Praise & Prayer

April 2026

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Continue to pray for the Mennonite churches of eastern Congo and their members where the attacks by the M23 militia have resulted in destruction, loss of life, and many refugees. **Thank God for the peace that has been restored** to the church in Uvira after a period of armed conflict. This conflict has especially impacted the CEFMC (Mennonite Brethren of the Congo).

Thank God for the witness of the minority Batwa people who continue to work on the church in Ngombe Batwa despite persistent struggles with the majority Bantu people. Historically, the Batwa people suffer discrimination and inhumane treatment from the Bantu, but with the support of CEFMC and AIMM the Batwa have acquired land for a church sanctuary and raised the building. **Pray for provision so that they might finish the work**, including the windows and doors, as well as purchase chairs and musical instruments for the church services. Eventually, they hope to construct a school to support the education of the Batwa children.

Thank God for growth in the CEFMC; they planted 64 new churches during the year 2025! **Pray for growth** of the CMCo's mission in Kisangani, Katanga, and the Bateke Plateau.

Thank God for the continued operation of the Kalonda Bible Institute (KBI) and Director Berci Mundedi's guidance. We are grateful for the **Assets-Based Community Development (ABCD) training KBI students and their spouses are completing**, so they can take this mindset-changing approach with them to their new communities after they graduate. **Thank God for the contributions of several volunteer professors** who have given their time and talents to teach at KBI over the past year.

Above: a Batwa woman and her children stand at the entrance of the Ngombe Church sanctuary
Below: Martin and Marie Kamanga from Muamvula district both participated in the ABCD training for pastors and spouses at Kalonda Bible Institute

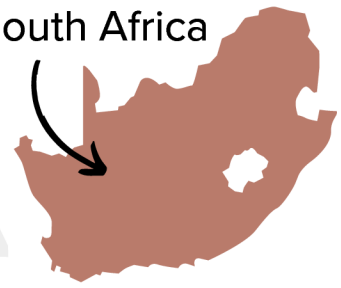
South Africa

Give thanks for the many ways God is at work in South Africa!

Pray for fundraising efforts from churches to sustain themselves and for the church's efforts to support people in need.

Thank God for **Iziko Lamaqabane's learning tours**.

Pray for flood victims in parts of South Africa.



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Pastor Abel Traore looking in his cornfield after participating in ABCD training in Orodara

Burkina Faso

We are grateful to God for the successful conclusion of the EEMBF Elective General Assembly held in January 2026. About sixty people from our various EEMBF churches traveled to Orodara for the EGA, which concluded with the election of the Executive Committee members.

Thanks be to God for the successful ABCD training in Orodara and the fruits the participants are beginning to see as a result of their hard work.

We thank God for the Good Seed Bible School in Orodara. This year, the students will graduate on April 25th after three years of training. This event coincides with the ordination of EEMBF pastors who have served for at least three years.

Thanks to God for the completed construction of the temple of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Samogohiri. Next November, they will have a ceremony to dedicate the new temple and release the New Testament in dzùùngoo.

We give thanks to God for the successful completion of the women's seminar that brought together 220 women from our various local churches to worship.

Reverend Pastor Rosa Antonio Quimbenze, the lead pastor of the ICMA central church in Luanda

Angola

Pray for the missionary trip of the IEMA President, Rev. Makanipovi Sebastião Sikonda, in Cafunfo, Lunda Norte, to visit all of the different congregations that make up IEMA. This trip will take him about 2 months.

Thanks be to God for church leaders like Reverend Pastor Rosa Antonio Quimbenze who is the lead pastor for the ICMA central church in Luanda. She studied with a scholarship grant provided by Mennonite Women USA.

Pray for the construction of the IEMA Central Church, located in the Rocha Pinto neighborhood of Luanda, Angola, which is temporarily halted due to a lack of funding. The main concern is the church's roof.

Pray for the ordinary General Assembly to be held in the first week of July 2026.