the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on: Global Gathering 2027 – Coming Together in Tanzania

In 2027, people from across the Emmanuel International family will gather in Mwanza, Tanzania, for five days of fellowship, learning and renewal. The EI Global family has long desired a regular gathering to share knowledge, grow together and strengthen relationships. From 17–21 May, participants will stay at Pasha, near Lake Victoria and Mwanza city centre, with time to relax, enjoy activities together and build relationships across the EI family.

The week's theme is **"Rise of the Global South Church."** As most Christians now live in the Global South, we will consider what this shift means for the global Church, EI and the future of our shared mission. Guest speakers from partner churches in South America and Africa will share their experiences and perspectives on how God is working through the growing Church.

Participants will visit EI Tanzania projects in local communities, meeting people involved in **Girls' Health, Kwetu Hubs, beekeeping and pastors' training**, hearing their stories and seeing the work first-hand. The visits will deepen our understanding of how churches and communities respond to practical and spiritual needs.

Daily devotions, prayer and worship will help everyone reflect on what they see and hear, while boating, swimming, hiking and biking will provide time to enjoy being together. Staff and partners will learn from diverse contexts, share challenges and successes, strengthen unity as a global family and explore how to support the Global South Church and shape our shared mission.
It promises to be a week of shared experiences, new friendships and fresh perspectives. Please pray for good planning, safe travel and a successful gathering that renews our commitment to God and one another.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers…

1	**International:** The Global South Committee is meeting Mon Nov 2 at 9am EST to continue improving our support for Global South missionaries and our partner churches with mission mindset. **South Africa:** Pray for our new house mom Ms. B who is loving the ministry to the children but has inherited some behaviour challenges with a couple of the older children she struggles with. She is faithful and reminds them that they are not sinning against her but the Lord. Pray that the Lord would soften the hearts of the children and encourage Ms. B in her faithfulness.
2	**Canada:** Nov 2-4 Richard will be attending the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches (FEB Central) annual conference. Please pray for renewed church connections for EI Canada **United Arab Emirates:** It's Daniel Singh's birthday today, please pray for the Lord to grant him the grace to bear spiritual fruit, to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Pray also for good health, for the Lord to heal Hephzibah from gluten allergy and Awan from lactose intolerance.
3	**Canada:** The Auditors (Amanda and Marta) will be in the office for their annual on-site audit. Please pray for a smooth day. **Haiti:** Our Haiti prayer meeting is at 07:30am (Toronto), 12:30pm (UK). Please continue to pray for the presidential elections in Haiti, which have again been delayed due to resistance from the gangs controlling large swathes of the cities and towns. Pray for the UN gang suppression teams actively working in the area. Please pray for the efforts to locate and free kidnapped peace-keepers.
4	**International:** The Global Gathering Planning Team will meet Wed Nov 4 at 8:30am EST to continue planning our time in Tanzania May 17-21, 2027. **Malawi:** Pray for Mr. Euwart Tawakali who will be taking on the responsibility of running the new mission training and outreach program that is scheduled to start in March 2027. He will need wisdom as he confirms teachers and recruits students for this new program. We are excited for what God will do to make our partner church an outreach-focussed community of believers.
5	**Philippines:** The SALT team continues to track progress on the Tinoto Earthquake Rehabilitation Project. Pray for the 11 families whose homes were destroyed as they work together to rebuild, for our team's protection during visits to the area, and that the Sama people in Tinoto will encounter Jesus and know Him as Savior and Lord.

6	**Uganda:** Tonight is Gulu for the Nations, a night of prayer and worship focused on God's heart for the nations. Please pray for good attendance from many churches across the city. Please also pray for the volunteer leaders who are helping us this time, as in 2027 they will be running the worship and prayer evenings more independently. **Tanzania:** TURAZIKUJA Project - Please pray for Ekenywa A and Ekenywa B groups as they approach the end of their VICOBA cycles. Pray for successful completion, timely loan repayments, and positive outcomes for all members. Pray also that the predicted El Niño rains will not disrupt project activities or cause damage to infrastructure and community resources. Finally, for the good health and well-being of all staff members, asking for strength and protection as they continue their work.
7	**Malawi:** Graduation at Chisomo. We thank the Lord for the 24 students who have travelled with the staff at Chisomo this past school year. We pray that they will bring positive, God-glorifying impact back to their communities.
8	**Brazil:** Pray for the indigenous brothers and sisters who feel called to be pastors, church leaders and missionaries (those who plan to attend the Terena Bible School next year). They need God's clear lead as they face the challenges of leaving their villages for three years.
9	**Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee are travelling back to Canada today for a few months of home leave. We are praying for good connections with supporters of various projects as well as a time of refreshing with family. It will be our first Christmas together as a family in eight years. We really can't wait!
10	**Canada:** Link Charity will be onsite sharing about ways to donate to charities via their organization. We have invited some donors and board members to participate. We pray for a good turn out and clear message to be presented. **International:** Our Family Prayer Time will be Tues Nov 10 at 9am EST. We look forward to praying for our work around the world.
11	**Philippines:** The Earthquake Rehab project is in Gensan City, about 148 kilometres from our SALT team's base in Davao City. Please pray for fellow missionaries R and L, who oversee the project weekly when our SALT team is away. Pray that their presence reflects God's love and care for the Sama people (also known as "sea gypsies"). **Tanzania:** Pastors Training Project - Pray for the effective planning and organisation of the Women's Sponsorship Programme, that all preparations will go smoothly and that the programme will achieve its intended objectives and benefit the women involved.

12	**South Africa:** Continue to pray for the re-registration of our trust and that the Lawyers would satisfy the unexpected demands of the banks and magistrate. **Uganda:** The Pads ministry is finishing up our training for girls in six different schools. These trainings are intended to help girls learn about menstruation while also learning about the importance of education and their importance before God. The girls receive a set of washable sanitary pads made by a local tailor, but this month we are also teaching the girls how to hand sew washable sanitary pads. Please pray that the girls will learn this valuable skill and will also grow in their confidence and sense of self-worth.
13	**United Arab Emirates:** Church leadership: Pray for the Lord to connect us to His labourers - those with a burden for His Kingdom, who can come alongside us in the ministry. **Tanzania:** Tanga Project - Pray that the necessary financial resources will be provided in time to support ongoing activities and ensure the project continues effectively.
14	**Canada:** The Springvale Harvest Market will be taking place today. EIC is one of the sponsors, and we will be there to welcome all attendees to hand out gift bags and the Christmas Catalogue flyer. Approximately 1,500 people come out and shop, we pray for those attending will stop and learn more about EI Canada.
15	**United Kingdom:** The Christmas catalogue has been produced and released on our website. Pray that our efforts to publicise it will result in many gifts being purchased for EI Projects worldwide and for new people to become aware of the work of EI as a result.
16	**Canada:** Kristy will be on vacation with Mark, pray as they enjoy a week off together and visit the Niagara area as well.
17	**Haiti:** Our Haiti prayer meeting is at 07:30am (Toronto), 12:30pm (UK). Pray for medical students Andrice and Semantha as they continue their professional studies. Pray for protection as they operate in areas with heavy gang presence.
18	**Philippines:** Club 10:14, our children's ministry, meets twice a month for Bible study. Praise God for 3 new ladies joining the group. Pray as they plan a Christmas outreach for needy children in December and raise funds to bless them.

19	**South Africa:** We are so thankful for the busy time in October with our short-term missions' team from the US and our daughter bringing her family and our two lovely grandchildren for 3 weeks. A busy but blessed time! Pray for Don and Rachel as they transition back to 'empty nesters' once again and prepare for the busy December season.
20	**Malawi:** Pray for the farmers in the Farmer-to-Farmer program. They have worked hard to prepare their fields for planting this year. Pray for good rains even in the midst of weather uncertainty. Pray especially that their fields will be a testimony to the life-giving power of the Gospel of Jesus!
21	**United Arab Emirates:** Church Growth: For the Lord to lead us to those who are hungry for Him and for wisdom and strategies to win souls in this land. Currently we have just 25 members in the church. It will be great if the Lord would add to this and grow this community. Continue to pray for Sathya and Sophiya (whom we have prayed for previously), to hunger for more of the LORD and their spiritual growth.
22	**Tanzania:** Water Project (Iringa) - Please pray for the ongoing construction of the balancing tanks at the Mtitu Water Project, as well as for the preparation of materials for the construction of the latrine block. Pray for sufficient resources, safety for the workers, and successful progress in all construction activities.
23	**Uganda:** This week we are running the GROW ministry training for our 2027 sites. We will be training church leaders how to share the gospel, how to follow up with new believers, and how to disciple believers using an oral storying Bible study method. Please pray for good participation by the church leaders, and for good understanding as they will be going back to train a team in their church.
24	**Haiti:** Our Haiti prayer meeting is at 07:30am (Toronto), 12:30pm (UK). Praise God for the rebuilding of the kindergarten at Marbial. For those who worked so hard to restore the building and campus to a suitable and safe learning environment for the 500+ children who benefit from it.
25	**International:** The EI Council will meet Wed Nov 25 at 9am EST. Please pray for a productive time together to strengthen the mission. Malawi: Continue to pray for the country's leadership as they deal with many layers of challenges that affect both the fuel supply and economic stability of the country. The ongoing stresses are wearing on people, just as is happening in many countries around the world.
26	**Brazil:** It is so important to encourage the partner churches with which Emmanuel Brazil works to internalize the biblical principles of helping the poor and the Kingdom of God. Pray that God will help us to intentionally present these principles to them in all our interactions.

	Tanzania: Entrepreneurship Project - Please pray for the upcoming training for Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) in Sengerema on their roles in community development. Pray that the training will be successful, that participants will gain a clear understanding of their responsibilities, and that they will apply their knowledge to bring positive change to their communities.
27	**South Africa:** The US team ministered to the Sayers' church through the Word in so many ways and we will be meeting early November to debrief and look at lessons learned, as well as the success and challenges that we can work on for their next visit.
28	**United Kingdom:** Simon Taylor will be leaving by the spring as he steps into a full-time pastoral leadership role at his church. Pray for Sue and the UK trustees as they seek to hire a new administration assistant to replace him. We seek God's wisdom for the recruitment process and for the right person to feel the call of God in applying for the role. **United Arab Emirates:** Christmas program: We are planning an evangelistic Christmas program where unbelievers will be invited. However, there are many in our small congregation taking a break or going for vacation this month, making it difficult for rehearsals to happen. Pray for the LORD to give us wisdom to create a program that causes those who come to want to keep returning with the result of new souls for the Kingdom.
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30	**Philippines:** Ken and Ruth Copsey will retire by the end of 2027. Please pray that God provides the right person or people to succeed them and answer the call to minister in Mindanao, Philippines. **Tanzania:** Please pray for the five groups that are completing their VICOBA cycles in December. Pray that members who have outstanding loans will repay them faithfully and on time, and that all groups will successfully complete their cycles.