

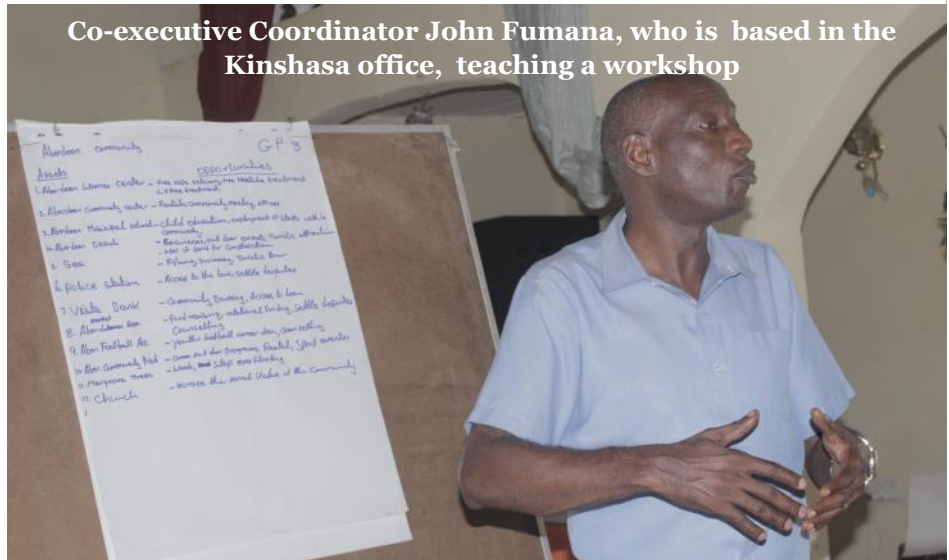


Praise & Prayer

Spring 2021

AIMM Offices—Goshen & Kinshasa

- Praise God that the office in Kinshasa is now open and allows AIMM to be closer to African partners. Pray for God’s presence and wisdom as AIMM serves God’s people through the church.
- Pray for a successful registration of the Kinshasa office with Congolese authorities. We have sent various documents to be legalized by the U. S. State Department and the Congolese embassy, a process that takes several months.
- We praise God that the Goshen office is settling into a rhythm as everyone becomes more comfortable in their new roles. We ask for your prayer as we learn more about AIMM’s partnerships and initiatives.



DR Congo

Pastor Jean Felix Cimbanga of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo asks that we join with the church to praise God and to lift up our collective prayers:

- We praise God for protecting his children during the coronavirus pandemic. The church has experienced less sickness and death than some other regions of the world.
- We are grateful that peace reigns in our church and in our province and are thankful for God’s presence in our church’s activities.
- Pray with us for God’s blessing on the activities of our church members and for a successful process as the church seeks to gain legal recognition from the authorities for its current leadership structure and team.
- Pray for peace in the eastern regions of the DR Congo where violence continues to destroy people and communities.

Pastor Fidel Yongo of the Congo Mennonite Church invites us to pray with the passage from Jeremiah 8:18-22, that in our distress in the face of the upheavals of our world, we look to Jesus Christ to be our guide. Pray with the church that God’s grace will help congregations and church members gain victory in the face of both spiritual and material challenges.



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Sierra Leone

- We thank God for the recent training in assets-based community development (ABCD) that AIMM was able to offer to the Christ Salvation Mennonite Church. Twenty-six church leaders learned strategies for building sustainability and making good use of local resources.
- Pray for God's guidance as the church identifies the resources it has and seeks to capitalize on them for its future development.



Participants in Sierra Leone discuss local resources

Burkina Faso

- Praise God for progress that the Siamou translation team has made. Despite several months lost to public health restrictions, work resumed on the books of Mark, Acts of the Apostles, Galatians, 2 Corinthians, and Colossians.
- Pray that progress will be steady so that the Siamou people will soon have the Bible in their own language.
- Praise God for the witness of the Mennonite churches in the city of Bobo-Dialassou. There is enough trust between the Muslim community and the church that Muslim leaders reached out to Pastor Siaka Traoré to collaborate on the purchase of a hearse that both communities will use for funeral services. Pray that there will be more opportunities for peacebuilding where religious-based tension is prevalent.

Angola

Jean Claude Ambeke, General Secretary of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Angola, invites us to join the church in thanking God for the way the Holy Spirit has worked during the COVID-19 crisis. Church members in the Huambo Province have laid the groundwork for six new congregations during the past year.

- Pray that these initiatives will result in six strong and vibrant congregations.
- Pray for a successful General Assembly of the MB Church of Angola, which will take place June 16-19 in Huambo. Pray for God's presence and guidance as the church selects a new General Secretary. Pray also for Divine provision and protection as many delegates to the Assembly are traveling to Huambo for the first time and do not know the region well.



In Christ,

John Fumana, AIMM Co-Executive Coordinator