



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus On: Haiti



*El Haiti has been part of the EI family since the early '80s. We partner with the Evangelical Baptiste Bethesda Church (OEBB), led by Pastor Martinez Jovin until he retired in 2015. El Haiti's work is now overseen by his son Daniel, living in Canada.*

“News of Haiti is layered and complex. The challenges are of a scale never experienced before; a downward spiral after the assassination of the president, with financial restraints, high inflation, political unrest, etc.

We are thankful for the EI family for their care, concern and prayers.

In the EI mission, we have seen God's hand: we have not experienced kidnapping or the level of instability/insecurity in the rest of the country. God has kept the mission safe, e.g. when they travel. Four of 8 churches and 2 of the 4 church schools are still functioning. The Reforestation project is continuing, mainly in the Jacmel area. The health clinic, sanitation and small business loan programs are paused. The orphanages are doing well, though experiencing scarcity from time to time.

The church offers hope in God, that God will provide when things get desperate. Some of the churches are still able to meet at times when it is safe. We were able to share some joy in weddings, in the success of national exams as all students who sat passed, and more.”

Daniel Jovin will be joining us online at our Annual Conference and AGM on Saturday 1 March 2025.

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## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 United Kingdom:** We are hosting our Conference and AGM today at St John's Church, Southbourne. We are thankful for the people who are travelling to be with us, some from overseas (Paul Jones, Richard and Pam McGowan from Canada and Stephan from Germany). We are hearing from Tanzania, Brazil, Uganda and Haiti and will spend time praying together for the work of Emmanuel International.  
**Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi has reinstated inter-partner meetings between the church, EI and Liebenzell Mission. Today is the first meeting to promote ongoing communication and coordination of efforts between partners. We praise God for His faithfulness to the EBCM through some very difficult times.
- 2 International:** International office and EIUK will be talking with a member of a family living in Germany who are enquiring about joining EI to work in Tanzania. Your prayer for discussions and for ensuing decisions is much appreciated.  
**United Kingdom:** Sue is speaking at St John's Church, Southbourne about the work of EIUK. We are the church's mission of the month.
- 3 Uganda:** The Pader project vehicle has been giving us some issues for the past year, and we think it might be time for an engine overhaul. However, we need wisdom to know how much to invest in this vehicle, and a good mechanic to do the work.
- 4 Haiti:** We are thankful that Pastor Martinez and Madam Emma Jovin could join us on a virtual meeting last month. It was great to see them. Praise God for his faithful provision for them both.  
**Tanzania:** In the Entrepreneurship project we would appreciate your prayers for the VICOBA groups and their loan repayments.
- 5 South Africa:** Beauty is the house mother of our second Safe Home. She has been going through some very challenging months with 2 older children as well grieving the death of a close aunty. She is considering taking an extended leave but hasn't decided yet. Pray for wisdom and strength in the Lord for Beauty.  
**International:** Paul Jones is leaving the UK for Canada today. Please pray for safe travels.
- 6 South Africa:** Rachel Sayers is holding the ministry together in South Africa as Don and Nathan are in Los Angles for the Shepherds Conference and a tour of Master's University. Nathan is interested in the Engineering Program at Master's but will need to qualify for full scholarships to attend. Don is feeling very blessed by the opportunity to attend the Shepherd's Conference along with about 5000 other expository Preaching Pastors.
- 7 Brazil:** In 2025 the Terena Bible School is receiving new indigenous students from further away villages. Pray for them, as they settle down and enjoy this transition time.  
**Malawi:** The hunger situation in Malawi continues to be serious. We are thankful to have been able to assist close to 500 households over the three distributions we have done. Every little bit counts. Please pray for relief of this situation. We do thank God that the rains are coming down nicely. We hope to diversify in order to harvest other crops other than the staple food maize.
- 8 Tanzania:** We are preparing new groups in the Entrepreneurship project. This intake we will be going to a new area in West Mwanza.

- 9 Canada:** Canada moves into Daylight Savings Time (Spring forward 1 hour). Richard and Pam McGowan are travelling back to Canada today, after having spent some time in the UK.
- 10 Uganda:** The Botting family are renewing their Ugandan work permits, and this time around the process seems very slow. It may already be too late for them to be approved in time, but we're praying that at least an extension will be completed before March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 11 Haiti:** The challenges that Haiti are facing are of a level never experienced before. There has been political turmoil in the country before, but never this level of violence and disregard for life.
- Tanzania:** Pray for continued good health so that it may lead to a better output of projects.
- 12 South Africa:** Praise the Lord that Tamara has now been accepted at Home From Home's 'halfway house' for children that are in post-secondary studies and at an age where they are ready to take that step of independence. Tamara was accepted 2 weeks ago and is loving the independence along with her studies in Finance and Tourism. Pray that she would continue to grow in the Lord and remember the Godly counsel she has received all of these years.
- 13 Philippines:** Ruth Copsey travels to Manila from San Diego. Pray for a safe flight. Also, the annual report fee for Philippine immigration needs to be paid. It is important that this process is completed efficiently, so she can travel to Indonesia on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 14 Malawi:** Lorilee MacLean and her teaching assistants run an afternoon reading club. The kids are keen to learn, and for some of the young boys, if they continue school past Standard 5, they have already surpassed many of their friends in the village who have stopped going to school for various reasons. Pray that their English and Math skills improve.
- 15 Tanzania:** The goat project is ongoing in Tanga. Pray for the animals to grow quickly and stay healthy.
- Brazil:** El Brazil leadership is looking for getting more churches involved with our ministry. Pray for wisdom and open doors.
- 16 Tanzania:** The KWETU project sites are being handed over in March. Please pray for this process and for access to continue with other projects going forward.
- United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is speaking about EIUK at a new church today. Please pray for safe travels and that her message will be well received. We are thankful for Simon, an alumnus, who invited her to speak.
- 17 Malawi:** Praise God for the students at Chisomo Training School where the MacLeans teach. They have committed themselves to this year of growth and discipleship, and many will go on to serve their churches and communities in various capacities. Pray that they continue to be diligent in their studies.
- 18 Philippines:** Ruth and her team partner Lia are attending The Mailbox Club conference in Indonesia from today until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pray for safe travels and a fruitful time with delegates from Asia.
- Haiti:** Very high inflation, difficulty in bringing money into the country, and the inability to safely travel in some areas has made the work of the mission in Haiti difficult. Yet we are thankful for God's faithfulness even in the midst of these difficult circumstances.

- 19 Philippines:** A church in Isabela, 10 hours drive from where we are, is requesting funds for their church. They need to cement the floor of the church building because it is muddy whenever it rains. Funds are also needed for the livelihood for the church members
- 20 Tanzania:** In Tanga please pray for VICOBA groups at Handeni. Pray for good relationships with pastors, for safe travels, and good connections in the community.
- 21 South Africa:** It seems like just a few months ago we were asking you to pray for a larger venue for our church, Living Hope Church. We've been in that larger venue (double the capacity) but we are beginning to look already for a property to either build on or purchase. We are not desperate yet but we want to be proactive and good stewards.
- 22 South Africa:** Our annual Department of Social Services Audit is coming up. The Government is not involved in our day-to-day ministry whatsoever but we do fall under their authority because of the Child protection act. Each year they check our monitoring systems, the health and safety of the children and general running of the homes. Pray that we would be a good witness with our ministry and that we would pass without any challenges.
- 23 International:** The International office is into its second year of our 5 year strategic plan. Please join us in thanking God for His goodness and wisdom as the organization moves forward.
- 24 Uganda:** This week we are running a Kairos missions training at the Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College. We will be teaching the diploma students and the first year certificate students. Please pray that these future clergy will grasp God's heart for the nations and the role of the church in bringing the gospel to all nations!  
**Canada:** EIC is holding its AGM today.
- 25 Haiti:** We are thankful that some of the mission's work is still able to continue, even if at a reduced scale. We are thankful for God's hand over EI in Haiti.
- 26 Tanzania:** Our AGM is taking place today. This year we will be meeting online.
- 27 Canada:** The EIC team would appreciate prayers as they plan for upcoming activities in April at the Springvale Joy group.
- 28 Philippines:** We will conduct meetings with our mothers in the livelihood program. In the morning, we will focus on food preservation, followed by the sewing project group in the afternoon. Please be in prayer for our drive to Cotabato. Additionally, pray for a smooth process in obtaining a license from the Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) for our food preservation project.
- 29 Philippines:** We will be meeting with the students from our sponsorship program. Please pray for a productive and encouraging time of fellowship.
- 30 Philippines:** Attending the Manobo church service in the morning and meeting with JOHIM scholars and their parents in the afternoon. Pray for our safe travel back to Davao City, Ruth's base in the Philippines.  
**United Kingdom:** British Summer Time starts at 1am today.
- 31 Philippines:** Our Bible Study with our board members using the "Growing in Christ" materials from Navigators is ongoing. Scheduling is a bit of a challenge. Please pray that we'll be able to do this well.