



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on EI countries: Brazil

Emmanuel International started to work in Brazil in 1981 and in 1999 EI Brazil was founded.



Brazil is a very large country: 8.510,000 km². It is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese, with more than 250 indigenous languages spoken. The predominant religion is Roman Catholic, and the Evangelical Christians are about 35% of the total population of 203 million people.

Today there are 3 national missionaries working for EI Brazil and we work with 5 different Partner Churches: The Terena Indigenous Church in West Brazil and 4 Partner Churches in Minas Gerais State.



Projects vary from Bible distribution to empowering the Indigenous Church to reach out to other ethnic groups, income generation, and projects for children, teenagers, and their families.

Community Garden Project at Xukuru kariri Monte Alegre Village

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** The Integrated Environmental Renewal Project will host seminars on conservation agriculture in 7 villages, starting today until the end of the month.
South Africa: This has been a long and cold winter and so getting around means bundling up the kids more than usual and keeping up with laundry in this rain has an added challenge. Please pray for the house mothers in our 3 Safe Houses. We are so thankful for their joy even in the challenging wet seasons.
- 2 Canada:** Richard and Pam McGowan will be in the UK for the first 2 weeks of September. Cindy Bates will be climbing a mountain in Newfoundland today!
United States of America: We would appreciate your continued prayer for Dave Barnwell, Stu Willcuts (car accident rehab) and Barb Graham (chemotherapy).
- 3 Uganda:** We are currently training Sunday School resource people in each of our partner churches, from August 28th to September 5th, so that the churches are able to train and supervise Sunday School teachers on their own. Please pray for the members, as this is an intense and long training!
Haiti: We continue to pray for the situation in Haiti. It is really difficult for the people, and Christians in particular. Pray for God's peace over them.
- 4 Malawi:** Classes resume at the Chisomo training centre where Scott and Lorilee MacLean teach. Pray for a strong finish in this third term for the students and the teachers.
- 5 United Kingdom:** Both the summer team that went to Mwanza and Chris Manktelow who went to Iringa and Tanga in August, have returned home. Please pray as they adjust back and that the experience will have an impact.
Philippines: Our students have just started the new school year. This is our 15th year of supporting students from 3 different people groups in Mindanao namely the Maguindanaons, the Manobos and Kolibugans. Pray that they will be motivated to study hard and to do their best. Pray for all the tutors/coordinators as they help each student with their academic and spiritual needs too.
- 6 Uganda:** Marianne is a guest facilitator for the online course, School of Missions Advocacy (SOMA) , hosted by YWAM's University of the Nations. For the next 9 weeks Christians from around the world (including many from Uganda!) will be learning approaches to missions mobilization that increase buy-in and ownership and connect with a network of other mobilizers, trainers and disciple-makers.
- 7 Brazil:** We praise God for the first four people from Monte Alegre Xukuru kariri village that were baptized at the end of August. During the ceremony three people committed their lives to Christ.
Philippines: Our children's discipleship classes are starting in two elementary schools in Lupon with hundreds of students. Pray that both teachers and students will have a great time studying God's Word.
- 8 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is meeting in person in London today. Please pray for safe travels and a fruitful meeting.
Tanzania: Joel Newby and Simon Ewing have many administrative tasks to take care of this month. After 2 months of furlough and 1 month of preparing/hosting guests, many administration tasks have stacked up.

- 9 Malawi:** The Leadership Training Program was started by Pastor Yakobe and Scott MacLean 25 years ago. It is still going strong. Pray for the third and final graduation today for the pastors and church leaders and members who have completed the two-year training program which brings theological training to their local church.
- 10 International:** All of the EI Boards were reviewing the STEP 24-28 (Strategic Plan) in the month August. Pray for wisdom as the International Board reviews the feedback from the other Boards. Pray for the EI Council as it prepares for the implementation of the STEP 24-28 once the final approval is given by the ERRI Board.
- 11 Uganda:** We are working with a consultant to help us transition our finances into Quickbooks. Please pray for a smooth transition.
- Malawi:** We ask that God should open doors for new projects in Emmanuel International Malawi so that we reach out to more in our country who are less privileged.
- 12 Tanzania:** In the KWETU Hubs, groups need to register as community based organisations. Please pray that this is an effective process. The groups also need to open accounts for saving their money. Pray for the team's safe traveling to the field and for good health while travelling.
- South Africa:** The income for the Safe Houses is running at about 70% of our actual expenses and we are prayerful that the Lord would bring an increase in the next few months. Please pray for our financial needs
- 13 Tanzania:** The "Strength and Dignity" project is on a break this month, as government schools in Tanzania are closed. Theopister Shoo, Esther Charles, and Laura Kelly are still busy at work, as they're preparing to start at a new secondary school. This school is very big, so please pray for clear communication with the school leadership.
- 14 Philippines:** The fishermen in Palawan have weekly Bible studies with Pastor Billy and Alma. Please pray for their spiritual growth.
- Canada:** The Christmas Catalog is being prepared. Please be praying for the response to this year's needs that will be presented in the catalog.
- 15 Tanzania:** In the IMARIKA project, there will be trips to many villages in the month of September. Pray for safe travels. The group in Mbigili will approach the end of their first round of VICOBA (village community banking).
- 16 United Kingdom:** Bernard Lane, EIUK board member, is undergoing health issues. Please pray for him.
- Malawi:** Pray for the development of theological education by extension courses that will benefit church leaders in Mozambique. Pray for Pastor Yakobe and Scott MacLean as they continue to work out these details.
- 17 Brazil:** Pray that children and teenagers that attend both Águas Formosas and Ninheira projects would see and experience God's love to them through the relationship with the project leaders.
- Philippines:** We pray for some of our students in Zamboanga, that they will know, understand, and accept God's love through Jesus this year.
- 18 Canada:** The EIC Board will be meeting this week. Please pray for them as they meet.

- 19 Tanzania:** For the construction of the footbridge in Mafuluto, Ibrahim and Ajery will be busy working to ensure that the meetings to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding for the villages of Mafuluto and Luganga are held. Also pray for them as they continue to follow the procedure to import construction material from Kenya.
- 20 Philippines:** The Batac people (an indigenous tribe in Palawan that El Philippines is helping) need a tractor so they can till their land for farming. Please pray for the provision of one.
- 21 Uganda:** We currently have six MissionMode groups meeting in Pader. Please help these members to find their role in God's global mission, and for a growing prayer movement in Pader.
Malawi: Lorilee MacLean runs a Reading Club. The students did well on their past exams. A new school year has started. Pray for focus and perseverance for the kids, especially as these coming months will be a challenge due to food insecurity.
- 22 Tanzania:** We will be doing a Health Seminar in September in the Turazikuja project in Tanga. Pray for safe travel for Edward Lukuwi and Joshua Mwenda from home to project areas. Pray for the Gwaatema group who are now participating in this project and as they start VICOBA.
- 23 Philippines:** Our SALT team is planning for the coming year and have a spiritual retreat today and tomorrow.
- 24 Malawi:** The contracts of a large number of Field Facilitators and Project integration Officers in the Titukulane Project come to an end on 30 September 2023. Please pray with us that God should help all the leaving employees psychologically so that they accept the termination of their contracts with positive minds. Economic factors have already affected our country negatively. Pray that God provides new job opportunities so that they can take care of their families.
- 25 Canada:** From today till September 27, Kristy Nowell is visiting government offices in Ottawa to present the FIT program. She is presenting the video that Simon created. This will include the follow-on phase.
- 26 Philippines:** Tonton and Nona Caballero have started Bible study in their subdivision. Pray for guidance.
- 27 South Africa:** One of Florida's children, Amnati, has been with Florida's house for a few months and she arrived with deep mistrust and night terrors. She often wakes up screaming and huddling in the corner. We have been counselling her, sent her for various tests. She has had a very traumatic 14 years of life and we hope that we are able to help her understand that her only hope and peace is through Christ and that Florida can demonstrate the salt and light to Amnati.
- 28 Malawi:** Due to Cyclone Freddy in the south and an unsuccessful agricultural inputs program led by the government, people are suffering from very poor harvests. Pray for the poor in villages in Malawi. Psalm 140:12.
- 29 Philippines:** We are praying for good sales at the water refilling station in Nueva Ecija to sustain the daily allowances of the high school and college students this coming school year.
- 30 International:** Today is the end of the Emmanuel International fiscal year. Please pray for all that is needed to be done for closing the financial year and preparing financial reports. For those who need to be audited, please pray that everything will be ready in good time.