



the Emmanuel Connection

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Success stories : Beekeeping

Beekeeping in general is not very popular in the Mwanza region of Tanzania as people are unaware of its benefits in everyday life. EI has been working to raise awareness on the importance of beekeeping in the villages Kayenze, Malya, Ngudu and 3-4 villages on Kome Island.

“We benefit and still have some honey to use in our homes. We got a big harvest that earned every member 1.5 litre honey for personal use and money - 900 thousand TzS (£270) to be divided amongst the members.

This money helps in the family. For me, I bought chickens, paid for school fees and supplies. A very big benefit is when neighbours ask for honey, we can help for the benefit of the community.”



*Samson (Chairman of the Kayenze beekeeping group)
with his wife Neema, also a member of the group*

Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Philippines:** Ruth Copsey is due to return either to the USA or Canada on 6 April, depending on whether they can get an appointment for her green card interview in Montreal. She needs to receive her I-card (identification card for foreigners with a visa like hers) in time to leave the Philippines. Please pray.
- 2 Malawi:** The Chisomo Theological & Vocational Training school students are on break for the month of April. Pray as they visit their home communities and churches, that the fruit of their learning during this first semester would be evident and helpful.
- 3 Philippines:** We're having a training for pastors and teachers to use our children's materials today in Lupon, a 3 hour drive from Davao city. Pray for our travel, open hearts and excitement from the participants and creativity for us trainers.
- 4 Tanzania:** We are about to start the IMARIKA project in a new village in the Iringa region this month.
- 5 South Africa:** Living Hope Bible Church is having an Easter outreach.
United Kingdom: Andy Sharpe has been elected to the EIUK Board of Trustees. We are grateful for Andy's experience and willingness to join the board.
- 6 Tanzania:** The new beekeeping group on Kome Island has just started. Please pray for the group.
- 7 Uganda:** This month we hope to complete our audit by the 15th, and to have our Annual General Meeting before the end of the month.
- 8 Tanzania:** Patrick is our newest addition to the Mwanza team. He previously volunteered in Tanga. He will be working on the entrepreneurship project in Mwanza.
- 9 Tanzania:** The whole month of April we will be doing another Pastors training seminar at the church planting school. This is our 2nd of 10 sessions we will be doing over the next 4 years. Please pray for safety as 15 different Pastors travel there, along with good training seminars.
- 10 United States of America:** Dave Barnwell's doctors need to develop a different immunology formula to treat his melanoma cancer, one that his body does not have a negative reaction to. Please continue to lift Dave in prayer.
- 11 Philippines:** The fishermen in Palawan are having difficulties catching fish due to bad weather and strong waves. Please pray for God's provision for them.

- 12 International:** We thank God for the opportunity to visit MEB in March. Praise God with us for the work of MEB in partnership with various churches. It is inspiring to hear the testimonies of lives changed through the years.
- 13 Haiti:** The political unrest makes for unsafe situations for all. Daniel Jovin hasn't been able to visit Haiti due to the gangs, etc. Money going into the country is difficult and unsafe as gangs hang around the banks.
- 14 Malawi:** Tropical cyclone Freddy devastated parts of Malawi, especially the southern part. Houses, gardens, livestock were damaged and swept away. Many people have lost their lives. Pray for God's comfort and strength to all who lost a loved one or their livelihood. We thank God that the EI staff are all safe but employees cannot go to the fields until the weather changes so project activities are not taking place but they are assisting where possible with the relief situation.
- 15 International:** The Steering Committee for the Strategic Plan is working on the Strategic Objectives for the Perspectives of focus for the next 5 years. Please continue to pray for God's direction and wisdom, for discernment and unity by those on the Steering Committee.
- Tanzania:** New groups are joining the TURAZIKUJA Project in Tanga today.
- 16 Canada:** Two new Tyndale University interns will be with us for up to 10 weeks: Brittany will be working with the Team in Tanzania and Cristal will be working with us at our Stouffville Office. Please pray for them. At the end of April Brittney will be traveling to Mwanza for 5 weeks there. Pray for safe travels.
- 17 Brazil:** Praise God with us for the 11 new indigenous students that arrived to study at the Terena Bible School.
- 18 Uganda:** We need to complete all of the paperwork for our NGO registration renewal before the end of the month.
- 19 Tanzania:** In the health project we will be starting church mobilization seminars in a new project village. Please pray for good attendance and cooperation.
- 20 Brazil:** The Ninheira Program has added another community to the project. Pray for Vadiação children and teenagers that are attending the classes.
- 21 United Kingdom:** St Peter's Church, Farnborough is having an Orientation Weekend in preparation for their trip to Mwanza, Tanzania in the summer. Sue is leading the teaching and the activities. Please pray for her and for the team.

- 22 Tanzania:** Mafuluto village is about to finish the fourth cycle of VICOBA (community village banking) in the IMARIKA project.
- 23 United States of America:** Praise for the election of a new board member for EIM: Dan Janssen. He has lived in different parts of Africa in his life and brings a great perspective to the EIM board.
- 24 Haiti:** Bethesda School Marbial Jacmel reports that despite the difficult times they faced, the year 2021-2022 was completely successful. 20 students were enrolled and all 20 passed the state examinations by the grace of God (100%). At the NSIV (philosophy) level, 13 were registered and 10 out of the 13 passed or achieved 76.9%. 49 children were enrolled in kindergarten. The end of year party commemorated 47 years of existence of the school.
- 25 International:** Some of those coming from EI countries around the world to the June Global Gathering have gotten their visas, for which we are thankful. Please continue to pray with us, especially for visas needed for those coming from our African countries.
- 26 Tanzania:** Climate change is effecting agriculture activities in the Tanga region. Please pray for rain.
- 27 South Africa:** We continue to look for two assistants for the Safe House mothers in the Safe House ministry.
- 28 Uganda:** Our partner, the Frontier Mission Team, is completing their dormitory for pastoral training. We also hope to visit them this month, to see the building progress and continue developing our partnership.
- 29 Philippines:** Pastor Billy's church is losing members because he can't disciple them properly due to his sickness and disability.
- 30 Malawi:** Scott and Lorilee MacLean ask for prayer for people in their neighborhood whose houses and crops were destroyed in the cyclone. It will be a slow process of recovery and most are expecting a very minimal harvest as result of the rains. Their own home suffered minimal damage and they are safe.
- 31 South Africa:** Don is preparing to travel to Canada ahead of the family in May to speak at some churches to raise additional support for the ministry in SA. Pray for Rachel and the boys for safety as they remain in SA and travel to Canada in June.