



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Project update: Sertão Verde, Brazil

*EI Brazil is partnering with Sementes do Vale in this project, a community gardening project.*

We believe that each person carries a unique potential to give new meaning to their own journey. At Sementes do Vale, we see in each participant a seed of transformation. When this seed is welcomed with care and given the right opportunities, it takes root, grows, and spreads fruits that reach and inspire other lives. That's why we make space for these stories to be heard. They are real testimonies that show the power of knowledge and support to create deep and lasting change.

"Plant good seeds, and you will harvest the blessings of life." (Hosea 10:12)

Check out the story of Delvina, a participant in the Sertão Verde project: "My name is Delvina, and for me it was a really good thing to be part of the Sertão Verde project. It changed a lot, you know? Through these gardens we work in, it helps keep us busy and takes our minds off things.

And about the things we grow, it's been great because it reduces how much we have to spend on buying vegetables - since we plant them ourselves, right? Thank God, I'm really happy with my garden. I always used to take care of it, but I didn't have this opportunity before - because now we have the shade net, and before, the vegetables wouldn't grow well without it. With the net, it's much easier to work.

We used to try to grow things, but it was hard because of the bacteria in the soil. But now, since we joined the project, we've learned more or less what's needed for the plants to grow better. I'm really happy and satisfied with my garden."



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

- 1 Philippines:** The water project in Bacolod, which was delayed because of a typhoon, is on-going again and is expected to finish by the 2nd week of September. Please pray for no further delays, including typhoons or volcanic eruptions.  
**Uganda:** We thank God that for the first time in nearly a decade, Child Evangelism Fellowship is running its "Teaching Children Effectively - Module 2" training in Uganda, and they are running it in Pader! This intensive 9-day training began on August 25th and is winding up this week. Pray for our Sunday school teachers who are being trained to go out and be fruitful.
- 2 International:** The International Board is meeting today. Please pray for our Board members and the decisions that are made on behalf of Emmanuel International.  
**Haiti:** Schooling has been very intermittent/non-existent in the uncertainty and insecurity of the gang violence. Pray that it will be safe for schools to open again in this new school year.  
**United Kingdom:** Tabitha Ewing is starting boarding school in Bath, UK today. Please pray for her as she settles in to the new school and to being away from family and home in Tanzania. Please also pray for Simon, Victoria and Reuben as they adjust to life with a different family setup.
- 3 Canada:** Cindy Bates is away on holiday from today until the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safe travels and refreshing time while she and Jerry are away.
- 4 Uganda:** We have started renovations at the ministry centre in Pader. Pray for favour today with the town as we request assistance with diverting storm water from our land. Pray for safety for the supervisor who needs to go back and forth from Gulu to Pader on a motorcycle.
- 5 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon has a few days off from today until the 12<sup>th</sup>. Linda Fitzmaurice is also on holiday from the 7<sup>th</sup> till the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safety in travel and a good time. There will be one week when neither will be in the office, so the EIUK office will be closed from 8 till 12 September.
- 6 Tanzania:** We are awaiting approval to conduct our project in Msomera, Tanga. We are also starting a new project of sheep and pigs in the Tanga region for which we would appreciate your prayers.  
**Brazil:** Rodrigo Medrado, at the Aguas Formosas PROPAC Center, is facing some health issues. Your prayers for him are welcome.
- 7 Tanzania:** Throughout this month there are quite a few activities for which we could appreciate your prayers: The KWETU project is holding a conference for all the KWETU hubs groups. The Entrepreneurship project will be holding a business seminar and mentorship with two groups (Nyangomango and Masawe). In the Pastors Training project, we are doing monitoring and evaluation on the income generating activity (dairy cows). We are also conducting water project surveys in new villages in the Iringa region. We are planning to form one new group in the Health for Development project; please pray for a good number of people who will be actively involved.
- 8 Uganda:** As the EIC Gala draws near, we continue to ask God to grant Walter's visa so that he may come and speak about God's work in Uganda. The SEND Centre in Pader is the focus of this year's EIC Gala. Please pray for the EI Canada staff as they prepare and plan for the Gala which will take place on October 25, 2025.

- 9 Philippines:** Over 1,000 high school students in Davao Oriental have begun participating in the Values Education Program, utilizing our children's Discipleship booklets. Please pray that these students will be receptive as they encounter the gospel of Jesus Christ through the program. Lift up in prayer especially those students who come from diverse ethnic backgrounds, that they may experience God's redeeming love through Jesus.
- Haiti:** Daniel Jovin and family have relocated to Florida to be closer to his parents, Pastor Martinez and Emman Jovin. Please pray as the family settles into a new life in Florida and for fruitful family time together with his parents.
- 10 Canada:** Pam and Richard MacGowan are driving to Nova Scotia today, until the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safe travels during their time as they attend a wedding.
- 11 International:** Today is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for EI. It has been a privilege through this year to be reminded of God's wonderful goodness through these years. We look forward to what He has for us in the years ahead.
- Philippines:** The Bible studies in our (Tonton and Nona Caballero) village is now happening every Friday evening, with 21 people attending. It was twice a month before.
- 12 Malawi:** There is a food shortage in Malawi and many are going hungry. Pray for Malawi as they face commodity prices that rise every day, especially for critical agricultural inputs which makes food security tenuous for village farmers who cannot afford them. Please pray for the Farmer to Farmer program that the MacLeans have implemented around Chisomo. The first group that benefited last year is going forward and implementing new practices they learned last year aimed particularly at nurturing the soil. Another farming family from Ontario is considering adopting a second group of farmers for the next three years to help offset costs and bring new training and knowledge into our community around Chisomo.
- 13 Tanzania:** The church in Mchangani doesn't have a pastor at the moment, as he had to leave because of health issues. Pray for his health; that he may be healed. Also pray for the new pastor and the church in this time without a pastor.
- Philippines:** The Carabao project, which was stopped for a while due to problems in the community, is now continuing.
- 14 Malawi:** We are in ongoing discussions with US supporters who are discerning their part in the financial needs for the new EBBC mission training school. Pray for David Riffel and Geron Smith who are representing the needs of the EBCM to churches in the Wichita, Kansas area.
- Philippines:** We have submitted a request to start a Goat Raising project in Isabela, in the Northern part of the Philippines. Please pray this receives approval.
- 15 Philippines:** Volunteers from 10 churches across 7 campuses in Lupon, Davao Oriental teach students about God's love. Pray for wisdom, strength, and support for them.
- 16 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are returning to Malawi today after a couple of months for family events and visiting friends and supporters. Please pray for us as we dive back into life and work in the community we are privileged to be part of at Chisomo. Today is also the General Election in Malawi. Please pray for safe and peaceful elections.
- Haiti:** Life in Haiti is very difficult, with high inflation, lack of food and medicines, etc. Please continue to pray for the peace of Christ to come to this nation.

- 17 Tanzania:** The Mwanza beekeeping project is experiencing problems with thieves who are stealing the honey and destroying the hives. Please pray for protection as well as wisdom for the leaders of the beekeeping groups on how to lead the groups, and in particular for the Kayenze group to solve their money issues. Pray for a high colonisation rate in the hives, especially in Kome as many hives don't have bees. Shangwe and his family are working with the groups in Kome. May God give him more wisdom and understanding and may the group cooperate with him in beekeeping activities.
- 18 International:** We would appreciate prayer for God's protection in all of our project countries: for safety in travels and good health.
- 19 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is meeting today via Teams. Please pray for good connections and discussions.
- South Africa:** We are thankful for your continued prayers for the Safe House ministry.
- 20 Tanzania:** The pastors in the villages experience many difficulties and challenges. Please keep them in your prayers. Pray for all the churches in villages so that they can be light and salt to the community, so that the community around them can be transformed wholistically.
- 21 Philippines:** Volunteer teachers and pastors need more Bibles, hoping to provide at least 3 per classroom for student reading. Pray for funding to buy Bibles.
- 22 Tanzania:** In the IMARIKA project, many groups plan to complete their VICOPA (village community banking) at this time. Please pray for the supervision over this process. Pray for the students club as we plan to start training about environment conservation.
- 23 Haiti:** There are so many people who have lost their lives, were relocated, or were direct victims of gang violence. Please pray for them and their families.
- 24 Canada:** EICanada is having a Board meeting this evening, discussing the budget for the 2025/26 year and reviewing the past year.
- 25 Philippines:** Prayer for good health and protection as we (the Caballeros) do our day to day activities would be much appreciated.
- 26 Brazil:** The EI Tanzania team who are coming to Brazil in October are getting ready for the trip. Please pray for all the preparations for the trip, and for a very profitable time both in the north of Minas Gerais and at the Terena area.
- 27 Philippines:** Our partners in Mindanao continue to do the work in our absence. Please pray for SALT (Servants Advancing Love through Transformation) as they follow up all our community development programs and our Club 10:14 as they train teachers, distribute booklets and follow-up all our Bible clubs.
- 28 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee will appreciate prayers as they wrap up Romans and teach Hebrews to the students at Chisomo for the third and final term of this school year. We ask the Lord for transformational learning that will impact the lifelong discipleship of each of these students.
- 29 International:** This is the final month for the International office fiscal year, as well as other offices like Canada and UK. Please pray for us as we look back and review the year and prepare for the coming fiscal year.
- 30 Haiti:** It has been a while since EI Haiti could access their bank accounts. They are working with the bank to regain access. Please pray as they require another letter before this can be finalised. We are thankful for God's provision in this.