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Emmanuel International

Emmanuel International is a global organisation. Emmanuel International in the United Kingdom (EIUK) is part of the larger international picture. Do you know how we fit into this?



Who is Emmanuel International?

Emmanuel International is an interdenominational Christian organisation, networking a worldwide fellowship of Project Countries, Affiliates, Partner Churches and Partner Organisations, together helping churches serve the underprivileged in their communities. With the local church, we share Christ's compassion to bring hope to vulnerable people in least-served

urban/rural areas; as the local church follows Jesus Christ in serving within their communities, that hope is realised.

Emmanuel International was founded in 1975 by Rev. George Middleton as a response to the widespread suffering caused by a devastating famine in eastern Africa. The International Office (its legal name is Emmanuel Relief and Rehabilitation International or ERRI) is in Port Perry, Ontario, Canada and

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Project Countries and National Affiliates



is headed by Paul and Helen Jones. The work of ERRI is overseen by the International Board.

The EI Council is a strategic body composed of the Directors or designates of the Affiliates, Project Countries and the International Office. The EI Council

guides the work of the organisation with the input from each Director and/or designate.

What are Affiliate Offices?

We have 8 affiliate offices: in Brazil, Canada, Malawi, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, and United States of America. An affiliate is a charitable organisation, registered and officially representing Emmanuel International in a particular country and participating in the global EI family. Each of the affiliate offices has a Board of

Directors or local equivalent to direct its work.

What are Project Countries?

We also have 7 project countries: in Brazil, Haiti, Malawi, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. An EI project country is a country where wholistic ministry is being done in the name of Emmanuel International or where EI resources (financial, personnel or other) are involved, and it is under the oversight of the International Office.

What are Partner Churches and Partner Organisations?

A Partner Church is the chosen agent through whom EI's project resources are shared as part of that church's overall service among those in need, beginning in their own community. In other words, when people are served as a result of EI's participation, they see this service as coming from the Partner Church. The advantage of working with a Partner Church is that we have a longterm relationship and our work is sustainable.



We believe that the church is God's primary agent for building His kingdom and is EI's strategic focus. We may choose to partner with like-minded organisations when it is beneficial. These partnerships are intended to be longterm and to bring added value to existing ministries or to pursue new ministry opportunities in keeping with EI's broader vision and strategy.

What are Our Values?

All the EI countries agree to these values, which are the principles that guide the work of Emmanuel International.

- We are **Christians** - we love and follow Jesus Christ, Emmanuel "God with Us" and uphold the truth of the Bible
- We are a **Family** - we are an international multi-cultural community of fellow servants, committed to love each other
- We **Partner with Churches** - as described above
- We Promote **Wholistic Ministry** - as people created in God's image, we have physical, spiritual and relational dimensions which are integrated to make us whole people
- We Promote **Sustainable Development** - we seek to build the capacity of local churches and their communities so they are better equipped to address the root causes of poverty in a sustainable fashion
- We are **Impartial** - meeting people's basic needs will not be conditional on acceptance of a particular religious view or belief or practice
- We Facilitate **Global Sharing** - through strategic cooperation, we encourage the healthy interaction of churches as the body of Christ globally
- We are **Transparent with Resources** - we trust in God's provision for our life and ministry and prayerfully manage

resources with integrity, efficiency, diligence and excellence.

What do we do?

Together with our church partnerships in communities, our projects build the self-reliance and dignity of those involved. They meet basic needs and use simple technology that's easy to replicate. The type of projects we do are varied, addressing the wholistic needs of communities. Often projects are integrated, addressing a whole range of needs.

We are extremely proud of the work we do! We'd love to share just a few of our projects with you here. There is more information about the wide variety of projects on our website.

Child Discipleship in Uganda



Too many children lack an adult in their lives able to disciple them and build a strong foundation for a life-long walk with the Lord. In response to this need over the past six years we have been able to start Sunday School ministries in 65 churches, to start Good News Clubs in 10 schools, and to train thousands of parents how to disciple their children. This year instead of training Sunday School teachers directly we spent three months helping two of our partner churches learn how to train their own Sunday School teachers, and in May

those two partner churches trained Sunday School teachers in 33 different churches!

Health for Development in Tanzania



This project aims at transforming the livelihoods of the village communities through improved health conditions, concentrating on a balanced diet, nutrition and breast feeding, clean and safe water, clean environment and better, cleaner toilets, entrepreneurship and village community banking (VICOBA). Training and practical application of the principles, for example growing trees from seeds, grafting fruit trees and caring for these plants are part of the curriculum.

Village Community Banking



VICOBA is not a project on its own, but it is an important element of many of our integrated projects. It is a simple program of helping people work together to save money and earn interest without

a bank, which is often not accessible for the villages we work in. People are empowered to start a business from a loan, if they want to - generating an income and enabling them to repay the loan with interest. At the end of the year, savings are paid out with that extra interest. A community fund collected throughout the year is used to help others with needs in the village.

How can you get more involved?

EIUK is greatly encouraged by your continued involvement in our work.

Pray - We value prayer as an integral part of what we do and appreciate your regular prayers for our work and the EI family. These are published in The Emmanuel Connection, our monthly prayer calendar. The Down to Earth (our monthly magazine) and the BushNet (our quarterly publication) give updates. Once you've read these, please pass them on or encourage others to also subscribe.

Give - We depend on the free-will gifts of individuals and churches that share our vision. You may not be able to go on mission work yourself, but through your giving you enable others to do so.

Go - We offer longer term positions (advertised on our website). If you think God is calling you to go as a missionary, get in touch! Not everyone is able to go to the mission field on a longer term basis, but perhaps you would consider a short term mission team? Get your church, school, housegroup, student union or other group to go on a trip where you can make a lasting impact in a short time. Many people's lives have been changed through such a team!

Find out more on our website (www.eiuk.org.uk) or contact Sue or Linda in the office (details on front page).

