



the Emmanuel Connection

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Focus on EI countries: Uganda

EI has been working in Uganda since 1983, first as a Project Country and more recently as an EI Affiliate.

Uganda is known as the “Pearl of Africa,” with beautiful rainforest and an astounding variety of animals and birds. The population of Uganda is almost reaching 50 million, with 56 tribes and 9 indigenous groups formally recognized in the constitution. Uganda is also one of the top five refugee-hosting countries in the world, with about 1.5 million refugees, mostly from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



We have 2 expat missionaries and 9 national staff members working on five projects: Community Health Evangelism, the Pads ministry, the Jesus Film ministry, the Child Discipleship ministry, and the Uganda Missions Mobilization ministry.

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Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Tanzania:** Today and tomorrow, the leaders of each office are having meetings in Mwanza to discuss quality control and future project design. Please pray for God's wisdom.
- 2 Canada, UK and USA:** The Christmas catalog is being sent out and/or also available online. Please pray for a good response. Praise God for His constant goodness and provision for the work of EI.
- 3 Canada:** Today and tomorrow is Missions Canada Conference, where EIC will have a booth. The theme is 'Therefore, Go' and it takes place at Heartland Community Church. If you are in the GTA area, consider attending this event - entry is free.
South Africa: The Church is camping from today till 5th November. Please pray that it would be a great time of fellowship, growth and encouragement for the body of believers.
- 4 International:** The STEP 24-28 strategic plan process is underway. There are 6 task forces that are beginning to meet to work on the foundational pieces of the STEP. Please pray for wisdom, time and strength for the work involved in each aspect. Please pray that as EI begins the journey of implementing a 5 year plan, that our hearts will be constantly in tune with God's redemptive plan and that this will be reflected throughout.
- 5 South Africa:** Don is returning back home from 3 weeks in Canada. Please pray as he catches up with many pressing issues at the Safe Homes and the church ministry.
- 6 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon is speaking about EIUK's work at Lunch Club in her church today. Please pray that her message will be well received, inspiring support and prayers.
- 7 Haiti:** We praise God that Grade 12 students from both schools (Marbial and Delmas) succeeded in state exams!
Canada: The auditor is coming to EIC today. Pray for the EIC Finance Department staff as they work with the auditor.
- 8 International:** The ERRI Board is meeting today. Your prayers for discussions, plans and decisions is essential.
- 9 South Africa:** This month we are meeting with a potential future partner in the Safe House ministry. We are looking at pooling resources to help improve our tutoring, Occupational Therapy and Social Worker services. Please pray for these meetings.
- 10 United Kingdom:** The EIUK board is meeting via Teams today. Please pray for good connections and a fruitful meeting. We are grateful for technology that allows us to meet more frequently.

- 11 Malawi:** Today is graduation day for 31 students at Chisomo training school where Scott and Lorilee MacLean work. Pray for these students as they return home to begin ministry in their areas. Pray for their marriages to continue to grow as well so they serve together in unity.
- 12 Tanzania:** Please pray for the Turazikuja project throughout the month as we have many new people wanting to join the project.
- 13 Philippines:** Pastor Jean continues to hold Bible studies twice a week in our jail ministry. However, most of the inmates who almost finished the Explorers booklet have been transferred to the main prison in the city. The good news is they asked for their own copy of the booklet and a Bible. Please pray that God's Word planted in their hearts will continue to grow.
- 14 International:** The EI family meets over Zoom once a month. It is a time where we share about the work of EI all over the world, pray for each other and keep in touch. We are meeting today. Please pray for good internet connections, particularly in more remote areas.
- 15 Tanzania:** Andy and Angela Sharpe, and their friend Ian, are in Iringa for a month or so. Andy and Ian are overseeing the construction of the footbridge in Mafuluto while Angela will spruce up the EI house.
- 16 South Africa:** We've had rolling water outages in our community for many days this past month with pipes bursting, taking out roads. Pray that these water issues would be resolved.
- 17 Tanzania:** The construction of the footbridge between Luganga and Mafuluto village will be taking place during most of the month.
- 18 Brazil:** EI Brazil is discussing strategies to implement EI's Strategic Plan. Pray with us for wisdom to take God's lead on the expansion plans.
Malawi: We are praying for good rains at this time.
- 19 Philippines:** Praise God for getting the funding for 'pastil in a bottle' project in the Women's livelihood project in Cotabato. Pastil is a Filipino Muslim recipe that is served with steamed rice, topped with shredded chicken. They had their first meeting and were supposed to start with a class on hygiene and food preservation but decided to postpone it because of the local elections. For those of you familiar with Philippine politics, you know that this time can be very unstable and even dangerous. Please pray for a peaceful election and that the mothers can resume meeting this November.
- 20 Tanzania:** The whole month of November we will be doing our 3rd Pastors Training seminar at the Pastors Training Center. This term we are hosting 30 female lead pastors as well as pastors' wives. We are looking forward to what God will do this term.

- 21 Philippines:** Praise God that there is a big demand for Bibles but our main supplier which is the Philippine Bible Society is running out of stock for Cebuano Bibles. Pray for availability soon.
- 22 Uganda:** Emilly, our Child Discipleship field officer, is on maternity leave until November 27th but she is continuing to follow-up the Sunday School resource people by phone. Please pray that these recently trained individuals won't become inactive, since we aren't able to visit them in person, but that these phone calls will help to keep them engaged and active.
- 23 United Kingdom:** Sue Fallon has a few well deserved days off, attending a crafting event in Devon. Lucy Harding (EIUK board member) is joining her. Please pray for safe travels and restorative times together over a long weekend.
- 24 Malawi:** The Psalm 100 Project aka the Choir Project is ongoing in Malawi. Pray for the devotionals which are being developed and for the worship conferences which we hope will strengthen the young people in our church choirs as they lead worship in our village churches.
- 25 International:** We are thankful for the members of the various EI boards over the world. They are volunteering their time to help guide our work and this is very much appreciated.
- 26 United States of America:** We give praise and thanks for Dave McCauley. He has decided to step off of the EIM Board after decades of serving on the board. Dave has provided Godly leadership to the EIM board and his experience of being with EI since its beginning has given all of us great insight with that historical perspective. He will be greatly missed but we are keeping tabs on him as an advisor to the EIM Board.
- 27 Brazil:** The indigenous students that will graduate this year at the Terena Bible School need wisdom to see God's plans for their ministry.
- 28 Uganda:** We have 5 different MissionMode groups which are ongoing, in Gulu and Pader. Please pray for the members to keep learning and hearing from the Holy Spirit.
- 29 Haiti:** The violence and crime in Haiti is increasing and the UN peacekeeping mission is meeting with all sorts of delays. Please pray that the peacekeeping force will come together and bring peace to Haiti without bloodshed.
- 30 United States of America:** Jim Walter is taking over as EIM Chairman in January 2024. Jim has been on the EIM Board for 15 years and has a big heart for God and EI's mission.