

Praise & Prayer

Winter 2022



Evangelism at Magbafty

Sierra Leone

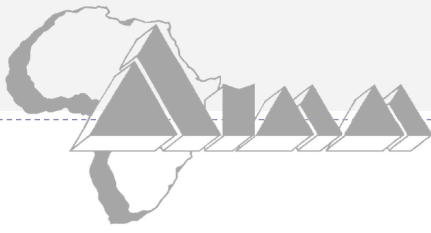
- We thank God for a successful series of evening evangelistic events at Magbafty and at the Newton congregation and for those who have made decisions to follow Jesus.
- Pray that the Christ Salvation Mennonite Church will continue to find ways to evangelize the local communities where its congregations are located.
- Pray for a peaceful election processes as preparations get underway for next year's presidential and parliamentary elections.

Goshen/Kinshasa Offices

- Thank God for a successful transition in the Executive Coordinator role at AIMM. One year ago Bruce Yoder and John Fumana assumed the roles of Co-Executive Coordinators when Rod Hollinger-Janzen retired. Pray for wisdom as they start the second year of their joint ministry roles.
- Thank God for the faithful contributions of Tara Burch and Nick Bouwman, office manager and bookkeeper, at the Goshen office. Pray that they experience the Spirit's guidance and encouragement as they, too, start their second year of service with AIMM.
- Pray for Lola Gingerich as she tends to the AIMM archival systems. Thank God for her attention to preserving the documentation that is essential for sharing and maintaining the legacy of AIMM's long years of ministry.
- Thank God for Charles Buller's ministry of leadership coaching in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in Angola. Pray that his initiatives will reinforce healthy and fruitful leadership practices among church leaders.

Burkina Faso

- Thank God for wise and faithful church leaders as long-time pastor and church planter Siaka Traoré transitions out of his leadership position in Bobo-Dioulasso. Ask God's provision and guidance for the young and energetic leadership that he is leaving in place for the three congregations in the city: Josué Coulibaly, Joseph Sinou, and Samuel Traoré.
- Thank God for his care of the church during these past months as terrorist attacks have continued and the country suffered a coup d'état a few weeks ago. Pray that those who have resorted to violence to make their voices heard would find better ways to engage the many challenges that Burkina society faces. Pray for those displaced by the violence, that the church would find ways to help them meet their material needs and to find encouragement in the midst of the challenges they face.



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DR Congo

- Thank God for the growth that the CEFMC (Mennonite Brethren Church of the Congo) has experienced during these past years. It currently has 549 local congregations with approximately 85,955 members. Pray for guidance and increased provision for the training of pastors. The church is growing at the same time that many pastors are aging. Finding and training enough pastors has become challenging.
- Thank God for the generosity of AIMM donors, which has resulted in the establishment of two Village Savings and Loan Associations in Kwenge, 38 km from Kitwit. Thank God that these have started successfully, and pray that the cycles of loans and payments will reinforce the well-being of participants and ultimately, of the entire village.
- Join the CEM community in its sorrow as it grieves the loss of Bienvenu Mwamba, missionary of the CEM (Evangelical Mennonite Church of the Congo) and founder of the CEM/Elykia congregation in Kinshasa. Thank God for his faithful ministry and pray that God will raise up new leaders and new congregations in his stead.
- Thank God for the successful medical intervention in Ndjoko Punda in December 2021. This was the third and final phase of this initiative that responded to needs that grew out of the storms that brought destruction and sickness to the city in 2019. Participating doctors performed 114 surgeries over a 7 day period. Pray for the church in Ndjoko Punda and for good health for the whole community.
- Thank God for his faithfulness and provision for the CMCo (Mennonite Community of the Congo) as the church moves towards the completion of its leadership transition that started last year. Pray that God will sustain those in transitional leadership roles and give them wisdom as they bring the church together for this important process.



Medical team praying before beginning procedures in Ndjoko Punda



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