



Praise & Prayer

June 2022



Angola

- Thank God for the initiative of the Mennonite Community of Churches in Angola, which established the Semente Menonita (Mennonite Seed) agricultural cooperative to reinforce the food security and capacity of church members and their communities. Thank God, too, for a recent grant from the Schowalter Foundation that will provide improved seeds and training in enhanced agricultural practices for farmers in the church. Pray God's provision and blessing during this summer's growing season so that farmers will gain maximum benefit from this assistance. Pray also for success in obtaining visas for facilitators who will travel from the DR Congo to support the project with technical and organizational assistance.
- Thank God for the ministry of Pastor Sabastiao Makanipovi, General Secretary and Bishop of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Angola, in the Lunda Norte province, which borders the DR Congo. A number of congregations there are making decisions about the future of their witness. Pray for guidance and clarity as they move forward in faith.
- Join us in praying for the Mennonite Brethren Church in Angola (IEIMA) as leaders face the challenge of consolidating harmony, unity, and fellowship among congregations.

Burkina Faso

- Thank God for the missionary work that the Burkina Faso Mennonite Church and the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches are doing together in Mali. Last month the church sent Yaya Bengaly and his family as its first international missionary witness to live and work among the Jalonké people around Faléa, Mali. Pray for wisdom, protection, and provision as the Bengaly's work with new believers and build the Jalonké church.



The Bengaly's: (from L to R) Madina, Ephraim, Joseph, and Yaya

- Pray for pastors Joseph Sinou, Samuel Traoré, and Josué Coulibaly, the three young leaders of the Mennonite Churches in Bobo-Dioulasso. Senior Pastor Siaka Traoré has recently handed over responsibility for these congregations that he started and nurtured over the years. Pray for a clear vision and Spirit-filled witness in the Bobo-Dioulasso communities where Christianity is a minority religion.
- Pray a blessing on the young adults of the Ouagadougou Mennonite Church, who have a ministry of outreach in Sapouy, about 100 kilometers south of Ouagadougou. They are providing food stuffs and building relationships with at-risk children with the support of a local schoolteacher in Sapouy.



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DR Congo

- The Mennonite Brethren Church (CEFMC) sends news of 8 new congregations, 2 new wells dug, and a remodeling project at the historic Kafumba congregation, all in this year of 2022. Join us as we lift our voices in praise and thanks for this important progress! Join us also in prayer for the church's August 2024 centenary celebration, for the preparations that are under way, and for the completion of the new church building for the celebration. Pray too that God would raise up new pastors for the MB church, as many are reaching the age of retirement, and 8 passed away so far this year.
- Praise God for the 12 pastors who will be graduating from the Kalonda Bible Institute next month and for Bercie



The CEFMC is building a fence at their Kikwit guesthouse with financial support from AIMM

Mundedi, Director of the Bible Institute. Pray for vibrant and Spirit-filled ministry as these pastors transition to full-time pastoral ministry. Pray that God will bless Reverend Bercie with clarity, resolve, and wisdom as she continues to prepare the next generation of leaders for the Mennonite Church of the Congo (CMCo).

- Join us in praying for the Mennonite Church of the Congo

(CMCo) as it prepares for its general assembly scheduled for the month of July. Pray that God will grant wisdom, clarity of mind, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as this important meeting unfolds.

South Africa

- Thank God for Mzwandile (Mzi) Nkutha's ministry of resourcing Anabaptist communities and their leaders in South Africa. Mzi is the coordinator of the Anabaptist Network in South Africa. Pray for stamina and wisdom for Mzi and a vibrant, holistic witness among the South African Anabaptist communities.

Goshen/Kinshasa Offices

- We give thanks to God for the progress made this year in obtaining resources for ministry initiatives of AIMM partner churches in the DR Congo and Angola.
- We seek your prayerful support for God's wisdom and guidance as we continue to explore ways to strengthen relationships with partner churches. Pray that they can build their awareness and capacity to use their God-given gifts into sustainable community-building initiatives.



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