

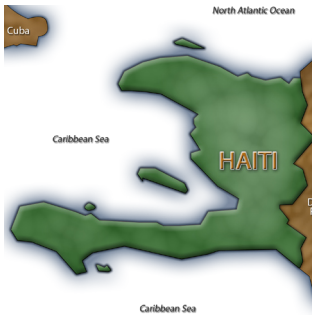


the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on EI countries: Haiti

EI Haiti has been part of the EI family since the early '80s. We partner with the Evangelical Baptiste Bethesda Church (OEBB), led by Pastor Martinez Jovin until he retired in 2015. EI Haiti's work is now overseen by his son Daniel, living in Canada.



Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere, has a population of 11.5 m and is located in the Caribbean Sea, bordering the Dominican Republic. The official language is French and Haitian Creole. Haiti is a country that has been in chronic political unrest and financial instability for many years but is currently experiencing a particularly difficult time.

EI Haiti has partnered with OEBB for over forty years. Phanel, the mission leader in Haiti, works with three administrative staff and several projects in Marbial, Port-au-Prince and Jacmel, including primary and secondary education support for students, community health care support, and sustainable community development programs.



A school in Jacmel

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 International:** Today is the start of the new fiscal year for all of the EI countries. We thank God for all that has been accomplished for His glory through our fiscal year 2022-2023. Please pray for our offices around the world as they close off last year and start a new fiscal year.
- 2 Philippines:** Nona Caballero and son Ken are both struggling with colds and coughing. Please pray for good health and healing for them.
Tanzania: The EITZ leadership is looking at making important decisions to strategize our partnerships and projects and would appreciate your prayers.
- 3 Haiti:** The mission's main schools are in Marbial (with 620 students) and Delmas (275 students). Both are operating at 50% capacity. School enrolment has declined as school attendance remains irregular due to insecurity. For the same reason, faculty and staff are reluctant to travel to school sites. Please pray for a safe school re-entry and the start of the school year. The government still has to set a start date.
- 4 Uganda:** We're really excited that in the past two months we have had six different MissionMode groups, a "Professionals in Mission" seminar at Gulu University, and a newly started missions prayer group at University Community Church in Gulu. Please pray that those who have participated in these programs will become active, as in the next three months we hope to see more missions prayer groups and one or two exposure visits.
- 5 South Africa:** Don is traveling to Canada today. He is traveling for the EIC fundraising Gala on the 28th October, but needs to travel early due to his SA visa expiring on the 6th. He needs to leave SA in order for it to reset for another 90 days, pending the outcome of the 3 year visa application. Please also pray for the visa applications that is taking a long time.
Tanzania: The Integrated team is finishing up conservation agriculture seminars early in the month.
- 6 International:** The International office is developing the budget needed for the upcoming fiscal year. We would appreciate your prayers as we do this.
- 7 Brazil:** Águas Formosas PROPAC Center has improved the classes for the children and teenagers. Pray that these improvements will have great results.
- 8 Philippines:** Tonton and Nona Caballero would appreciate prayers for guidance on how to manage and visit the different projects (including ensuring commitment of recipients).
- 9 International:** Pray for our EI Council meeting as the STEP 24-28 activities get started. Pray for God's wisdom and for the individuals who will be considering taking part in various groups developing the STEP platforms.
- 10 Canada and United Kingdom:** We thank God for all of our donors and for the sacrifices they make to continue to give generously to support our missionaries and work at Emmanuel International. May God continue to provide for them and bless them.

- 11 Malawi:** Our Momentum project is dealing with malnourished children under five. The situation will get worse this year because the harvest wasn't good. Please pray for this project.
- 12 Uganda:** We have now completed all of the Jesus Film showings for 2023, and Drusilla is busy following up all of the new Bible study groups. Some of the groups are struggling to start, and need encouragement. We're also working with our partner churches to identify new sites for 2024.
- 13 Philippines:** Our Bible translation team in Zamboanga are now in the midst of field testing. Pray for patience and perseverance for each one. Pray also for additional workers and funding.
- 14 Tanzania:** Theopister, Esther, and Laura have started at a new secondary school! There are upwards of 600 girls at this school, so please pray for good communication with the school leadership. In addition, the "Strength & Dignity" team are piloting a seminar for boys this month. Our hope is that we can offer this learning opportunity to each boy at the schools we're teaching at. Stay tuned for more details on that!
- 15 Canada and United Kingdom:** The Christmas catalog is being produced. Pray the preparations and for hearts that will respond to the appeal when it is sent out.
- 16 Tanzania:** Kwetu groups are preparing planting options and EI staff will be encouraging them to use conservation agriculture approaches. Rains are erratic and *el nino* heavy rains are being predicted for October through December, pray groups can prepare their fields and planting schedules in time.
- 17 Haiti:** There are calls for a peacekeeping force to help the police combat the violent gangs. Please pray as talks are taking place and for the planning. We pray that any intervention will be peaceful and miraculous, with no further shedding of innocent blood.
- 18 Philippines:** Two vocational schools in Davao oriental will start using our discipleship materials for their values classes. More than two thousand young people will take part in this program. Please pray for open hearts for the students and joy in teaching for our volunteer teachers.
Tanzania: We are looking at starting the IMARIKA project at a new village. Please pray as we consider which one.
- 19 South Africa:** Don Sayers will be away in Canada for a month. Pray for the house moms and African Hope Trust team while he is away; that there won't be major challenges or emergencies in that time. Pray also for Rachel and the boys; for safety and for security and that they would have all they need during this time.
- 20 Malawi:** We pray for good rains as we are preparing our gardens for the coming growing season.
Tanzania: May God give us moderate harmless rain at appropriate season.

- 21 Tanzania:** The Trees for Tomorrow group formation will be happening this month. Many will be distracted by their farming priorities, so pray EI team can mobilise the groups and get training and infrastructure in place in good time.
- 22 Brazil:** Pastor Jader Oliveira, the Terena Church leader, needs prayer for fulfilling his responsibilities as Uniedas chair.
- 23 Tanzania:** Beekeeping activities are continuing in Kayenze, Ngudu, Malya, and Kome. Please pray for success.
- 24 Tanzania:** In the Discipleship program, we are planning to organize all groups to come to Iringa Town today and tomorrow for a Discipleship Seminar and for more time to pray together.
- 25 Tanzania:** The Kome group started a tree nursery. Pray for its establishment and that God may give them strength and courage to continue.
- 26 Uganda:** Please pray for wisdom as we continue to explore opportunities for Ugandan missionaries in the West Nile region of Uganda. One of our partner churches has a missionary candidate who feels called to the area, and we're hoping to visit in October to help him plan.
- 27 Tanzania:** Pray for the churches and pastors on Kome. May God strengthen the churches, meet the needs of the pastors and their families as they are serving God in a very difficult environment.
- 28 Canada and South Africa:** Today is the EICanada Gala Dinner and Auction in support of the South Africa Safe Houses. Don Sayers will be presenting. Pray that the Lord would bless the event and that those who give would also be encouraged and blessed in their giving.
- 29 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is speaking at St Stephen's Church, North Mundham, about the work of Emmanuel International.
- 30 Tanzania:** In the Tanga office Edward is working with temporary staff with the potential to work full time later. Joshua has taken up a job with the government. We wish him all the best in his new job.
- 31 Haiti:** Emmanuel International in Haiti is continuing what it can do to keep the projects going, the boys' and girls' homes for orphans amongst others. Daniel in Canada and Phanel in Haiti are doing all they can to support our partner church, Oeuvre Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda. Please pray for them and for the leaders of the church.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).