



# the Emmanuel Connection

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## Focus on : Matilda Dambay



Matilda Peter Dambay, a devout Christian and experienced educator, is making a significant impact on her community in Tanzania. With a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and a current pursuit of a Diploma in Grade Education at the Open University Tanzania, Dambay's passion for teaching is evident.

Her journey with Emmanuel International Tanzania has deepened her commitment to serving others. Through her role at the Tanga office, she fosters unity among Community Microfinance Groups (CMGs) and strengthens ties with local churches. By connecting CMGs to opportunities across various sectors, Matilda plays a crucial role in empowering her community. For instance,

her work facilitating access to community banking services in underserved areas like Kilindi has been instrumental in ensuring the financial security of residents.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Matilda is an active member of her church, serving in multiple capacities, including as a singer, children's ministry secretary, and project secretary. Her hobbies, which include singing, songwriting, and teaching, reflect her personality and dedication to enriching the lives of those around her.

Matilda's work with Emmanuel International Tanzania is driven by a deep-rooted belief in the organization's mission to create positive change. Her enthusiasm and commitment are inspiring, and her contributions to her community are undoubtedly making a lasting difference.



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## Please keep these concerns in your daily prayers...

- 1 Malawi:** Some Malawians are facing a serious hunger situation due to a very poor harvest this past planting season. Water levels are also low, including where MacLeans live at Chisomo, which has forced the school year to end one month early as there is not enough water to keep the students here until the beginning of November. Scott and Lorilee MacLean work at Chisomo Theological and Vocational Training School. Pray for the staff and students as they are teaching (and learning) at an intensive pace to make up for the change to the school calendar due to water shortages.
  - 2 Canada:** The EIC office will be closed today for the Labour Day Bank Holiday.
  - 3 South Africa:** Do pray for Hudson as he settles in to Alberta, Canada. He's transitioning very well and has purchased his first car. He was due to start work at the end of August.
  - 4 Tanzania:** From today, we are starting health training seminars in the Health for Development project in two new villages Mkungugu and Magubike. Please pray for the success of these seminars.
  - 5 Philippines:** Our co-workers and dear friends are going through health crises and would appreciate your continued prayers: Ruth S, Edith, Ada and Chip. Pray for God's sustaining grace as they deal with daily pain and the challenges of chemotherapy and other treatment.
  - 6 Malawi:** A group of 10 young men are participating in a Mentoring Warriors retreat on Zomba Plateau with David Riffel and Scott MacLean from today till the 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 7 Uganda:** We are partnering with Global Link Afrika, a Ugandan mission organization, to host a Professionals in Missions seminar at the National Teachers College in Unyama. We will spend one day with the students, sharing about how they can use their teaching profession in the Kingdom of God.
  - 8 Malawi:** Praise God for the teaching on mentoring that David Riffel (US friend and supporter of MacLeans) is doing with young men and church leaders in our partner church here in Malawi.
  - 9 Uganda:** Today is the arrival day for our three day missions conference, casting the vision of cross-cultural missions to 340 church leaders from Pader and Agago. Please pray for the participants and speakers, that there will be a clear call for the church to awaken to God's heart for the nations.
- United Kingdom:** This week is the start of the Remember a Charity in Your Will week in the UK. Please pray as we are posting some information about legacy giving - that it will reach the right people and, if appropriate, they will remember EIUK.

- 10 Canada:** Amy Maglayo will be away from today until the 14<sup>th</sup>, returning to the EIC office on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safety as she accompanies her husband on a business trip in the US.
- 11 International:** Today we at Emmanuel International are beginning our jubilee year... entering our 50<sup>th</sup> year! Join us in praising God for His goodness through these years. We thank God for the many, many faithful donors who have responded to God's voice and support EI down through the years.
- 12 United Kingdom:** Linda and family will be on holiday from today till early October. Please pray for safety in travels and a good time of connecting with family back in South Africa.
- 13 Malawi:** Praise God for the visit of David and Sandy Riffel from Wichita, Kansas to Malawi. Praise God for two weeks of planting seeds for passing on our faith in Christ to the next generation through mentoring. Pray for their safe travel back to the US as they leave Malawi today.
- 14 South Africa:** Thank you for your prayers during our move into the new church venue. It has been such a blessing to have more space and classrooms. We are currently sharing the venue with another church which makes the timing a minor challenge, but we are thankful to the Lord for his provision.
- 15 Brazil:** The Terena Church has planted a church at the outskirts of a city where there are two indigenous villages, the Kaiowá and Guarani that live in great poverty. Pray for wisdom and open doors to be a blessing to those villages.
- 16 Philippines:** Our translation team in Zamboanga are looking for additional Mother Tongue Translators to help the existing group.
- 17 Haiti:** Emmanuel International is praying for Haiti every Tuesday. God has been answering our prayers as there is progress, but there is a long way to go to achieve peace. Please pray with us - you can join us online for the prayer meeting or just pray where you are.
- 18 South Africa:** Khungeka said farewell to one of the girls in her home. Zandile arrived 3 years ago at the age of 15. She is now re-united with her father who was off the radar for many years but has passed all the vetting procedures with Department of Social Services and now lives in the Cape Town Area. Zandile is very excited to be with family again even though she will miss her 'siblings' living in Khugeka's home.
- 19 International:** The end of EI's financial year is at the end of September. Please pray for all the countries as they prepare their accounts and financial reports.
- 20 Canada:** The EIC Gala is scheduled for 26 October. We are featuring the Women's Equality project in Malawi. Please pray as we are making preparations.

- 21 Philippines:** Our Club 10:14 are traveling to Maragusan in Davao de Oro to train teachers, village heads and pastors wanting to use our Children's Bible materials. The mayor of the area is a believer and is requiring all barangays (small villages) to use these Bible study booklets for their Values Education Program in schools. If able to push through, 24 Elementary grade levels and 10 secondary schools will be reached for Christ. Please pray for wisdom and strength for all our trainers.
- 22 South Africa:** We've recently replaced one of stoves/ovens at the Safe House to gas in an experiment in cost savings. The cost of electricity in South Africa has risen 10% on average each year and this month they are proposing a 30% increase. The stove top is one of the heavy users of electricity and the easiest to convert. So far Beauty loves the 'instant' heat which speeds things up considerably. We are so thankful for the funds provided at last year's EIC Banquet to pay for this, and many other improvements and maintenance we've been able to do.
- 23 International:** The STEP 24-28 Strategic Plan will be finishing its first year in this month. Please pray for all of our countries as we assess our progress to date.
- 24 Canada:** The Board for EIC are meeting today.
- 25 Tanzania:** Brian Chu is traveling to Mwanza to spend time from today till the 29<sup>th</sup>. He will be training Bible school students at our partner church college, Lake Victoria Bible College, in the mornings. In the afternoons he will be preaching and doing outreach in the disadvantaged city community of Ibungilo.
- 26 Uganda:** In the last two weeks of September the Botting family will be moving into a new house, still in the city of Gulu. The exact date isn't set, as the house is undergoing renovations. This home will be closer to Elias' school and to Gulu University, and we hope it will provide more opportunities to minister to university students.
- 27 Brazil:** Fred and Carla Silva need wisdom to deal with a family issue.
- 28 Malawi:** The MacLeans are preparing for the choir conference upcoming in October. The choir devotionals are being printed this month. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit on the lives of the young people who participate in choirs in their local churches.
- 29 South Africa:** The house moms have one of the most challenging callings. We thank the Lord for their longsuffering and patience with the children. Please pray for them.
- 30 Philippines:** Our new training team in Misamis Oriental will travel to Misamis Occidental, an 8-hour trip by land to conduct a teacher's training for over 30 churches in the area. There will be 8 volunteers who will do the training and distribution of materials.