



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on : Jim Walter



My name is Jim Walter. I have been on the US board of Emmanuel International (EIM) for 12 years and now serve as its chairman.

I am married to Nancy and we live in Elkhart, Indiana. We met at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, where I was studying to be a missionary pilot. We're celebrating our 42nd anniversary the end of May.

We have two adult daughters,

Mariana, 31, and Annalie, 29. They are both married and live close by in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Nancy and I served with Air Serv International for six years, starting in June of 1986. We lived in Mozambique, Sudan, Angola, Namibia and Kenya providing humanitarian relief. I have a real heart for Africa and its people and enjoyed serving there.

For the past 27 years I've been a pilot at FedEx. I retired on my 65th birthday in early May. I've always been passionate about flying and will miss it.

As for hobbies, I'm an active Amateur Radio Operator (Ham) with an emphasis on contesting, sometimes known as radio sport. I'm very proficient in Morse Code and enjoy that mode of operating the most. My FCC issued callsign is WT9U.

I also keep busy facilitating a Sunday afternoon Bible study at Sugar Grove church where we have been members for 20 years. I also serve on a regular basis in the sound booth, in the AWANA program and our large VBS program that happens the second week of June.

Nancy and I had the privilege of attending the Global Gathering hosted by EIC two years ago. It was fun to meet everyone in the EI family and gain a greater understanding of what EI is all about. I look forward to seeing what God will do through EI in the coming years.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Canada:** Pam and Richard McGowan will be attending The Bridge Church in Markham for their missions Sunday. The Bridge Church supports Don and Rachel Sayers in South Africa.
Philippines: The Caballeros are travelling around Australia and New Zealand. Please pray for safety and good health.
- 2 Canada:** Shelley Josephs, our new EIC Board member, and her husband Mark would appreciate prayers for their daughter Daniella Czinszky as she prepares for a kidney transplant scheduled for June 3. They are filled with deep gratitude for her donor, whose incredible gift offers Daniella a new beginning and renewed strength. Please pray for Daniella as she prepares for the transplant, for Daniella's litter daughter as she navigates her mommy's upcoming Hospital stay and the recovery period, for wisdom and skill for the medical team.
- 3 Haiti:** We continue our weekly prayer time for Haiti. As an international organisation, we meet every Tuesday via Zoom to pray for Haiti. You are welcome to join us.
- 4 Malawi:** 18+ students will attend the Perspectives course being held in Liwonde. Pray as seeds for mission are continuing to be sown in these participants. Scott MacLean is the course marker and is impressed with the level of reflection in the students' answers.
- 5 International:** There are contacts being made with people who are interested to join EI. We trust God to move people's hearts to follow His leading and we pray that He will send more missionaries to serve with EI.
- 6 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon will be speaking at a new church this weekend in Birkenhead, in the Liverpool area. She will also be spending some time with some of her supporters. Please pray for safe travels and good connections during her time there.
Uganda: Tonight we are holding our first Missions Worship Night together with believers from a few different churches. It will be a small gathering in a home, but we hope it will encourage prayer for the nations. Please pray that this initiative will continue to grow.
- 7 Tanzania:** There are a few proposals that we are waiting to hear back on. Please pray for favorable outcomes.
Brazil: Pray for the families involved with the Vegetable Garden Project in Ninheira. Some families are already working on their own family gardens and others are starting to learn garden techniques at Sementes do Vale community garden.
- 8 Philippines:** Goat pens or sheds have been built, and Pastor Bungcas conducted two training sessions on goat raising. Everyone is excited. Please pray as we buy goats for our livelihood project recipients. Pray that we secure the best deal and that the goats will be healthy.
Malawi: The campaigning period for the General Election is starting, so please pray that peace would continue to prevail.
- 9 Philippines:** Construction of the water project in Bacolod is ongoing. Please pray that it will continue without interruption especially from the volcanic eruption that's happening in the area. The target date to finish is last week of June.
Malawi: Pray for the peaceful relationship that we have with all our Church Partners to continue.

- 10 Haiti:** The situation in Haiti is not improving, but we continue to pray for God to bring supernatural peace. Please pray with us.
- 11 Brazil:** Tarcisio Porto and Fred Silva will be involved with the Equip Leadership training of Uniedas indigenous leaders in North Brazil from today to 17 June.
United Kingdom: Sue Fallon is flying to Canada today. She has meetings, and will attend the Jubilee Celebrations on the 21st and also have some holiday time. Please pray that this will be a good time of connecting with El family, her church and supporters and friends.
- 12 Philippines:** Ruth will see a neurologist today. Pray for wisdom for her doctor as she tries to figure out the cause of her symptoms.
Malawi: The Evangelical Baptist Bible College is on the track to be repurposed as an outreach-focussed mission/missionary training centre. Please pray for this process.
- 13 Philippines:** We are hoping the sports/community facilities in Isabela will be approved soon because the rainy season is coming.
- 14 South Africa:** Don and Rachel Sayers are travelling to Canada for a 5 week furlough at the end of June. They will also be attending their Niece Hannah's wedding on 28 June. Danielle, Hendrick and Hudson will be flying from Alberta to Ontario to also attend the wedding so there will be a mini-family reunion as well!
- 15 International:** Most of our affiliate and project countries celebrate Father's Day today. Pray for all the fathers.
Philippines: There has been a huge demand for Bibles in Mindanao. The good news is we have blessed pastors and their churches with Old and New Testaments in their dialect this past few weeks. Pray for more funds to put God's Word in the hands of our new believers. Pray for the on-going Bible studies, too.
- 16 Uganda:** We are expanding the pastoral training component of the GROW ministry, in partnership with the Timothy Leadership Institute, and today we're starting the first four-day training. We expect 40-50 pastors to participate in these quarterly trainings, which will take two years to complete. Please pray for these pastors to persevere through the whole program, and for God to use the trainings to grow the church!
Malawi: Many Malawians had a very poor harvest this year. Please pray for them.
- 17 Haiti:** Education is disrupted, if at all happening. Please pray for the children and young adults who are missing out on getting the education that will set them up in the future, when peace has come to Haiti. Pray that schools and universities will be able to open again soon.
Tanzania: The Newby and Ewing families are going on furlough for the summer.
- 18 South Africa:** Nathan will be left behind in SA with a Youth Group buddy who will help him house-sit. Nathan has 2 more courses to take after he writes his SAT in June and hope to apply to Masters University in September. He had a personal tour of TMU when we were invited to Shepherd's Conference in March and they encouraged him that many scholarships are available. Pray that Nathan would do well on his SAT and that the Lord would provide for this incredible opportunity at Master's University.
- 19 Tanzania:** We would appreciate your prayers for all the interested missionary candidates who are wanting to serve with EITZ.

- 20 South Africa:** Don and Rachel will spend time helping Rachel's parents where they can around their home to catch up on maintenance projects. Rachel's dad has recovered well after his fall and hip replacement but they are slowing down now in their mid-eighties. We praise God they are still able to stay in their own home.
- 21 International:** Today, in the afternoon, there is an in-person gathering to praise God for His goodness through 50 years of EI's history. Mark Middleton will be speaking. We thank God for the leadership He has placed over EI for its 50 year history.
- 22 Philippines:** Training new teachers is crucial for the expansion of our Children's Discipleship Program. We have around 4 pending schedules for training. Please pray for our coordinators in different provinces as they plan and prepare for these events.
- South Africa:** While we are on furlough, we need to raise an additional \$400 a month for the Safe House ministry and a cost-of-living increase for Rachel and I (Don). We already have several churches booked for speaking but look forward to seeing as many of our friends and supporters as possible.
- 23 Philippines:** We are praying for a faith revival for the fishermen (recipient of fishing boats) in Palawan. Please also pray that the schools will be opening for their children as well.
- International:** Praise with us God's goodness over EI. It is a privilege to share our praise through the weekly Jubilee blogs on the various websites for EI.
- 24 Haiti:** Our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda, is doing all it can to keep the church services, schools and orphanages going as much as possible. Please pray for the teachers, staff and for Phanel; for safety and courage.
- 25 Canada:** Joel Newby and family will be arriving in Canada for one week to visit with the staff and some donors. Please pray as they travel to Canada and around Ontario.
- Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean return to Canada for family commitments and time to connect with friends and supporters. Pray for good connections and for ability to juggle commitments that are ongoing in Malawi while they are away.
- 26 Canada:** Kristy Nowell will be attending the MCIC AGM in Winnipeg. MCIC provides funding to a number of our projects.
- 27 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is planning to meet today in person. Please pray for safe travels and a good time of discussing EIUK related topics.
- Philippines:** Ruth is scheduled for an MRI brain scan with contrast. Pray for a calm and smooth procedure.
- 28 Uganda:** Today we are planning to hold a one-day training, called the Great Commission Seminar, to help educate, inspire and activate local churches in Gulu towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Please pray that this will help to expand missions awareness more broadly in Gulu City, as 40 churches have been invited.
- 29 South Africa:** Letson and Trish will be managing the Safe House ministry while Don and Rachel are away for the 5 weeks. Pray that the winter rains would not cause too much flooding in the township this year and that the children and house moms would be safe and well provided for.
- 30 United Kingdom:** Today we are meeting to discuss the next chapter in the "Growing in Christ" book, which the whole of EI is studying too.