



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on : Jayne Chipungu



I have lived in Zomba city since I was born; a very scenic place in Malawi.

I studied Media Studies at Boston College in Lincolnshire in England.

From 2021, I first volunteered with EI Malawi and soon thereafter assumed the position of Communications Officer. My job involves

taking lots of pictures of our community work as I support the programs team to best illustrate the work they do. It is such an amazing working experience, worth waking up to each day.

My life outside EI surrounds living with my Mum; having barbecues and mountain walks with longtime friends. I enjoy reading and watching movies. I also follow the English Premiership League; I am an avid Arsenal supporter.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 South Africa:** Praise the Lord for Hudson's baptism on 21 July! He has been convicted to be baptised and make a public profession of his faith for some months but wanted to be baptised in the church that he grew up in, rather than in Canada. It was a cold single digit day in Cape Town but the saints at Living Hope gathered at a friend's outdoor pool and after his testimony was frozen solid for a few minutes. What a blessing to see your children growing in their trust and love of the Lord.
- 2 Philippines:** Tonton and Nona Caballero are distributing 'backpacks of hope'. Please pray for good weather as they distribute the backpacks (a typhoon is coming as they are on the island).
Canada: Kristy Nowell and family are on vacation until August 11th, enjoying summer activities with each other.
- 3 South Africa:** Please do pray for Hudson as his flight departs to Canada today. His work starts the next month so he'll have a few weeks to find his feet, buy a car and learn how to stop at stop signs... Pray as he makes the most of this gap year and that he will settle into his new church well.
- 4 Tanzania:** In Tanga the staff are journeying to the villages for the Imarika groups today.
South Africa: Living Hope Bible church is moving into our new location today! It's been over a year of searching and the Lord has provided an ideal location which is even more central to the majority of our members. We will be sharing the building with another church and hoping that the logistics around the service times will not be too much of a challenge.
- 5 Tanzania:** Laura is traveling from Mwanza, Tanzania to Vancouver, Canada for her brother's wedding. She's officiating the wedding!
United Kingdom: Bernard Lane (EIUK Board member) is recovering from a complicated operation. Please pray for him and his wife Cathy and family.
- 6 Haiti:** The peacekeeping force in Haiti is 600 strong at the point of writing. There are rumours of unrest in Kenya. Please pray that the country's peacekeeping commitments to Haiti will not be affected. Pray for peace for both Kenya and Haiti.
- 7 Uganda:** We are hosting a team from Bayview Glen Alliance Church in Toronto, from today till the 17th. Please pray for safety in their travels and good opportunities to learn about what God is doing in Northern Uganda.
- 8 Canada:** The final days for submitting the 4-year project plan for the Titukule Azimai project in Malawi (translated locally to mean Empower Women) to Global Affairs Canada is approaching. Please pray for the team as they have been working hard these past 3 months.
- 9 Malawi:** We are holding our second planning meeting for the choir project conference coming up in October. Pray as we prepare to host choir leaders from many districts to talk about worship and the role of the choir in the church and learn how to use the choir devotionals to be distributed to each choir.

- 10 Brazil:** Monte Alegre indigenous village needs our prayers: the last few months have been really challenging for them, with internal and external issues that have affected the village. Please pray for Luciana, the village chief.
- 11 Philippines:** The new school year is opening for all our students. Pray for provision for all their school needs. Pray also for all our coordinators as they meet with the students for tutoring and discipleship.
- 12 Uganda:** Today we expect the arrival of 100 pastors for a three day long pastors' conference. The purpose of the conference is to encourage these pastors and provide them with a forum for sharing their challenges, as they are also encouraged with teaching on the pastoral call and discipleship.
- Tanzania:** From today till the 17th Joel will be attending the partner church general council meetings in Dodoma. Pray for safe travels and good connections, especially with the missions department as we look to implement STEP indicators in sending and receiving missionaries.
- 13 International:** Our ERRI Board meeting is scheduled for today. We pray with thanksgiving for the Board members that God has blessed us with.
- Tanzania:** The Vicoba groups at Handeni receive more training today.
- 14 International:** We plan for the first round of Spiritual Formation Curriculum to be shared throughout EI. We see this as an opportunity to grow in the Lord and in unity for His glory. Please pray for this process.
- 15 Tanzania:** All groups of Emmanuel International Tanzania are meeting together for a general meeting from today till the 17th, organised by the staff tasked with Discipleship in Iringa.
- 16 Brazil:** Carla Silva continues to go through some health exams. The last ones are ok but the cardiologist has asked for a couple more.
- Malawi:** Ewart Tawakali and Chimwemwe Muyala will be returning to Malawi after four weeks of in-depth mission training in Northern Kenya as part of the mission mobilizing efforts of EI Malawi. The training is going well.
- 17 South Africa:** Thank you for your ongoing prayers for Don's femur. The MRI report came back and there is still a gap in the upper femur neck which is preventing bonding to the head. The surgeon was pleased that there isn't any necrosis as first suspected from an earlier x-ray but is still wanting to remove one of the locking screws to allow for greater pressure on the fracture. He's determined to save the head to avoid hip replacement.
- 18 Philippines:** Our translation project for The Mailbox Club is continuing. Pray for patience and perseverance as we desire to translate the discipleship materials the best we can and one that would honor God. Pray for our Tagalog and Cebuano translators and editors Dess, Ruth, Dian and Sheryl.
- Tanzania:** Laura is speaking at her home church in Canada.
- 19 Tanzania:** We are praying for government leadership at Msomera group to participate with us to register the group.

- 20 Malawi:** The students at Chisomo theological and vocational training school where Scott and Lorilee MacLean teach are diving deep into Hebrews as well as learning many other subjects as they enter this third term.
- 21 South Africa:** Two of the children in the safe house where Beauty is mum have become a major concern. They have been skipping school and coming home very late. They have suddenly become very rebellious and she needs prayer for patience and wisdom in disciplining them.
- 22 Philippines:** The health class we started in Marabuhay continues and we would appreciate your continued prayers. A Muslim Background Believer volunteered to teach twice a month. She was a graduate of our Primary Health Care and First Aid training.
- 23 Uganda:** This is a key month for the Acholi Girls' Fairer Future ministry (Pads ministry) as we try to accomplish as much as possible before the end of the second term. We're still having engagement meetings with schools and parents, and we're starting to teach the girls how to sew washable sanitary pads.
- 24 Philippines:** It is typhoon season again here in the Philippines. Pray for the safety of the fishermen while fishing. Please also pray for the fishermen and their families to continue coming to church and Bible studies.
- 25 South Africa:** We thank you for the generosity shown in providing for our ministry car. It has been such a joy and Lord willing will provide many years of reliability!
- 26 Philippines:** It appears that the students are no longer interested in delivering the water for their allowances this coming school year. Please pray for the continuation of the water station.
- 27 Haiti:** The leadership of our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda, welcomes prayer as they make decisions about opening their schools in September. There is fear that this may be the time when violence between the peacekeeping force and the gangs may reach its peak.
- 28 United Kingdom:** There are some people who are exploring opportunities of mission work with EIUK. Please pray as we seek God's will along with them.
- Canada:** Paul Bertrand is undergoing medical procedures with the anticipation of surgery on August 30th.
- 29 Malawi:** David and Sandy Riffel from the US are visiting the MacLeans in Malawi. David will be helping church leadership understand the need for and nuances of godly mentorship as well as hosting a mentoring weekend for young men. Sandy will have the opportunity to teach young girls and mature women how to make jewellery and share her faith journey with them as well.
- 30 Tanzania:** We have submitted funding applications and we are waiting to hear about whether we were successful or not. Please pray with us for these.
- 31 International:** We receive requests for potential partnership from non-EI countries. Please pray for wisdom and discernment that we will know God's direction.