

# Praise & Prayer

## September 2022

### Angola

- Thank God and AIMM for supporting the ABCD sustainable agriculture training in Malanje and for funding to increase farming land and the construction of the storage depot for the Semente Menonita project. Pray for the success of this project.
- Praise God for the generosity of our partners who provided theological education scholarship grants for women.
- Pray for the family of Reverend Bongua, former vice representative, who went to be with the Lord.

### Burkina Faso

- Praise God for the fourth graduating class of students from the Basic Biblical Training School of Orodara (EFBBO) in April. This training program began in 2008 and to date, 15 pastors have been trained. The big challenge is that the harvest is great and there are few workers.

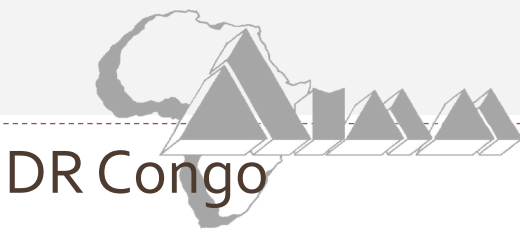


The two graduates (in yellow) with their spouses (in blue) and dignitaries



Using the well

- Pray that having passed the tests of the theoretical training, the two graduates of the Basic Biblical Training School of Orodara will pass the tests of the practical training. To achieve this, they must be inspired by the counsel God gave to Joshua (Joshua 1:1-9).
- This graduation ceremony of the EFBBO students was also an opportunity to give thanks to God for the donation of a well. The well meets the water needs of the students of the school, as well as during seminars and various meetings of the Church.



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- The Mennonite Brethren Church (CEPMC) thanks the Lord and our partners for the support of the pastor training programs. CEPMC is grateful for the peace and growth of our church and for the 61 new churches in the past two years. Please pray for our centennial event that will be held in August 2024 and for the financial resources needed for the construction of the centennial temple. Also, pray for the many senior pastors who are sick and need care.
- The Evangelical Mennonite Church (CEM) gives thanks for the unprecedented peace that has reigned within the Church since the appointment of the church's executive leaders and for the planting of new local churches in some of the districts. As well, the National Executive Committee thanks God for the mobilization of the pastors' wives who worked to constitute an organization within in the CEM and who are supporting the National Executive Committee both spiritually and financially. Please pray that the DRC government will officially recognize the church. All paperwork has been submitted to the Ministry of Justice and they are waiting for it to be signed.
- Join us in thanking God for the Mennonite Church of the Congo's (CMCo) successful general assembly in July. Pray that God will grant wisdom, clarity of mind, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to the leaders who were chosen.

## Sierra Leone

- We thank God for saving us from the August 10, 2022 protest in Sierra Leone that claimed the lives of more than 100 people. We pray for the families of those who lost their lives, and we are grateful that none of our members were involved.
- We thank God for protecting the members of the Kono congregation when a storm destroyed the church building.
- We praise God for the opportunity to attend this year's ICC meeting of AIMM Conference in South Africa.



## South Africa

- Pray that Grace Community Church will deepen its denominational roots within the context of Southern Africa, as well as within the global community of Mennonite World Conference.
- Please pray that the Anabaptist Network in South Africa's vision to establish a peace and justice research and learning centre becomes attainable. We thank God that St. Benedict's has allowed ANiSA to use their premises for the work of the centre.
- The AIMM International Central Council is gathering in Rosettenville, Johannesburg. To echo the Psalmist poetic song: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live or gather together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe...for in [Johannesburg] the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore" (Psalm 133:1-3). We pray that our time together will be fruitful.



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