24 Canada:** From today till August 8th Kristy and family will be on vacation. Please pray they have a restful 2 weeks together.
- Tanzania:** The Newbys are meeting up with Mark (EIM chairperson) and Sherri Abbott. We are looking forward to spending the day with them.
- 25 Philippines:** The water refilling station in Bongabon helps youth of the church. Pray that they will earn enough for the allowance and tuition for this coming school year.
- 26 South Africa:** This winter has brought more rain and very cold weather, causing flooding in the informal township of Masiphumelele. Those in the low lying wetlands are now under half a meter of water, affecting about 200 families. Our Safe Homes are on higher ground and so we are not affected yet, though the heavy rain has revealed some weak points on the roof of our 3rd Safe House. This roof has been a challenge from the beginning as it was an existing roof that we repaired and upgraded with waterproofing but the water is finding it's way into one bedroom and the bathroom. We may have to have the shingles replaced.
- 27 Uganda:** Mike, Marianne and Elias Botting are travelling back to Uganda after three months in Canada. We thank God for good connections with churches and supporters, and are praying for a quick adjustment back to school and ministry in Uganda.
- 28 Tanzania:** Elisha and Patrick are working with the new Entrepreneurship groups in South Mwanza. Please pray for them.
- 29 Malawi:** We pray for those who don't have warm clothing during this winter period.
- 30 Haiti:** Our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda, is doing all it can to keep both the girls' home and the boys' home going. Teachers are taking great risks in travelling to teach children. Please keep these brave people in your prayers.

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Philippians 4:6 (MSG)