



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on : Lugano Mbuke



I am Lugano Valentine Mbuke, I know Christ to be my Lord and saviour.

I hold a bachelor degree in Marketing and Entrepreneurship which was the ground for me to enroll as an intern in the Entrepreneurship project in the Mwanza region of Tanzania. However, I got an opportunity to experience other projects as well. During this time I developed more love for mission and serving the community.

I am now serving officially as an Office Administrator, also helping with finance activities, social media and

anything I can get my hands on.

I am happy working with Emmanuel International Tanzania because of what it does and what it delivers to the local communities. I have witnessed and heard testimonies from the communities we serve - it has always cultivated more passion for serving and it is so inspiring seeing the transformations such communities achieve.

Apart from work, I serve Christ as a musician at my church. My other hobby is art, I love making art (portrait pencil sketches).

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Uganda:** - In the first two weeks of July we will be meeting with parents from four schools to talk with them about how we can partner together to provide washable sanitary pads to their girls. We're trying a new approach, where the parents will be asked to contribute towards the cost, and where the schools will use two different approaches for comparison (hand-sewn and tailor-sewn sanitary pads).
- 2 Canada:** Richard and Pam McGowan are travelling to Malawi from today to July 17th. From there they travel to Ireland, via Istanbul, returning to Canada July 28th. Please pray for safety and God's blessing on their way.
- 3 South Africa:** The children are attending holiday camps during the school holidays. They enjoy these retreats so we pray it would be a time of growth and blessing for them.
- 4 Philippines:** Our health teaching is ongoing in Marabuhay where we have our water project. Pray as we encourage former graduates of past Primary Health Care class to take the lead and teach parts of the curriculum.
- 5 Malawi:** We ask for ongoing prayer for students at Chisomo as they learn and grow in their understanding of the riches of their faith.
- 6 Canada:** Amy Maglayo (EIC Finance office) will be away on holiday with her family from today till the 13th. Pray for a refreshing time away for the whole family.
- 7 Tanzania:** We are holding a VICOBA project seminar at Handeni and Msomera. Please pray.
- 8 Tanzania:** Eleanor, our guest from Simon's home church, will be here in Tanzania from today till the 22nd.
- 9 Haiti:** The Kenyan police force is leading a peace keeping mission in Haiti to join with the Haitian police in the fight against organised gangs. Other countries taking part in this mission include The Republic of Bénin, The Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, and Chad. It was supposed to be deployed in June. Please pray for this long delayed peace keeping mission to happen in God's timing and way.
- 10 International:** We are entering our final quarter for this fiscal year. Would you please pray with us for the ongoing work of various Task Forces that are implementing the STEP 24-28 strategic plan. There are a number of foundational parts to the process that are needed to be done in this year.
- 11 Tanzania:** This whole month we expect to conduct the seminar for all hubs for the Kwetu project. Please pray for good attendance and understanding for the participants.

- 12 Uganda:** In May we helped two of our partner churches train Sunday School teachers in more than 30 churches. This month we are helping them to train Child Protection Committees in all of these churches. We're praying that our partner churches will continue to take ownership of this process.
- 13 Philippines:** In the Children's Ministry, please pray for all the new teachers who were trained, that they will be encouraged to start their classes and be faithful. In the last month, over 70 pastors and Sunday school teachers were trained to use our children's discipleship books.
- 14 Tanzania:** Pray for a safe journey from Handeni to Msomera. Also pray for Joel and Laura as they attend the TAG 85th anniversary in Dar es Salaam today.
- 15 International:** Praise God for the faithful participation of our many donors in the work of EI. These partnerships are precious and they glorify God since working together is His design.
- 16 South Africa:** We thank you for your continued prayers for additional financial support for the Safe Homes. We are at about 70% for monthly expenses and are hoping to top this up by the end of the year.
- 17 Tanzania:** The KWETU VICOBA groups are in their final stage of having their shares for year one. Most of them will conduct the process this month.
- 18 South Africa:** Pray for Don's femur. The compound break has healed very well but the fracture at the top of femur near the ball, has not bonded well. The two screws going through the length of that section might be restricting the blood flow. It appears that the ball part of the femur could be dying and might need replacement. We will know more in the next couple of months. A hip replacement at such a young age doesn't sound right... so do pray for a better outcome for Don.
- 19 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board of Trustees is meeting via Teams today. Please pray for good internet connections and a fruitful meeting.
- 20 South Africa:** Hudson has been offered a job opportunity in Canada. A family we know owns a petroleum transport and manufacturing company that would love to have Hudson spend the remainder of his gap year with them. Hudson's been spinning his wheels a bit in SA as he cannot work on his visa and the volunteering at National Sea Rescue hasn't resulted in much time on the boats. So, this is a big step for him; he's excited to make the move even though Canada feels like a foreign country. He'll also be living close to Danielle and Josh which is too perfect. Pray for mom and dad as well, as Hudson departs early August!

- 21 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira, the Terena Church chair, needs prayer and wisdom to deal with the daily challenges in his ministry.
- 22 Brazil:** The Strategic Planning actions need to be incorporated in EI Brazil regular activities. Please pray for the team responsible to put that in place.
- 23 Philippines:** Many pastors have received their Poimen or Shepherd's Bibles. Pray that they can lead their own congregation to have a closer relationship with our Lord.
- 24 Haiti:** Prime Minister Gary Conille formed a new government in June in spite of persistent gang violence. Please pray for the government to be sustained and empowered to deal with the gang violence.
- 25 Canada:** Praise for the newly funded Malawi program, 'Titukule,' addressing problems of gender-based violence and other issues. Representatives from Canada met the team in Malawi in June and were able to plan together the start of this project. Pray for Joella and the Titukule Empower Women project team in Malawi as they prepare the first project documents which are due September 2 2024. There are many parts to the Pre-Implementation Plan work.
- 26 United Kingdom:** We are looking at how to increase awareness of our work so that we can raise more prayer and more funds for our projects and staff. Please pray for us for insight and creativity.
- 27 Malawi:** We are planning a focus on mentoring young men from ages 18-35. David and Sandy Riffel from the US, who head up a ministry called Mentoring Warriors, will be laying the foundation for this focus here in Malawi at the end of August.
- 28 Canada:** Kristy and family will be taking a week off and driving to the States. Please pray for safety on the roads and a refreshing time away.
- 29 International:** Praise God for His grace and protection over EI and for the gift of unity and collaboration that He gives us through His Holy Spirit.
- 30 Uganda:** We are busy preparing for two large conferences later this year: a pastors conference (100 pastors) in early August, and a missions conference (340 people) in early September. Please pray for the many preparations, and for the churches who are helping us to organize them.
- 31 United Kingdom:** Sue is in discussion with a few people who have expressed an interest in working with EI. Please pray as they consider God's will in each case.