



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Gidudu Vincent Stephen, Missions Mobilizer, Uganda

My name is Gidudu Vincent Stephen, I am married to my wonderful wife, Sylvia. We have been blessed with a son, Makarios, and it is a joy to serve the Lord together as a family. I currently serve with Emmanuel International Uganda as a Missions Mobilizer, based in Gulu. Looking back, I can clearly see God's faithful hand leading each step of my journey. In 2021, as my ministry in

Karamoja was coming to an end, I began asking the Lord what He wanted me to do next. Through prayer, He impressed upon my heart a calling to *Missions Mobilization*, helping the local church discover and embrace its role in God's global mission. Although I sensed His direction, I had no clear idea how He would accomplish it. God first opened a door for me to serve with an indigenous missions organization in Kampala, where I provided pastoral support to mission interns serving across Uganda, while also encouraging churches to engage in missions. That season strengthened my conviction that God was calling me to mobilize His Church for the nations. When that role ended in August 2023, I prayed that God would open the door for me to serve full-time in this discipline. He answered my prayer through Emmanuel International, Uganda. In the two and a half years, since January 2024, I have had the privilege of serving with EI Uganda, equipping churches, pastors, students, and Christian leaders across Northern Uganda to participate in God's mission through prayer, missions education, discipleship, and partnerships. My prayer is to see the whole Church bringing the whole gospel to the whole world until *"the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"* (Habakkuk 2:14).

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1** | **Canada:** Please pray as we work to complete the Christmas Catalogue with our new designer.

- 2** | **South Africa:** Continue to pray for our Re-registration of the African Hope Trust. The bank error that has triggered this challenging process has been a big distraction both in time and logistics but we trust that both the Tax Authority and Magistrate will be satisfied in the end.

Malawi: The students at Chisomo Theological & Vocational Training school are on their break after completing the second term. Please pray for rest and that they will return with enthusiasm to complete their year of study.

- 3** | **International:** The Global South Committee meets today at 9am Toronto time (EDT). Please pray for the group as they discuss the business of the meeting.

Uganda: This week we are having the fourth module of the Timothy Leadership Training, on Biblical preaching. Please pray for the pastors and church leaders who are attending to grow in how to teach God's Word faithfully.

- 4** | **Malawi:** Psalm 100 Choir competition - 16 choirs from 8 districts competing for the first-place prize! We expect about 350 youth to gather for this musical event in Liwonde. Pray for our judges, for the worship and learning sessions, and that the choirs will compete with a spirit of joy and humility. Praise God for a great organizing committee that has helped make this possible!

Haiti: We will be gathering in prayer for Haiti at 12:30pm (UK) / 7:30am (Toronto). Please pray with us for the reconstruction work on the kindergarten at Marbial today.

- 5** | **United Arab Emirates:** Our main lay leader of our Punjabi congregation has just left for home (India) after being with us for 6 years. Pray for him (Manpreet Singh), that he will continue to live for the Lord. Pray also that the Lord would send us people who have a heart for the Lord and a burden for the ministry as well, so that they can be trained and equipped to be leaders in the church.

- 6** | **Brazil:** Pray for the contacts with the Ubá Baptist Church, after the Relief Project is finished. We'd like that church to become one of our partner churches in Brazil, either carrying out project locally or getting involved in other EI projects in Brazil.
- Philippines:** Pray that the generous gifts we received will enable Club 10:14, our children's ministry volunteer team, to provide school supplies to around 300 public school students and for meaningful opportunities to connect with children through activities and sharing the Gospel.
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- 7** | **Tanzania:** We're praying today for our bee projects. Firstly, for the Mafuluto Beehive Fence Project. Pray that the project will be completed successfully and that the bees will effectively keep elephants away, protecting the community from harm and preventing the destruction of crops and livelihoods.
- Please also life up all the beekeeping groups, that they will experience productive harvests, sustainable growth, and increased income from their beekeeping activities.
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- 8** | **South Africa:** We thank the Lord that Rachel was able to enjoy 6 weeks with Danielle in Canada to help with our new Granddaughter, Lara! What a blessing and privilege from the Lord. Danielle, Josh and our two grandchildren are planning on a South African visit in October!
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- 9** | **United Arab Emirates:** For God to draw more people to the English service and bring increase to the numbers. For wisdom and strategies to win souls to Christ in this land.
- Malawi:** The farmers in the Farmer-to-Farmer program have raised all their own money to purchase the chicken manure for application on their $\frac{3}{4}$ acre fields. They will begin applying the manure and mulching their fields in preparation for the upcoming planting season. As there are rumours that this will be a very difficult year because of a super El Nino effect already in motion, the new methods will be put to the test as the farmers observe how their fields fare in comparison to those who still use older, less soil-friendly methods.

10	Uganda: This week we are holding a training for parents with one of our partner denominations, Faith Mission. This is an opportunity for us to help parents better disciple their children at home.
11	Canada: Gala prep is underway please pray as we collect items and plan the program International: Emmanuel International are praying together today as a family at 2pm (UK) / 9am (Toronto)
12	United Arab Emirates: The nation of Iran is suffering economically because of the war. Many of our brothers and sisters have lost jobs and businesses have shut down. Prices for living essentials have skyrocketed making it difficult for people to sustain themselves. Pray that they will experience the supernatural provision of God and that their faith will not fail during these times and that their hope will not be on any human leader or government but on the Lord.
13	Tanzania: Please remember two of our VICOBA groups in your prayers today: Kiponzelo Village is completing their current savings and lending cycle in August. Pray for unity, accountability, and a successful conclusion to the cycle. Seek God also for the group in Kwetu, asking that they will continue to grow in financial discipline, cooperation, and prosperity.
14	Malawi: Let's continue praying for the preparations of Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi (EBCM) Elections.
15	South Africa: Please do continue to pray for safety in Masiphumelele (Masi) as the criminal element is growing, as is the xenophobia movement that has organized themselves against other African's who are in SA for work. Last week thousands of foreigners stayed away from Masi while roaming gangs went on a march to threaten and coerce them to leave.
16	United Kingdom: We have sent out a number of grant applications for various projects, please pray these are successful.
17	Tanzania: The Discipleship and Networking Meeting is scheduled for August, pray that it will be fruitful, encouraging, and beneficial to everyone attending. Please also pray for the successful implementation of the new project in Kilala Village, that it will positively impact the community and achieve its intended objectives.

- 18 United Arab Emirates:** Pray for God to heal Hephzibah from gluten allergy as well as Daniel and Hephzibah's son, Awan's lactose intolerance issue. Also, for God's protection over us from having any respiratory issues that seem to be common among those living in the Gulf for prolonged periods.
- Haiti:** We will be gathering in prayer for Haiti at 12:30pm (UK) / 7:30am (Toronto). Please pray with us for the continued support and provision for the young men and women who have left the Boys' and Girls' homes.
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- 19 Malawi:** Scott is putting the final touches to a course on systematic theology or dogmatics, as it is called in Malawi. He will teach this course beginning mid-August at Chisomo. Pray for clarity in communication and that the students will benefit long term from what they learn.
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- 20 Canada:** Our Summer Students will be leaving us today; we have been blessed to have them with us these past 4 months. Both Cecilia and Brooke will be returning to post-secondary schools. Pray as they both adjust to school life once again.
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- 21 Tanzania:** Mtitu Rainwater Harvesting Project. Construction continues on the water storage tanks and the latrine block. Pray for safety, wisdom, and successful completion of the work.
- Health for Development Project. Pray for good attendance, safe travel for all participants, and that all preparations will be completed smoothly, for the upcoming Annual group meeting.
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- 22 Malawi:** Today please pray for the vulnerable populations who are at risk of being impacted by the impending El Nino weather phenomenon. Pray for resilience for crops, for rainfall in season and for critical health and logistics infrastructures to be protected.
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- 23 United Kingdom:** Please pray for Sue Fallon today as she speaks at St Stephens Church, North Mundham.
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- 24 Brazil:** Equip Leadership Canada is planning for October another Leadership Training for indigenous leaders from a third area in Brazil. Pray for open doors and for the necessary funds.

25 Tanzania: Today please pray for the success of the entrepreneurship groups and their business activities, and that they will also perform well in their VICOPA initiatives.

Also, for the Tanga groups, especially their pig and sheep farming projects, that these initiatives will be successful, sustainable, and produce abundant results for the benefit of the participating families.

Haiti: We will be gathering in prayer for Haiti at 12:30pm (UK) / 7:30am (Toronto). Please pray with us for the Pastor Farnell and the work he is doing and for the continued healing of his back.

26 United Arab Emirates: Kevin Rideout, a Moody aviation graduate and a missionary with SIM International was abducted in October of last year in Niger. No one has claimed responsibility and there has been no news whatsoever. Pray for his miraculous release as well as for his wife and four children.

27 Malawi: Reading Club - We are so thankful for the children who learned to read and write at Reading Club this year. Many of the kids have finished top of their classes which is just an added bonus. We thank the Lord for the faithful tutors who are seeing big results from their hard work.

28 South Africa: Nathan has decided to work an extra year in Canada before attending Masters University. His scholarships will carry forward to 2027 so he feels it would be more prudent to work rather than take on debt.

29 Philippines: Please pray for the people of Mindanao, Philippines, and the continued recovery from 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck on 8 June. Ask God to bring peace, comfort, and strength to those who have been impacted, and to replace fear with His presence as they continue to rebuild.

30 Canada: Pam, Richard and a team of 5 will be travelling to Mwanza, Tanzania for 2 weeks to visit the projects and see how EI works in the field. They will also be hosting a one-day VBS

31 Uganda: Starting on the 31st Marianne and Vincent are teaching a three-day intensive course on The Church and Mission at the Soroti Bible Institute. Please pray for the students to learn, and to grow a heart for the nations, and please also pray for Marianne and Vincent as they are developing the materials they will teach.