

# Praise & Prayer

Fall 2020

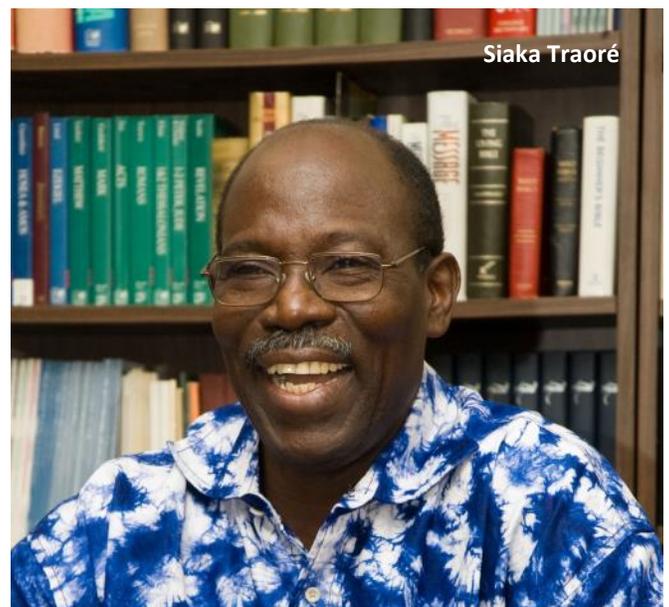
- ◆ Pray for all who are struggling to find resources for daily bread, given the economic slowdowns everywhere. Pray that loaves and fishes would be multiplied for people at this critical time.

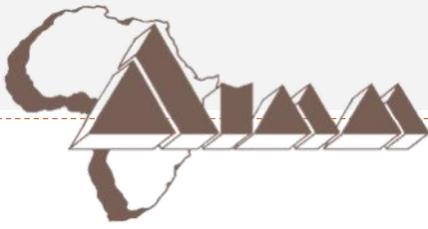
## AIMM Office

- ◆ Please continue to pray for the Executive Coordinator Search Committee. They have received a number of applications for the position from qualified candidates. Praise God! Pray for committee members Siaka Traoré, Kafaire Koi, Liévin Kalubi, Tany Warkentin and Steve Wiebe-Johnson, along with facilitators Carlos Romero and Twila Albrecht as together they discern the right choice for the next AIMM Executive Coordinator.
- ◆ It is almost certain that the AIMM annual meetings this fall (November) will be conducted online rather than in person. Pray that the technology for these meetings (which will include the presentation and interview of the Search Committee's recommended candidate for Executive Coordinator) would function well and that we would be able to accomplish the essential tasks in order to keep AIMM strong and healthy while moving into a new era.
- ◆ Praise God for the faithful, generous partners that pray and financially contribute in order to make possible AIMM's diverse ministries. Amazingly, contributions thus far this year are ahead of last year! Pray that our faithful supporters would be able to continue to share, despite the multiple challenges of living in a pandemic.

## Burkina Faso (requests from Siaka Traoré and Calixte Bananzaro)

- ◆ Burkina Faso continues to suffer loss of human life through terrorist attacks. Pray for protection and for the resolution to this conflict. Praise God for a recent diminishing of violence.
- ◆ Pray for a good rainy season this year. The rains have begun, but they need to continue!
- ◆ Pray for the upcoming academic year for primary, high school and university in Burkina Faso, above all the "national exam" years (grades 6, 9 and 12).
- ◆ Pray for political stability. Some parts of our population are angry, and the anger is showing in the face of political authorities who seem not to respond to terrorist attacks. Please pray for peaceful national elections on November 22.
- ◆ Pray for the resolution of land ownership disputes in our communities. This is a problem that could become an open conflict if we do not handle things well starting now.





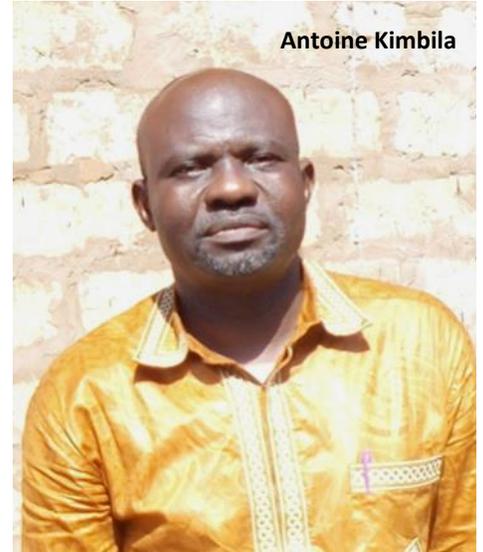
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## DR Congo (requests from Jean Felix Cimbanga of CEM and Antoine Kimbila of CEFMC)

### ◆ CEFMC (Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo)

- ◆ During this time of confinement we have been able to work to train church planters who are already at work in Kikwit and Gungu, forming house churches. Pray for these church planters that the Lord would bless the work of their hands.
- ◆ Pray that the Lord would protect the elderly and the vulnerable from this sickness.
- ◆ Pray for pastors and others in our communities who cannot make ends meet during this difficult time.



Antoine Kimbila

### ◆ CEM (Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo)

- ◆ Pray for our country, for improvement in relationships between the political party of current President Tshisekedi and the party of former President Kabila. Relationships are currently not good, and the people of Congo are afraid.
- ◆ Pray that God would intervene in all efforts being deployed across the world and across the worldwide Mennonite church in order to stop the coronavirus pandemic.
- ◆ Pray that the Lord would sustain the faith of believers of our church threatened by the considerably decreased purchasing power caused by COVID-19.

## South Africa

- ◆ Pray for Mzi Nkutha as he coordinates the Anabaptist Network in South Africa. Pray for the group of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ pastors with whom he works, that they all might provide inspired leadership during this pandemic.



Mzwandile Nkutha

## Angola

- ◆ Pray for the Angolan Mennonite leaders: Nzamba Bleise of Igreja da Comunidade Menonita em Angola (ICMA); Mekanipovi Sébastien Sikonda of Igreja Evangélica Menonita em Angola (IEMA); and Ambeke Ilonga Baby Jean Claude of Igreja Evangélica Irmaos Menonitas em Angola (IEIMA). Pray that their Mennonite World Conference-funded projects to strengthen their members in the face of COVID-19 would be successful.