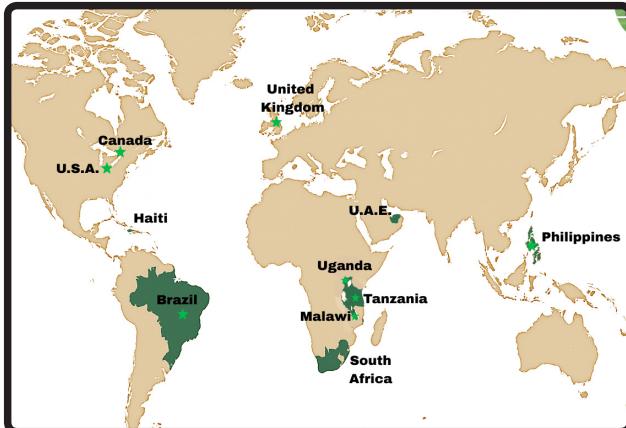




the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Emmanuel International



We are a Christian organization committed to partnering with churches worldwide, in relief and development for the underprivileged in their communities, serving the 'whole' person - spiritual, physical, emotional and social - regardless of race, gender, age, color or religion. We work directly with churches and their communities.

Since 1975, Emmanuel International has been partnering with churches to serve the underprivileged in various parts of the world. The core of Emmanuel International is stated in our name, Emmanuel: God with us. Our passion is to share God's message of love through Jesus' gift of salvation by walking alongside those in need through practical assistance of relief and development. By taking a grassroots approach directly with church and community, we promote sustainable interventions with environmentally sound methodologies.

Our Vision To see transformed lives of those in great need as churches worldwide follow Jesus in serving their communities through wholistic ministry.

Our Mission To encourage, equip and assist churches worldwide to serve the poor in wholistic ministry. *By 'church' we mean – an existing group of Christians believers with recognizable leadership whose primary aim is to meet together for worship, who can affirm the EI Statement of Faith.*

Where We Work Currently, our largest presence is in Africa with offices in Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and South Africa with partner churches of various denominations. There are also offices in Brazil, Haiti, the Philippines and, most recently, the UAE.

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Brazil:** Many indigenous Christians in Brazil need to make a decision to accept the challenge to leave everything behind and start the school year at the Terena Bible School. Please pray for wisdom and for boldness.
- 2 International:** As the new year begins, please pray for safety and God's direction for all of our teams in our Affiliate and Project Countries.
- Philippines:** Pastor Bernon, along with his wife and another dedicated volunteer, leads the Values Education class at an elementary school located near their church. In addition to their work at the school, they travel each week to a tribal village where they teach children about God and His Word. There are currently 35 elementary students and 50 tribal children involved in these educational programs. Please remember these young learners in your prayers as they grow in their understanding of the love of Christ. Also, pray for the safety and protection of the teachers as they travel each week to share God's message.
- 3 Malawi:** We praise God for the final choir competition taking place in Nsanama, Malawi this weekend. This is the final competition that will now see 20 choirs advance to the semifinals and finals in August. This gives lots of time to prepare. Each choir will perform a winning song from the first level competition and compose a brand new one for the semi-final and finals competition. May the youth become lifelong worshippers of Jesus as a result of this effort.
- 4 South Africa:** Don had the rod and screws removed from his femur in December and is now recovering and in physio for 6 weeks. Pray that the healing would be complete and he would be back to new again.
- 5 Tanzania:** One, two or three of the missionaries will be attending a partner church meeting from today till the 9th. Please pray for successful meetings.
- 6 Haiti:** We are helping farmers in the Jacmel area who lost their livelihoods in Storm Melissa by providing seeds and tools.
- 7 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean are preparing to teach Romans in the first term at Chisomo. Continue to pray for Scott as he finishes up writing the dogmatics course which will be taught in the second term.
- 8 Uganda:** We are in the process of acquiring the land for the SEND Centre, starting with the land survey and legal documents. We hope to finish the purchase by the end of the month, but there are many steps and land issues can be sensitive and complicated.
- 9 South Africa:** Praise the Lord that Nathan has been accepted to Masters University in California! Pray that he would qualify for all the scholarships in order to attend. Nathan is planning on moving to Canada in March to work for 6 months before the start of the school year at Masters. Pray that the Lord would provide an ideal short-term job where he can save enough to cover some of the extra costs at school.
- 10 Tanzania:** Many components of the project activities in all EITZ projects have been on pause over the holiday season. Please pray as we restart the year.

11 International: Our EI countries need to provide the information needed for the annual STEP review by mid January. Please pray that they will be able to do so.

12 United Arab Emirates: We (Daniel and Hepzhibah Singh) are in the process of looking at different medical insurance covers. Pray for wisdom to take the right plan.

13 Haiti: Phanel will be travelling to the areas where we are providing relief to assist. Please pray for his safety.

Malawi: The Reading Club at Chisomo is starting again. There are 35 children who will continue their journey of growing stronger in literacy and numeracy skills. May there be results on their exams and seeds planted deeply into their hearts that make them turn to Jesus in the future.

14 South Africa: Living Hope Bible Church is beginning to search for new elders. Two have moved in the past few months to new ministry fields and we desperately need more ministry support to help our growing church.

United Kingdom: We would appreciate your prayers as we look to restructure the UK office and activities, in relation to Linda's retirement at the end of April 2026.

15 Uganda: This month we are having elections in Uganda. The main elections will be today, but there will be elections for all levels of government taking place throughout the month. Leading up to the elections there have already been clashes between the opposition and police, including in Gulu, so we are praying for peace and for godly leaders for Uganda.

16 South Africa: Do pray for a new year of Ministry with the Safe Homes. We have had some difficulties with government registration and policy changes that are still unresolved, but we trust that in the new year we will have the opportunity to finalize most of the unresolved issues.

17 Brazil: The Águas Formosas Center wasn't able to start the new women's Sewing Course in 2025. Pray for open doors. They need funding, a teacher, and a sustainable strategy.

Philippines: Lia is a committed partner in ministry work in Mindanao. She leads the Club 10:14 teaching and training team in Davao City and oversees the Bible distribution program. In addition to her ministry responsibilities, Lia is caring for her mother, who is beginning to show signs of dementia. Recently, Lia's monthly stipend from the children's ministry partner was discontinued, presenting further challenges. Please pray for Lia to have perseverance and strength - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - as she continues her important work and cares for her mother.

18 United Arab Emirates: It is Hepzhibah's birthday today. Pray for the Lord's grace and blessing to be upon her; for good health as she tends to feel weak these days.

19 Uganda: This month we are recruiting two new staff: a new security guard and a new Discipleship Field Officer to work with Child Discipleship and the GROW Ministry. We are praying for good candidates and wisdom as we interview them.

20 Haiti: Your prayers for Pastor Martinez and Madam Emma Jovin will be much appreciated. Pray for their health. They are also providing support to many displaced Haitians.

21 Philippines: The Sewing Club in Cotabato recently succeeded in making and selling pajama pants to a friend in Manila, although they still need to complete the remainder of the order. The community has faced significant hardships this year. Several storms brought severe flooding, forcing the mothers and their families to evacuate their homes twice until the floodwaters receded. Please pray for the safety of these families and for resilience, that they may not lose hope despite the difficulties they face.

22 Malawi: The new school year at Chisomo Theological and Vocational Training school in Malawi begins on January 26th. Pray for the preparation for classes, for the staff during a time of leadership transition. Pray also for the new students as they get used to a new rhythm of learning and living together with people from different areas of Malawi.

23 United Arab Emirates: As of 2025, 12 states of India have approved various versions of the anti-conversion law making life difficult for Christians. In the state of Uttarakhand, believers used to be able to go carolling but not anymore. Pray that these laws are repealed.

24 South Africa: The Child Sponsorship project for the Safe House children has seen good interest and feedback so we hope for a more sustainable stream of support through this model. Pray for the growth of the sponsorship.

25 Malawi: Please continue to pray for the Farmer to Farmer project - that the maize fields of the ten farmers in the program will be like bountiful living illustrations of the impact of the Gospel, which brings life and fruitfulness to all it transforms through the power of Christ.

26 United Kingdom: Today we are doing the next chapter in the EI wide Bible study "Growing in Christ".

27 Haiti: Daniel and Shantelle Jovin are still looking for suitable employment as they support Daniel's parents.

28 International: Our EI Council meeting will be today. Please pray for a productive time together.

Canada: EIC is having an in person Board meeting in the evening.

29 United Arab Emirates: Kevin Rideout, a Moody alumni and an American missionary pilot with SIM was kidnapped by militants linked to Al Qaeda on the night of October 21st and there has been no news since. Pray for his release.

30 Tanzania: Please continue to pray for proposals that have been submitted and proposals that are currently being written for project funding.

31 United Arab Emirates: Pray for the Lord to bring in souls who are seeking Him to the church as well as for every member and both of us (the Singhs) to grow deeper in their love for the Lord.