

**AUGUST 2014**

## Helping the Terena Church fulfil their calling



### This year's students dressed up in their indigenous outfits

The good news of salvation came to the Terena indigenous people in Brazil, brought by missionaries about one hundred years ago. The first Terena Christians were persecuted by their own people, but God opened wide doors and soon there were churches planted in all Terena villages. Today the majority of them are newborn Christians. The vision to reach other unreached indigenous nations for Christ was planted in their hearts and today more than 15 indigenous nations in Brazil have been reached as a result of the Terena missionaries sent out.

Emmanuel Brazil has been working side by side with the Terena Church since 2003. For us it is strategic to support the Cades Barnéia Terena Bible School and their efforts to better train indigenous pastors and missionaries. The training of indigenous Christian leaders is key

for the evangelism of other indigenous groups in Brazil as Government has been slowly closing the doors, even for Brazilian missionaries, to work among indigenous people. This year the Terena Bible School has 9 students from four different ethnic groups, Terena, Cadwell, Kaiapó, and Xavante.



**Sérgio with some of this year's Terena Bible School Students**



Carpentry Course

Fish Pond Course





**Sérgio and Beth Souza with their daughter Gabriella (left).**

It also holds on a monthly basis special weekend theological courses for pastors and church leaders.

Sérgio and Beth Souza, Emmanuel Brazil missionaries, are in their fourth year of ministry in the Bible School. They help with teaching, supporting the students in their day to day needs, and in the maintenance. They also visit Terena villages to help small churches in far away communities.

One of our goals is to help the Bible School become sustainable, as most village churches can't afford the students' tuition. We also want to help the students learn different skills, so they can work as tent makers when they become pastors and missionaries. Sérgio is a carpenter and we have started a carpentry project for the students. At the end of the course a basic tool kit will be provided to each student at a subsidized price. They can make chairs, tables, benches, and other simple pieces of furniture when they return to their villages. The items made in the classes are sold and the income helps cover some of the Bible School expenses. A fish pond project has also been started with the same goals and it is in its initial steps.

In the last decades the Terena people have suffered with local farmers taking their land. As a result farms have been invaded and roads have been blocked by Terena groups to bring awareness to their cause and force the Government to take the necessary measures to give back the land to the first owners. Today this has become a serious and sensitive issue and the Terena church leaders don't have a clear understanding about how the Church can respond to this situation. Emmanuel Brazil is helping them to discuss this issue, with the valuable help of Tearfund Brazil.

*It is a real blessing to see that the Emmanuel International goal to support the Terena Church's efforts to build up strong Christian leadership and bring the gospel to thousands of indigenous Christians from other ethnic groups - despite the challenges, is bearing fruit for God's kingdom.*

**Please pray:**

- **for the Terena people and the work that the church is doing in this area, and**
- **for Sérgio, Beth and Gabriella Souza.**

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## The start of our new family get-togethers in 2015!

The first of the new style meetings will take place on:

**Saturday 21 February 2105**  
**from 11am till 4pm**  
**at City Temple London**  
**£10 incl tea/coffee and lunch**

We will be meeting in London to receive an update on the work of EIUK, to meet, pray and lunch together. We are also holding the **EIUK Annual AGM** during this meeting.



We are very blessed that **Andrew and Miriam Wingfield** will be on homeleave during this time and are able to join us and tell us about their work in Tanzania. Do come and support them!

City Temple in London is in a central location and easy to get to via public transport, but there are also NCP car parks nearby.

More information on this new event will follow soon.

### Dates for your diary

**Board Meeting:** 21 November 2014  
**EIUK meeting with AGM:** 21 February 2015

## Family Snippets

### John, Belinda and Samuel Naudé

The family returned to Malawi on Tuesday 26 August after 6 weeks on home leave in the UK. They have arrived safely. We thank God for a good time with family, friends and supporters.

### Sue Fallon

Sue is planning to visit South Africa and Tanzania during September. She is leaving for South Africa on Tuesday 2 September. She'll spend time with the Sayers family and see the projects in the country. She will then travel to Iringa, Tanzania where she'll spend some time with the Wingfield family and meet with the local staff and visit projects. While in Tanzania, Sue will also visit the Monger family in Mwanza, meet with their partner church and visit the potential new projects. She returns to the UK on 30 September. This trip involves a lot of travelling and your prayers for Sue's safety and enough time to rest, will be appreciated.

### Andy and Angela Sharpe

Andy and Angela are using their time in the UK well to visit with family, friends and supporters. They are travelling all over the UK to speak at different churches about the work in Tanzania. Please pray for their safe travels too.

### Martin Carr

Martin is travelling to Uganda for 4 weeks in September and October. Martin is an EIUK trustee but is travelling as Consultant for Mango Tree Consulting to evaluate projects in Karamoja and Kabale. He'll call in to Pader to visit EI staff on his travels.