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Angola

 Mennonite Brethren Church in Angola: Thank God for the witness of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Angola. Pray for the congregations in the provinces of Lunda Norte, Sul, and Malanje. A commission from the church's national office is visiting them during the first quarter of 2023. Pray that their visit is an encouragement that stimulates their witness and reinforces the church's unity.

Burkina Faso

• Thank God for his protection over the past months in Kénédougou Province, where most of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso congregations are located. In early December terrorists from Mali had taken over regions of the province and governmental authorities asked churches and other groups not to gather groups in public for fear of attacks. We are grateful that the terrorists retreated, and churches were able to celebrate Christmas in peace. Continue to pray for peace in Burkina Faso. Attacks continue in many parts of the country with ongoing civilian casualties. Pray for wisdom and courage as churches discern how best to work for peace and care for the approximately 1.5 million displaced Burkinabé.

The Mennonite congregation of Sidi, in the province of Kénédougou celebrated Christmas peacefully

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Amahoro

 Pray for Charles Baraka and his ministry, Amahoro Ministries for Communities. Originally from the Great Lakes Region of eastern Africa, Charles lives in Madison, Wisconsin and travels back to the Great Lakes Region periodically to provide teaching and accompaniment for sustainable peace and development. Pray that through his engagement God will build up lasting networks of peace and well-being where there was once strife over issues of land ownership, ethnic identity, and gender violence. Remember also the Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi, where Charles works on projects of food security. Pray that nutritional needs will be met among that vulnerable population.

DR Congo

- Pray for the Mennonite Community of the Congo (CMCo) as the church prepares conference assemblies to elect conference leaders. Pray for good discernment and wisdom as leaders are chosen.
- Pray for the Kalonda Bible Institute, that God provide for staff and student needs.
- Thank God for the health ministry of the Kalonda Mennonite Hospital. Pray for God's provision as it faces equipment, material, and financial shortages.



Kalonda Bible Institute's Director Bercie Mundedi

AIMM Offices

- Thank God for generous North American partners whose donations make AIMM ministries possible. Pray for Co-Executive Coordinators John Fumana and Bruce Yoder as they visit African partners and seek funding for AIMM's work. Pray for wisdom and resilience.
- Thank God for the persistent and careful work of office staff Nick Bouwman (bookkeeper) and Tara Burch (Goshen office manager), whose efficient ministries of administration keep AIMM functioning. Pray for the whole office team as they review AIMM's communication strategies, seeking to share the stories of African partners and AIMM's vision of mission partnership in more engaging and fruitful ways.



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