

AIMM Praise and Prayer, March-April 2016

DR Congo Praise God that the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo (CEM)** has begun work on a needed revision of its constitution. Pray that the revision would serve to unite all of the different groups in this church and grant it a new and unified beginning.



Constitution revision Commission



Fred Suter

Praise God that during the latest one-month trip for **Congo Water Project**, **Fred Suter, Daniel Suter and Les Schlegel** were able to drill their first water-producing small bore well in the city of Tshikapa. Pray that further successes would follow that would help ease Congolese women's water-carrying burden in many places.



Mulumba Albert, Mputu Jacque, Irundu Robert, Kakhenda Damien, Kiswangi Leonard, Charles Buller

Pray for **AIMM International staff member Charles Buller** and for the Congolese team collaborating with him to establish a congregational leaders' coaching network within Mennonite Church of Congo. The initial two coach training seminars are taking place in **Mukedi** March 14-17, and **Kikwit** March 21-24. Pray for spiritual refreshment for church leaders, and for energy, inspiration and insight for the seminar leadership team.



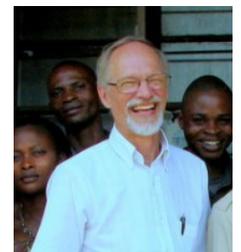
Marie Fumana

Pray for Congolese women leaders- **Marie Fumana** from the Mennonite Brethren, and **Therese Tudiakuile** from the Mennonite Church- as they prepare to travel and participate in a **SisterCare seminar** in Kenya. Pray for safety in travel, for good connections with other African Mennonite women, and for the energy and attentiveness for learning which will enable them to train others once they have returned to their communities in Congo.



Kate Widmer

Pray for safety in travel for AIMM Executive Coordinator **Rod Hollinger-Janzen** and for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference** representative **Kate Widmer**, as they travel to Congo at the end of March to meet with the leadership teams of **Mennonite Church of Congo in Tshikapa**, the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo in Mbuji Mayi**, and the **Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo in Kikwit**. Pray for learning, wisdom, discernment and good dialogue in all of these meetings.



Rod Hollinger-Janzen



Burkina Faso Pray for the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso** as leadership begins to plan for a **2018 celebration of the church's 40th anniversary**, which will include building a new national meeting center, and organizing a time of celebration which will hopefully include many former mission workers who invested in the church. (Picture L to R: Burkina Faso Leaders- youth leader Allakyne Traore; Pastor Abdias Coulibaly; Bala Sourabie; Pastor Fabe Traore.).



Claire Traore

Pray for **Burkinabe** delegates including **Claire Traore** and **Noeli Bananzaro**, traveling with **Nancy Frey** (Mennonite Mission Network) who will be leading a francophone delegation to the **SisterCare seminar**, to be held March 31-April 2 in **Kenya**.



Nancy Frey



Nicodeme Coulibaly

Pray for **Burkina Faso Partnership Council Coordinator Nicodeme Coulibaly**, who is beginning a course of study at the **Missiological Institute of the Sahel in Ouagadougou**. Pray that his studies may go well and that he would discern what God is calling him to.

South Africa Pray for **Hippolyto and Miriam Tshimanga** (Mennonite Church Canada) and their boys **Emmanuel** and **Joshua** as they transition from life in Canada to a two year assignment based in Bloemfontein. They will work with Grace Community Churches to strengthen Anabaptist understandings and increase international connections with fellow Mennonites. Hippo will continue to serve as Mennonite Church Canada’s Director for Africa.



Emmanuel, Miriam, Hippolyto, Joshua

Pray for **Mziwandile Nkutha** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, that his studies would continue to inform, inspire and prepare him for a leadership role in the Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANISA).

Pray for **Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen** (Mennonite Mission Network) as they have begun to live and work in Cape Town, South Africa. They are working in peace and justice ministries, in collaboration with the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA), directed by **Oscar Siwali**.

Botswana

Pray for **Taryn and Nathan Dirks** (Mennonite Church Canada), in Gaborone as they work on various development projects. Thank God for progress on many fronts! Pray for their patience, wisdom and the right mixture of initiative between local leaders and themselves.



Children’s ministry in Gaborone

Pray for longtime AIMM partner **Enole Ditsheko and his wife Wazha**, as they minister to needy children from **Gaborone** through their non-profit organization, **Little Eden Peace and Justice Center**.



Reinhild and Chief Cornelia with carved chief’s staff , D.R. Congo

AIMM Office Thank God for the upcoming visit of **Reinhild Janzen** to Goshen and to our **AIMM archives in Metamora, IL**. Reinhild spent many years in Congo along with her husband John. She is an expert in Central African art, and will be evaluating AIMM’s collections of art objects. The visit is scheduled for March 19-22.

Pray for **AIMM Accountant Lorilee Christner** as she works on closing out the financial year, which ends on January 31, 2016; and as she prepares for our annual financial review, conducted by Knudsen, Monroe & Cie. LLC.