



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Success stories : Entrepreneurship project

*The entrepreneurship project in Mwanza, Tanzania aims to help the poor overcome poverty by teaching biblical business skills and loaning groups money to start a business.*

Elizabeth lives in Usagara, in the Mwanza region of Tanzania. She owned a cafeteria even before she joined the Entrepreneurship group in the village. She says that Emmanuel International has taught her the business principles that she needs to keep track of her expenses and to be able to tell if she is making a profit. By taking a small loan from the project, she was able to introduce meat to her menu. This proved to be very popular, allowing her to pay back her loan very quickly and also make a profit!

She is very happy to be part of the Entrepreneurship project.



Elizabeth in her cafeteria (left) and cleaning rice (above)

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## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Pray for the success of two activities on Ukerewe Island today and tomorrow. We are holding a reconciliation meeting with Nansole group on the project money we loaned them a long time ago. The meeting will be headed by the overseer of Ukerewe Eastern churches, the Nansole pastor, Elisha and Palapala. Pray for wisdom, courage, power and binding decisions. We are also teaching on holistic mission in Kagunguli TAG church where other neighboring churches also will be invited.
- 2 Uganda:** Today we are showing the Jesus Film for the first time since 2019! This month we will be showing the film in 8 communities, as we focus on completing the film shows before the rainy season starts in April. Please pray for the logistics, as we are out of practice, and for a good response to the gospel message.
- 3 Tanzania:** We are meeting with dairy cattle keepers in Mabuki village today about the development of the project. Please pray for a successful meeting.
- 4 International:** The International AGM is scheduled for February 23. Please pray for Paul and Helen as they organize this meeting.. it will be their first time to organize an AGM.  
**South Africa:** A bit of family news: Danielle Sayers is engaged to be married this August. Her Canadian friend Josh Tomlinson flew out to SA in January and popped the question. I can report there wasn't any hesitation in saying 'yes'. They will be married in SA but then return to Canada to start their lives together in Edmonton, where Josh currently works as a mechanical engineer.
- 5 Haiti:** The country is experiencing political instability, a rise in gang violence and economic instability. The cholera outbreak is worsening. Haiti is now the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Please pray for God to bring peace, stability and health to the country.
- 6 Uganda:** Last year schools closed early, which prevented us from finishing our training with girls participating in the Pads ministry. With school reopening today, we will be trying to pick up these trainings where we stopped in December.
- 7 Malawi:** The cholera pandemic is getting out of hand. So far none of our projects and staff have been affected but we have been advised to get the vaccine. Please pray for an end to this pandemic.  
**Brazil:** Fred Silva's trip to Tanzania in January was a great encouragement for him (and hopefully for the EI TZ team). God is good!
- 8 International:** The International Board is meeting today. We have recently had 2 resignations on our Board. Please be praying as we reach out to others to join.

- 9 Uganda:** The Child Discipleship ministry is in the process of graduating the 21 churches we have been working for the past three years. Please pray for the children's ministries in these churches to stand strong for years to come.
- South Africa:** Beauty has had a very difficult past month with one of her teenage children in the home. The teen has been very rebellious and no longer walking as a believer. Pray that the Lord would work in the teen's heart and that she would feel the conviction of God's word.
- 10 Malawi:** February is a very challenging month due to hunger as people wait for the harvest. Please pray for a good crop this year and for people living in the villages in particular. Praise God for the rainfall we have had. It has not been damaging as in years past.
- 11 Brazil:** After so many struggles, we praise the Lord that the photovoltaic panels at the Terena Bible School are in place and the electricity bills are reduced to around 10% of what they used to pay. That's a huge weight off their shoulders.
- 12 Tanzania:** Today, and again on 19 February, we will have church mobilization seminars for health project. Please pray for us.
- 13 South Africa:** The need of our church, Living Hope Bible Church, for a larger venue has become more pressing in the past few weeks. We thank the Lord for this challenge and for the many families who have their children sit on the floor during the 2 hours for Discipleship and preaching services.
- 14 United States of America:** Sherry Abbott's mum, Joanne, passed away in January 2023. Our deepest sympathy to Mark, Sherry and all the family. Please keep them in your prayers at this time of mourning.
- 15 Malawi:** 22 students are attending Chisomo Theological & Vocational Training Centre - please pray for them. Also for Scott MacLean who is teaching Romans.
- 16 United Kingdom:** Sue is talking about the trip to Tanzania at her church today, evening time. There will be pudding and drinks served. We are expecting a good number of people.
- 17 South Africa:** Don is dealing with many maintenance issues that have come up with the Safe Houses: a collapsing retaining wall, caused by a very large tree, plumbing issues, washing machines not working, internet connections not working, etc. Pray for patience and for funds for these unexpected problems.
- 18 Philippines:** The water from the project in Marabuhay has reached the community but we are having a problem with some pipes needing to cross a river. Pray for additional funding needed.

- 19 Brazil:** Águas Formosas PROPAC needs God's wisdom to plan the activities to respond to the needs of the children, teenagers and their families in 2023.
- 20 Tanzania:** Ten EITZ employees from all 3 field sites will be attending the ECHO agriculture conference in Arusha from today to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Simon will be giving a presentation. Pray for safe travels, good connections, and shared education.
- 21 United States of America:** A very good friend of mine (Mark) and brother in Christ, Dave Barnwell, has been diagnosed with malignant melanoma, caught early. He will undergo radiation therapy for a year to make sure it does not spread.
- 22 Philippines:** Club 10:14, our children's ministry team, is planning for this year's program. We need a promotions coordinator who can help spread the word about our books.
- 23 Canada:** Two Tyndale students are interested in an Internship Program at EIC. Cristal is interested in a placement at our office and Brittney would like to go overseas. Pray for roles to become available and for the necessary funds to travel.
- 24 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Board is meeting today via Teams. Please pray for good internet connections and a fruitful meeting.
- Tanzania:** Rachel Monger is traveling to Tanzania at the end of this month. She will come with multiple hats but most specially on behalf of Bees Abroad checking up on our Kome beekeeping groups.
- 25 International:** The EI Council members and Board members are reviewing the Policy Manual and Bylaws for the International office and would appreciate your prayers.
- 26 Canada:** EI Canada is hoping to have an AGM in February.
- Philippines:** Continue to pray for the inmates at the Sta. Ana jail in Davao city who are using Explorers Club for their weekly Bible study with our partner. Pray that the Lord will cause these men and women to come to know Jesus as their Savior and find freedom in Christ.
- 27 Canada:** Preparations being made for the Global Gathering planned for June. Pray especially that visas will be forthcoming in time for those who need them.
- 28 United Kingdom:** The EIUK Annual Conference and AGM is taking place on Saturday 11 March 2023. Please pray for all who are attending and speaking, that it will be a blessed time of worshipping together and learning more about EIUK's work over the last year.