



the Emmanuel Connection

November 2025

Focus on: Farmer to Farmer Project, Malawi



In 2024 we launched a new initiative to partner some Canadian farmers with 10 local farmers from the villages around us. Each farmer received the implements needed to farm half an acre of land. This farming group went on field trips to see how newer farming techniques are practiced. It was the first time our farmers were exposed to new knowledge in a very long time and for some - ever!!! Each farmer gave back 65 kg of maize from this first harvest which was sold and has offset the costs for purchasing seed

for this upcoming farming season. Sustainability is a big part of our efforts!

In this coming season, these farmers will continue to work with this half acre, using it as an experimental plot for implementing new practices they learned this past year. We will invite farming experts to walk alongside our farmers, deepening their learning, watching and advising as our farmers put into practice what they are learning.

We want to demonstrate that farming is a noble vocation, to expose committed farmers to new practices, and to build bridges with our neighbours of other faiths so they see the Gospel in action.

By God's grace, we will add another group of farmers this year with the aim that 30 farmers in our community will be impacted with both the Gospel and better farming practices, becoming less dependent on chemical fertilizers and producing more food for their families. This initiative is not restricted to support from people who farm... anyone keen to help can join the story. **We'd love to connect if this interests you.**

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** The Tanzania General Election took place at the end of October. Pray for this election season to pass peacefully so that we can carry on with the groups training and project activities.
Brazil: We thank God for the EI Tanzania team visit last month. We prayed for good contacts with both the Terena and the Montes Claros Churches for understanding God's vision for working together. We feel God really blessed our time.
- 2 Malawi:** The Evangelical Baptist Bible College (EBBC) is completing the first phase this month in preparation for a new one-year mission training program they hope to begin in 2026, God willing. We are trusting God for the provision of funds to make this mission and outreach program possible.
Philippines: The Emmanuel Water Refilling Station in Edmar, Bacolod was inaugurated October 19. May this provide the community not just safe drinking water but also to enlarge God's Kingdom.
- 3 International:** Praise God with us for the new opportunity EI has in working with Daniel and Hephzibah Singh in Dubai to share the Gospel. We look forward to what God has for us through this partnership.
Tanzania: The groups in the Health for Development project have started preparing their farms. Pray for good rain this year.
- 4 Canada:** The Auditor will be in the office doing their yearly visit. Please pray for the preparation needed prior to their visit.
Haiti: The United Nations have approved an increased presence of peacekeepers in Haiti. The Gang Suppression Force could increase to 5,550 staff. Please pray that this force will be effective, and that innocent people are not caught in the crossfire.
- 5 International:** The International office is facing a change as Helen steps away from EI in December. We thank God for the interest expressed for a replacement in place of Helen to work with Paul.
Uganda: We just finished our annual GROW training to prepare 36 leaders from 18 sites for discipleship activities in 2026. Please pray for these leaders as they go back to their churches and train teams of leaders in their churches.
- 6 Philippines:** The parents of our sponsored students will have a meeting today for updates on their goat project. Please pray for Pastor Eddie as he will do a lecture on proper nutrition for goats. Pray also for their Bible study usually done after the training.
Tanzania: Some Entrepreneurship project groups are going to start a new village, savings and loans scheme (VICOPA) cycle in November. Pray for them and the groups which are continuing with their current cycle.

- 7 Philippines:** The Women's Livelihood Sewing Group meets today and every first and second Saturday! There has been flooding in their area which prevented them from finishing their pant orders. Please pray for good weather and for the mothers to not get discouraged.
- South Africa:** One of our House Mothers has had a particularly difficult year. She may need to take some extended leave and we may need to find a suitable replacement for a few months.
- 8 Malawi:** Graduation for the Chisomo students. They will need to reintegrate back into their home churches and villages. This can be a challenge, both from a physical and spiritual standpoint. The students will need to find ways to supplement their food security for the short term until the next harvest as well as learn how to work with their church leadership after a year of in-depth biblical training. Sometimes this can be taken as a threat to the older leadership.
- Philippines:** The cementing of the frontage of the church in Isabela already started but the work is being delayed due to a typhoon. This place will also serve as a playground for the kids and for people/farmers to dry their produce before selling it. Pray for good weather so it will be finished early.
- 9 Malawi:** We have 37 children who are benefitting from the Reading Club held 5 days a week in the MacLean's backyard at Chisomo. Fourteen of these kids are learning to read and write. We need wisdom as teachers and tutors as we work with a variety of learning challenges.
- Tanzania:** We are awaiting the approval of project implementation from the government offices in Tanga.
- 10 United Arab Emirates:** Thank God for the freedom of worship that is granted in the UAE, however this is causing Christians to be laid back in their faith leading to a lackadaisical approach to witnessing.
- South Africa:** We thank the Lord for the Equipped Conference we hosted last month and the 120 pastors who were blessed with resources and teaching.
- 11 Haiti:** Some areas are experiencing less gang presence but other areas were targetted more. Rice harvests were taken and the remainder burnt in some areas. Please pray for food security, as some sources predict that nearly 6 million people will suffer from hunger by 2026.
- 12 International:** The ERRI Board is meeting today and the just completed fiscal year will be reviewed. God's wisdom through His Spirit is the desire of this Board on behalf of EI.
- 13 United Arab Emirates:** Raising support while being on the field is difficult for man, but not for God. Please pray for God to raise up people and churches who can come alongside us to support us consistently.

- 14 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board of Trustees are meeting in person today in London. Please pray for safe travels and a fruitful time together.
Tanzania: Our partner church in Tanga has new leadership. Pray for good cooperation between the Tanga office and the new leaders.
- 15 Canada:** EI Canada staff will be supporting a Harvest Market at Springvale Church with sponsorship through tote bags. We will also hand out the Christmas Catalogue to each family. They anticipate about 1500 families to attend.
Philippines: The college students of our JOHIM sponsorship program are busy with their projects and exams. Please pray for wisdom and for each of them to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Pray also for the area coordinators, for wisdom, good health, and provision for their needs.
Uganda: Today Vincent is embarking on the second edition of Pedals for the Nations, cycling from Gulu to Kampala (+600 km) to raise funds and raise awareness for cross-cultural missions. This year he will be riding with a team of supporters and Ugandan missionaries. Please pray for success!
- 16 United Arab Emirates:** 88% of the people in the UAE are expats, nearly 30% of these form the workforce in construction and different factories. These are people who are away from strong influences of home and tradition, and they are here on a 2 year or more contract. This is our window to present the Gospel, so when they go back home, they go with the light of Christ shining in their hearts. Pray for the LORD to give us different strategies to be able to expand the Kingdom of God in the hearts of these men and women.
- 17 United Kingdom:** We are continuing our monthly Biblestudy, using the book Growing in Christ, which the whole of Emmanuel International are studying this year.
Tanzania: Andy Sharpe and Ian Baker are visiting Iringa for the water project surveys. Please pray for their time, for safe travels.
- 18 Haiti:** The mission's schools have started again in the last months (with only 1 struggling). We are thankful as this provides some sort of normalcy for the children in the midst of a turbulent time.
- 19 United Arab Emirates:** Daniel and Hephzibah Singh lead the RAK Oasis Church (2 services - English and Punjabi). Pray for grace, wisdom and boldness for them to lead the church to greater intimacy with our Savior.
Tanzania: Groups are preparing for tree planting and are preparing demonstration plots for conservation agriculture. Please pray that this is done well.
- 20 United Kingdom:** The office will be closed from today till the 25th.
Canada: Kristy will be on a staycation from today until the 24th. Please pray for her and Mark as they take a rest from the busy fall and heading into the Christmas season.

- 21 Brazil:** El Brazil is discussing a new partnership with a church Northeast of Minas Gerais State. Please pray for wisdom and for creative ways to carry out the planned activities.
- South Africa:** Letson is continuing to grow his Seminary class in Masiphumelele. He has 15 faithful students who desire to shepherd the saints.
- 22 Malawi:** The ten farmers who are part of the first Farmer to Farmer group around Chisomo have been busy applying manure in their half acre plots, working with the method of measuring distances and applying mulch as advised by the Foundations for Farming methods. The farmers have noticed increased interest from their neighbours who stop and ask, "What are you doing and why are you doing it that way?" Will you pray with us that God will bless the harvests of these faithful farmers who are stepping out of their comfort zones and farming habits?
- 23 Tanzania:** We are introducing DreamSave to the VICOPA groups. Pray for the few groups that are slowly catching up to adopt faster.
- South Africa:** Hudson is returning to SA this month. Please pray for safe travels and that he'll enjoy reconnecting with friends and his eager parents.
- 24 Philippines:** We would appreciate prayers for good health and protection against flu and other diseases that are going around. Also for the Lord's protection from typhoon, flooding, earthquake and other natural calamities.
- 25 Haiti:** We are thankful that the mission's bank account is now accessible again! Thank you so much for your prayers over this.
- 26 Uganda:** The next Gulu for the Nations worship and prayer night will be on December 5th, but the choir will be practicing weekly during the month of November and the committee will be planning the program and the prayer items. Please pray for these preparations, and for involvement across different churches and denominations.
- 27 Tanzania:** We have applied for grants for some projects at the district offices. Please pray that approval will be given on time.
- 28 United Arab Emirates:** We (the Singhs) need to set up leadership in both churches. People on short term contracts make it difficult to form a leadership team, because they may leave and if they leave, then training and setting up again takes time. Please pray for God's favor.
- 29 Tanzania:** We are preparing for the new pastors training season. Pray that the preparations as well as the training go well.
- 30 Canada:** Praise God with Paul Bertrand and the Mailbox Club. Public schools in an area of Metro Manila are now actively partnering with The Mailbox Club to bring values into the classroom.