



Praise & Prayer

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South Africa

- Give thanks to the Lord for care and protection during the difficult time of COVID-19, which has severely affected people's lives. The church is now trying to get back into normal activities.
- Pray for Grace Community Church because many key leaders have died of COVID-19. Also pray for the many families who have lost their dear ones.
- Pray for Grace Community Church as it plans to partner with other churches to provide social aid and spiritual care to the community.



Pastor Lawrence Coetzee of Grace Community Church (left) with Mzwandile Nkutha, Coordinator of the Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANISA)

Angola

- The Mennonite churches of Angola are thankful to God for protection at this time of challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for the church as it seeks financial support for the Bible and theological school.



Burkina Faso

- Thanks to God for his presence and protection at a very challenging time with security and health concerns.
- Pray for the success of the ADEM (Action for the Development of the Mennonite Church) project. The church in Burkina Faso is working at starting the ADEM project with the priority of village agriculture.
- Pray for the plans of basic Bible training.
- Pray for safety in the country.

Children worshipping at Belle Ville Mennonite Church in Bobo Dioulasso (left)

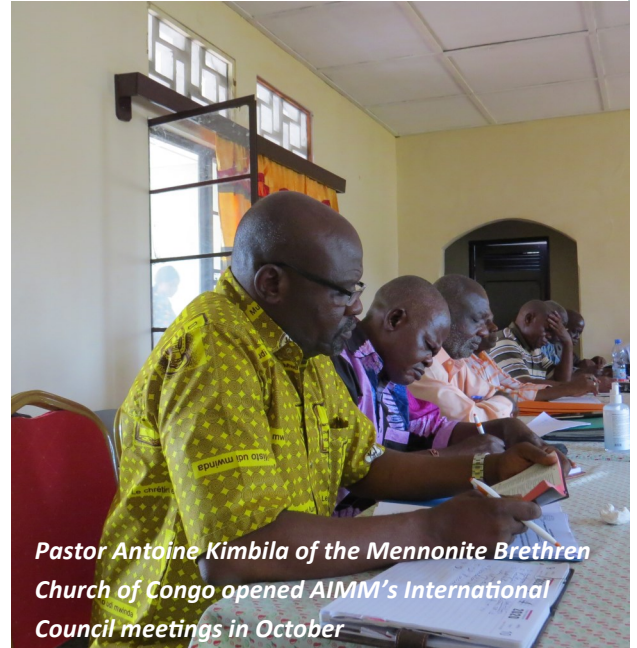


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DR Congo

- Praise God for peace in the country and Mennonite churches. Also praise God who has allowed the planting of several new local churches at a very challenging time.
- Praise God that on Sunday, October 31, the Evangelical Mennonite Church of the Congo (CEM) held a special worship service to dedicate to the Lord a property (land) purchased with funds provided by AIMM for the construction of the church building of the Nouvelle Vision local church (New Vision). In his sermon, Pastor Jean-Felix Cimbanga thanked God and AIMM for the property. He stressed that the church to be built on the property should be a place of peace, worship, praise, and prayer. At the end of the service all CEM pastors and church members raised their voices to express gratitude to the Lord and say thank you to AIMM for this gift of the property.
- Pray for the CMCo transitional executive team as they lead the church. Pray that God will provide them with wisdom and discernment in the preparation of the general assembly that will appoint new executive officers.
- Pray for CEM's saving and loan project that has been affected by COVID-19 and the economic situation, making it difficult for members to reimburse loans.
- Pray for the CEFMC (Mennonite Brethren Church in the Congo) as they plan the celebration of their centennial in 2024. Pray also for the development of a new generation of pastoral leaders. Many who were trained in the 1960s and 70s have passed away, and the church is discerning how to increase the number of pastors who are available to replace them.



Sierra Leone

- The Mennonite Church in Sierra Leone is thankful to God for his support during the time of health crisis caused by COVID-19.
- Pray that the Lord may provide resources for the training of pastors and for the construction of church buildings at Six Mile, and the completion of the construction work at Newton Church. Also pray that the church will get a suitable land for the school in Aberdeen, and for the construction of a primary school and multipurpose hall in Newton.



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