



the Emmanuel Connection

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Success stories : Umoja Wetu Kising'a group

The IMARIKA group in Kising'a, called Umoja Wetu "Our Unity", showed their love to their community at their meeting earlier this year. They blessed 5 primary school children who are in difficult circumstances as well as elderly people with difficult lives with help. The EI Tanzania staff who were invited to attend the event, shared this:

"We witnessed students wearing school uniforms that were so worn out that there were large holes in them, which made the children feel worthless when they were at school. We thank God that all five students were given one pair of shoes, one shirt, one sweater and the girls were given skirts and the boys were given shorts. This made the children regain the joy and confidence they had lost due to the appearance of their worn clothes."

"The group also helped the elderly who have very difficult lives and do not receive official help. They gave these elderly each 5 kilograms of rice, 3 kilograms of beans and 2 blankets. We saw an old woman who couldn't control herself and started crying and later said that she has never received help; no one has ever thought of helping her. She was touched to the heart to see that a group from her village has remembered her and covered her shame by giving her food and blankets."



Pupils receiving school uniforms



Elderly woman receiving rice and a blanket

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is walking the Wainright's Coast to Coast with Ineke Varcoe. Please pray that they will stay fit and healthy as they walk and enjoy the time they spend together. Dave Varcoe will be providing support for them while also writing. The walk will take 14 days to complete.
Philippines: The school year is ending soon for Nona and Ken; praise God for guidance and wisdom.
- 2 Uganda:** This month we are running two missions courses. At Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College the students are starting their second term, and we are taking the certificate students through the School of Missions Advocacy course. At Christ Central Community Church we are taking church members through the eight week MissionMode course.
- 3 Malawi:** pray for the first phase of the mission training which Patrick & Violet Nabwera will be doing with two communities. Pray for Euwart with El Malawi and the MacLeans who are facilitating this training in various ways. Pray that the seeds for being on mission with God, wherever He has planted it, will find good soil in the hearts of the attendees.
Philippines: Tonton, Nona, Ken and 2 other family members are visiting the UK in June, visiting London, Liverpool and Glasgow. Thank God for this opportunity and pray for safety and good health as they travel.
- 4 Haiti:** Kenyan officials say a deployment of a police peacekeeping force to Haiti is imminent as a shaky political transition is under way in Haiti, and the country's main airport, in Port-au-Prince, recently reopened. Please pray for a non-violent restoration of the peace in Haiti.
- 5 Philippines:** We are having a youth camp from today till the 7th. Please pray that the students would draw closer to God and for the new students to know Jesus as their Savior. Pray for the counselors, too.
- 6 Uganda:** We have faced many challenges with our Jesus Film showings this year, mostly because the rains came much earlier this year, and we still have four film shows left to complete in June. Please pray that we will complete these final Jesus Film shows without being stopped by rain.
- 7 United States of America:** Mark Abbott, former chair of the EIM board, fell from an extension ladder and broke his ankle - the result being a metal plate being inserted and problems with tendons. He and Sherry will have to delay their departure as short term missionaries to Japan until at least August.
- 8 Uganda:** Thank you for praying for our two Sunday School teachers trainings last month! They both finished successfully, and this month we are working with the Sunday School resource people in each denomination to help the local church follow-up with these trained teachers.
- 9 Tanzania:** The schools in Tanzania are closed for the month of June, which gives Theopister, Esther, and Laura lots of time to have discussions on the next phase of the "Strength & Dignity" project. Igombe Christian Center, the local church partner, will be taking more and more responsibility, so please pray for the Lord's wisdom on this.
Brazil: The women who are involved with Águas Formosas cooperative need to see and experience God's love through all the activities PROPAC has for them.

- 10 Canada:** June is often a quiet month for donations. Pray and praise with us for God's continued abundance of ongoing financial needs through the summer months.
- 11 Haiti:** Recent news reported about the fact that people in the country are turning to religion as a response to the situation in the country. Sadly this is not necessarily Christianity. Please pray that people will turn to the living God.
- Canada:** Last year at this time we were looking forward to the Global Gathering that you all prayed for. Wonderful connections were made, relationships renewed which have strengthened bonds through this year.
- 12 Malawi:** The first planning meeting to organize the choir conference which will be held in October this year is taking place. We are excited for the progress made on the choir devotionals as well as the keen interest of the young people in this discipleship effort.
- Philippines:** We are planning a teacher's training and workshop, to be facilitated by our partners in Cagayan de Oro. So far, 13 churches will send at least 3 Sunday school teachers each for the training. Please pray for our trainers. This will be a first for all of them!
- 13 South Africa:** We are glad to report more progress on the Safe House maintenance. House 3 has been repainted with all the cracks filled and the *stoep* (veranda) rebuilt and sealed. The driveway has been rebricked and sealed as well. There was an accident in the house at the end of May where Florida's ceiling drywall fell onto her bed! Thankfully she was not in bed at the time and was unharmed. We realized that incorrect screws had been used for the drywall and so we're in the process of redoing all the bedrooms, which were added to the original house when we purchased it.
- 14 Tanzania:** Simon and Joel's work/residence permits are in process. Please pray they be granted in June.
- International:** We thank God for the Board members that He has brought to us, for their time and prayerful wisdom in guiding EI.
- 15 Malawi:** Lorilee is beginning a ten-week study with a small group of young girls of high school age to address issues related to life as a teenager here in Malawi. Pray for honest conversations, freedom amongst the girls attending, the work of the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts, and for wisdom for Lorilee as she provides counsel in some difficult situations.
- 16 Tanzania:** Please pray for our Memorandum of Understanding with our 3 partners. We are trying to get things moving during the month of June.
- Philippines:** Pray that the fishermen in Palawan will continue to attend church and Bible studies.
- 17 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee are having meaningful discussions with the students studying Romans with them. Their understanding is deepening. Praise God!
- Philippines:** We are thankful that the Bible studies in our village are growing and many unbelievers are starting to ask spiritual questions.
- 18 Haiti:** We continue to pray for Haiti and the situation in the country every Tuesday. Please join with us in prayer.
- 19 Philippines:** This month we will start the primary health care training in Marabuhay. 15 mothers are already enrolled!

- 20 South Africa:** We are happy to report that we have purchased a replacement car for the Safe Homes! We are so pleased! It's a 2017 Toyota Fortuner that has 7 seats and a large cargo capacity! It also has a tow-bar and will serve us well as a people and 'things' mover for years to come. It is a solid 2.8 diesel engine with 2 years warranty remaining from the manufacturer. What a blessing to get into a car and just start and go - no oil and coolant smells to spoil the journey!
- 21 Malawi:** In March this year it was determined that 23 out of 28 districts in Malawi will experience severe food shortage. This is the reality all around us here at Chisomo. The harvest has been limited to non-existent for many. Pray that those in power will find clear ways to support their people and that we will have wisdom to know how to respond to the many needs around us.
- 22 South Africa:** Thank you for your prayers for Rachel as she recovers from her very low iron levels and gets back to strength. She's had nearly every test and scan, yet the cause is still unclear. The most likely is related to her parathyroid tumor several years ago which caused havoc to her mineral levels. Apparently she should have been taking iron after the operation but we were not informed at the time.
- 23 Brazil:** Many of the indigenous students at the Terena Bible School come from far away villages. Pray for good mentoring provided by the school leadership for all their needs.
- Philippines:** We are helping and ministering to farmers. Please pray they will learn to share the carabao that they use in farming with other farmers.
- 24 International:** Please continue to pray for the Directors and staff that are working diligently on various Task Forces, putting into practice the STEP 24-28, EI's strategic plan.
- 25 Haiti:** We are praying for the glory of God to be revealed in Haiti. People have been experiencing gang violence, crime and hunger. Pray for them - also the gang leaders - to seek God.
- 26 South Africa:** The roller coaster of finding a promising venue for our church and then starting again because the deal falls through is exhausting. But we trust in the Lords timing and grace. This past Sunday was particularly challenging with 4 visiting families and so standing room only for many men who gave up their seats. Pray that we would find the right venue soon.
- 27 Malawi:** During this winter season we pray for those who do not have warm clothing.
- United Kingdom:** Sue is in discussion with some people who expressed an interest in working with EI. Please pray as they seek God's will in this.
- 28 Canada:** Praise God with us for the continued care and wisdom of our EI Canada Board members.
- 29 International:** We thank God for each and every person, donor and staff, all of those who contribute as God has called them to be a part of the Kingdom work of EI.
- 30 Malawi:** Scott continues to develop the new Psalms course to be taught in the third term at Chisomo Theological and Vocational Training School.