



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: UAE - Daniel, Hephzibah and Awan.

After spending 10 years in Mumbai, India, the Lord Almighty opened the door to ministry on a full-time basis to shepherd an international assembly of believers in 2012. The church is largely made up of people from India but there are a few from other parts of the world as well. Early on in our ministry here, we saw a big need for ministry in the labour camps. After

years of ministering in labour camps across the city, the LORD allowed us to start a service specifically catering to the Punjabi people group, from India and Pakistan. They are migrant low-wage workers, involved in factories as well as in construction. Like many Gulf nations, their income is so low that they cannot bring their families over. So, ministry to these men is very important.

The society in general is transient, which means, people are not here on a permanent basis. They come on a contract and once the contract is over, they move and this affects not only church attendance but also in training of leaders. We see this as a small window of opportunity; the LORD has given us to make an impact on the lives of people here. Hephzibah has continued her ministry to unchurched women who live in Mumbai, India. These women are married to abusive, unbelieving husbands who do not permit them to go to church. She spends time with these women, teaching the Word, praying for them, counselling and encouraging them to stand strong in the midst of their difficult situations.

There is also a Muslim Baluchi family Hephzibah ministers to via Zoom. They received her contact because they had heard that she people pray for deliverance. Since Hephzibah also comes from the same religious background, she was able to connect with them. They had travelled far and wide and visited many religious spiritual people to get help, but to no avail. As of now, they have started reading the Word of God and they have experienced that the power of JESUS is mightier than anything else.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** We have over 30 children in the Reading Club. Praise God for the tutors we have this year and for the enthusiasm of the kids to keep growing in the literacy and numeracy skills. We are praying for great outcomes in their learning at school.
- 2 Philippines:** Please pray for the parents participating in our Livelihood Project. Ask God to encourage and guide the Kagikit food preservation group and to sustain the progress of the sewing group and goat project.
- 3 Uganda:** This is a key month for the Pads ministry, as we are working to complete 36 days of training with girls from six different schools. As much as the menstruation materials are important for the girls, it is these lessons which are really the core of the Pads ministry. Please pray for these 1,105 girls as we teach them about puberty and menstruation, but also about love, relationships, and their identity in Christ.
- 4 Brazil:** Pray for the families in the Picada Quilombola community who have recently received Bibles through the local church and Emmanuel International. Pray that they will read and engage with God's Word, and that it will bring hope, encouragement and transformation to their lives.
- 5 South Africa:** Don and Rachel Sayers are so thankful that Danielle, Josh, Henk and our newest grand-daughter, Lara, are joining them for 3 weeks in October! Pray for their travel mercies and that as a family they will enjoy a sweet reunion and reconnecting time.
- 6 Haiti:** The Haiti Prayer meeting is today at 7:30(Toronto) / 12:30pm (UK). Pray with us as we remember the people of Haiti and pray for their protection, for a clean democratic process during the presidential elections and for God to appoint a just and fair president in December.
- 7 International:** The Global Gathering team is meeting to firm up plans for the upcoming gathering in Tanzania May 17-21, 2027. Please pray all the countries are able to finalize their numbers attending so plans can move forward smoothly.

8	Tanzania: Please pray for the women who have completed the Pastors Training. Pray for the evaluation process as they reflect on what they have learned and how the training has impacted them. Pray that the teaching will continue to shape their lives, strengthen their faith and equip them to serve effectively in their churches and communities.
9	Malawi: The revised curriculum is taking shape for the mission training program at the Evangelical Baptist Bible College in Liwonde. Pray as we find the qualified teachers and recruit serious students to start this program in March of 2027.
10	South Africa: We praise the Lord that Ms B. has settled in well as the new House mom for House 2. Pray that she will enjoy serving the Lord in her calling to mentor and raise the children for His glory and for her joy.
11	United Arab Emirates: Please pray for Daniel and Hephzibah's health. Hepzibah is awaiting a diagnosis and treatment for some symptoms she is experiencing. Please pray also for the family's accommodation, they are in need of a larger space in a location that is more convenient for their mission and outreach opportunities
12	Canada: Today is Canada's Thanksgiving day (a public holiday). Join us in prayers of thanksgiving for God's provision for the people of Canada and around the world, recognising that every good gift we receive comes from His grace and providence for humanity. Pray also for God's protection over those who support our grassroots communities through their professions and voluntary roles.
13	International: The October EI family prayer gathering is today, 9am (Toronto) / 2pm (UK). Please pray for the whole team as we receive updates from the projects and countries and that we see God's hand moving as week seek him.
14	Tanzania: Pray for the continued strengthening and monitoring of the Entrepreneurship groups. Ask God to help the groups remain committed, work well together and make wise decisions as they develop their businesses. Pray also for the project team as they support and monitor the

groups, that they will have wisdom to identify challenges and encourage the groups towards long-term sustainability.

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- 15 South Africa:** Please pray for the ongoing re-registration of African Hope Trust since the bank lost all of the original registration documents which has forced Don and Rachel to produce all new documents and register as a Trust again. It has been nearly 10 months since this process started.
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- 16 Malawi:** We are thankful for the newly elected management team members for our partner church, the Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi. Pray for Pastor Yakobe who is the new Bishop for the denomination and Pastor Kamwaza who is the new General Secretary. We ask the Lord for courage, unity and vision for these next five years of their service together.
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- 17 Uganda:** Today is the start of a four-day retreat for the EI Uganda team. This year so far has had much fruit, but it has also had its fair share of challenges. Please pray for a time of rest, refreshed vision, and growing team unity.
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- 18 South Africa:** Don and Rachel have submitted applications for their 3-year Visas in late September. Pray that they would be approved and that they won't need to 'reset' their temporary visas by flying out of SA in the next month.
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- 19 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Nyamiswi Group as they raise funds for their upcoming training. Pray that they will be able to complete their contributions soon and that the necessary funds will be available. Pray also for the preparation and delivery of the training, that it will be successful, practical and beneficial to everyone who takes part.
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- 20 Haiti:** The Haiti Prayer meeting is today at 7:30 (Toronto) / 12:30pm (UK). Pray with us as we thank God for all that he's doing in the country. Pray especially for the Maribel kindergarten which reopened in September following extensive repair work. Pray for the 500+ children, teachers and supporting staff, that they may thrive and grow in all they do.
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21	International: The EI Council are meeting today at 9am (Toronto) / 2pm (UK). Please pray for good conversations and for needs and ideas to be God inspired and fruitful.
22	Philippines: Our sponsored students have faithfully participated in both their academic activities, the tutorials and Kitab or Bible study. Please pray for Omega, our main coordinator, as she visits their families. After meeting with four families in September, she plans to visit four more in October to strengthen our relationships with them. Pray that Omega will demonstrate God's love, that the families will open their hearts and minds to Jesus, and that God will protect her and the other coordinators during their home visits.
23	Malawi: The farmers in the Farmer-to-Farmer project have finished all the preparations for this upcoming planting season. Six farmers went for more in-depth training in organic farming methodology. Please join us in asking the Lord for favourable rains. We are encouraged by the ownership shown by these farmers in investing a significant amount of money themselves
24	Tanzania: Please pray for the Buhama groups, whose beehives were destroyed by fire while the forest was being cleared. Pray for the members who have lost their hives and income, and ask God to provide encouragement and practical help as they recover and begin rebuilding what has been lost. Pray that they will not become discouraged and that the beekeeping project can be re-established successfully.
25	South Africa: Pray for Living Hope Bible Church as they host 10 short-term missionaries from Grace Community Church in California for a fortnight. Pray as Don, Rachel and the team finalize the logistics and that they would also be blessed by their time together.
26	United Kingdom: Please pray for the UK staff and trustees as they prepare reports and year end finances for their annual audit of accounts.
27	Haiti: The Haiti Prayer meeting is today at 7:30(Toronto) / 12:30pm (UK). Please pray with us today that the young men and women negotiating their education and professional training in Haiti will be protected physically,

mentally and spiritually at this formative time. Please pray especially for Andrise as he moves to Saint-Marc to continue his medical training.

28 International: The international Board are meeting today at 9am (Toronto) / 2pm (UK). Please pray for good governance and oversight during the meeting. Please also pray that the board members will be protected and blessed as they lead EI across all its many borders and cultures.

Tanzania: Pray for the people of Kome and the wider community where the project is working, that many would come to know Jesus and experience the hope of the gospel. Pray for the churches and pastors as they serve their communities, asking God to strengthen them, give them wisdom and encouragement, and help them work together in unity. Pray that the churches will grow in their faith and witness and have opportunities to share the good news clearly. Also pray for the various groups on Kome, that they will continue to grow and develop well, with members working together effectively, supporting one another and making wise decisions.

29 Brazil: Pray for the Terena Bible School as it seeks to complete its leadership team, particularly for a female dean to support and care for the female students. Pray that God will provide the right person with the gifts, experience and willingness to serve in this voluntary role.

30 Malawi: Pray for the students at Chisomo as they wrap up this year of biblical training and discipleship. Graduation is on November 7th. Pray as they return to their home village areas, that there will be fruit that comes out of their learning as they serve their communities.

31 Uganda: The last Gulu for the Nations of 2026 is scheduled for November 6th. Gulu for the Nations is a night of worship and prayer focused on growing the church's understanding of, and passion for, God's heart for the nations. This worship night has been particularly difficult, with our host church changing and a smaller than normal choir. Please pray that the preparations will go well, especially as we are focused on building up volunteers who can take over the organization.