Praise & Prayer
April 2024

Democratic Republic of the Congo

We thank God for the successful January evaluation of the last six years of the literacy project in the DRC; **we pray** for guidance for the leaders of the project as they discern next steps.

Join us in thanking God for a new CMCo administration building taking shape in Tshikapa. **Praise God** for the hard work of many that resulted in the dedication of CMCo's Molende church building on January 28, 2024. Both of these projects require the hard work of many and the dedication of local resources!

CFMC and CEM are **grateful for peace** in their communities and parishes and protection for God's children. They ask for **prayers for** the eastern regions of the DRC where peace is disrupted because of war.

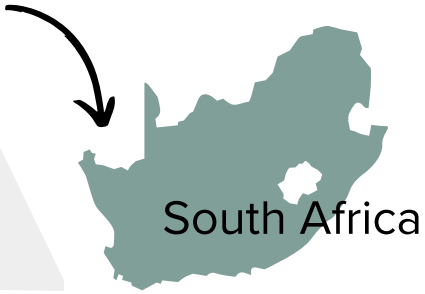
Justin Kabate Kikandji, member of CMCo's Molende church, at the dedication of the church building

South Africa

Join Grace Community Church in **praising God** that people are converting to Christianity and that church leadership is reaching out to both young people and the elderly!

Pray for peaceful national elections in South Africa at the end of May 2024, that God might provide a leader who has integrity.

The Anabaptist Network in South Africa is **thankful for pilgrimage events** with numerous peace and justice workers in South Africa and beyond. They are grateful for the opportunity to host 15 Palestinian students from Bethlehem Bible College in pilgrimage learning experiences in Johannesburg and Cape Town.



Sierra Leone

The Christ Salvation Mennonite Church asks us to **thank God** who provided for their first training with Pastor Tom Dykman at the Aberdeen congregation. Pray for an equally successful training the next time at the Newton congregation.

Praise God for the first athletic events held at the Christ Salvation Mennonite Academy's Huntingdon school field.

We **give thanks** for God's provision of peace and safety of Sierra Leone, that the attempted coup in November 2023 failed.

Pastor Tom Dykman with Aberdeen congregation members

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Co-Executive Coordinator John Fumana explains the concept of "low-hanging fruit" in Orodara's ABCD training

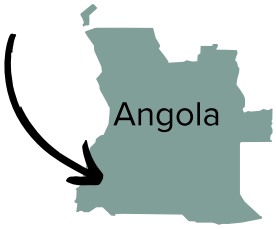
Burkina Faso

Praise God that the security situation in Orodara has improved! People from the N'dolora zone are able to leave their homes. **Continue to pray** that security concerns are addressed in the eastern and northern regions of Burkina Faso.

We are grateful for the recent ABCD training in Orodara led by AIMM's Co-Executive Coordinator, John Fumana and Pastor Nathan Mudiji. 48 men and women participated in the 6-day training, and they left the training with action plans specific to where they live and local assets available.

We thank God for Siaka and Claire Traore's January visit to Sidi, where the relationship between Christians and Muslims has not always been easy. During this visit, the Traores and local pastors met with the village chief who welcomed them in his home. They spoke about the role that all people must play in restoring peace to war-torn regions of Burkina Faso.

Pastor Elias Muanalunga and his wife, Ester Mussangu, as they prepare to return to their home



Angola

The Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church in Angola asks that **we praise God** for the unity of the church and asks for prayer for their ministries. **Pray for** the provision of food for the poor of Angola, as the economic situation makes meeting daily needs difficult.

We are grateful for the lives and ministry of Pastor Elias Muanalunga and his wife Ester Mussangu! Pastor Elias and Ester were in a serious accident last year that left Ester injured and Elias in a coma for two weeks.

Praise God for those from AIMM and elsewhere who sent financial support for hospital bills, as Pastor Elias and Ester have made a strong recovery and are preparing to return to their home.

Co-Executive Coordinators John Fumana and Bruce Yoder