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Caressing of the soul in Tanzania



Fred Silva, the General Secretary of Missao Emanuel, EI in Brazil, had the opportunity in January 2023 to visit the Mwanza and Tanga regions.

A few months ago, I learned a new word. It's 'apapachar', in Maya, one of the languages spoken in Mexico. And its meaning is so interesting and encouraging: 'to have one's soul caressed'. Since then I have had the chance to pay more attention to the ways God has 'caressed my soul'. No doubt the trip to Tanzania was one of them.

Since 2018, when Tarcísio and Jurema Porto, and Carla and I were in Africa, the desire to return has been in my heart. The pandemic and the rise in the air fare costs seemed to be challenges very difficult to overcome. But the desire to go on that trip continued in my heart. In one of our prayer letters I asked our friends and supporters to pray for that. And right after that two people encouraged me to go by their donation to the trip.

A visit to Mwanza, the EI Tanzania headquarters, was the first choice and then the International Office suggested a trip to Tanga, the area where EI TZ has just started to work in. Joel Newby, the EI

TZ director, gave a tremendous support to the idea and from the very beginning he worked hard helping with all the plans for the trip.

In my heart I didn't want to be just a regular visitor, seeing the projects and taking photos. I thought that just being there, meeting with the staff and project beneficiaries, listening to them, learning from their experience, encouraging and being encouraged, would be a lot more meaningful.

The Newby family kindly took good care of me in Mwanza. It was a great opportunity to get to know Joel better, as well as Samantha, his wife, and their children. Simon Ewing and Laura Kelly, together with the staff, took me around to visit three different areas in Mwanza region.



I attended Pastor Godwin's church on Sunday and was invited to preach. It was great to see his enthusiasm for Missions and his desire to have Tanzanians reaching out to other countries.

The opportunity to learn more about the projects EI Tanzania is carrying out in the Mwanza area was very rich. The Bee, Strength and Dignity for schoolgirls, Goats, and Gardens for Women projects are making a real difference in the lives of so many people there. And the enthusiasm with which the team and the beneficiaries talked about the projects and answered my many questions showed me the projects' success.



Gardens for Women (KWETU project) in Mwanza with Simon

On the way to Tanga region we stopped in Dodoma to participate in the first two sessions of the Partner Church conference for pastors, where EI Tanzania presented its report. Then Joel and I continued to Tanga. We were met by Edward and Joshua, the EI TZ staff, and Peter and Patrick, two young men who are working as volunteers. We visited three rural churches that are involved with the VICOBA Project and one church in town. What a rich time of worshipping the Lord together, enjoying the singing and dancing, having a meal with them, learning about the project and success stories. Joel had a valuable time

with the Tanga team and the local church pastors and leaders.



Visiting a VICOBA project in Tanga with Joel



The Tanzania visit was a very encouraging time for me. The personal contact with the EI Tanzanian team, the good talks with Joel and Simon during the long driving hours, the team commitment with the project beneficiaries, the joy of the Tanzanian brothers and sisters to host us and to share what they have with us really touched my heart.

The Strength and Dignity Project, that has reached more than 2,000 schoolgirls and helped them to attend school during their menstrual period, learn more about their bodies and their right to say 'no' to any abuse, is just one example of one of the foundations of Emmanuel International work, which is to help people, families and communities to have dignity and to be protagonists of their own future.



Strength and Dignity project (Girls' Health) in Mwanza

We need to value and love vulnerable people as our #1 priority, as Jesus did during his ministry on earth. Christ has given to His Church the ministry of reconciliation. Through Him "the new creation has come... the new is here". That's a promise for today, not just for the future. Peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity welfare and tranquility, the meaning of God's shalom, is the message we should preach, but we share with others. May God continue to help Emmanuel International to share God's shalom with thousands of people, not only in Tanzania, but around the world.



Emmanuel International UK Conference & AGM

10:30am-4pm Saturday, 11 March 2023

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SOUTHBOURNE

Thanks to technology we are looking forward to hearing first hand from some of our projects as we can set up live online reports!

Our **2023 Annual General Meeting** will also take place during the day.

We look forward to welcoming online...

- **The Ewing Family**, EIUK missionaries in Tanzania
- **Joel Newby**, EI Country Representative in Tanzania
- **Laura Kelly**, helping with Girls' Health project *Nguvu na Hadhi*
- **Mike and Marianne Botting**, EI Country Representatives in Uganda
- **Paul and Helen Jones**, International Director, **Fred Silva**, EI Country Representative in Brazil and **Tarcisio Porto** will join us from Brazil

Cost **£15 per person**, to include lunch and tea/coffee.

RSVP by Friday 3 March 2023

The Conference brochure and booking form was sent out last month but can be found on our website on www.eiuk.org.uk/eiuk-conf-agm-2023 or scan the QR code on your smartphone.



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