

AIMM Praise and Prayer, January-February 2016

DR Congo

Pray for the **Congo Water Project**, specifically for a Jan.-Feb. 2016 trip to be made by **Fred Suter, Daniel Suter and Les Schlegel**. Pray for success as they attempt to dig small bore wells to increase ease of access to water for Congolese women.



Fred Suter with completed eaves-trough system at Tshikapa Welcome Center



Linda Goertzen, Adolphe Komuesa, Ron Goertzen, Marcelline Komuesa

Pray for **Ron and Linda Goertzen** as they travel to Congo in February to reconnect with **Dayspring Ministries Congo** colleagues and with Mennonite Church of Congo members and congregations in **Kamayala and Kinshasa**. May they be given needed wisdom, insight and energy.

Pray for **John Martens**, planning a March trip to Congo to perform surgeries and to encourage Mennonite hospital staff.



Dr. John Martens and Dr. Gaspard



Charles Buller, Leonard Kiswangi

Pray for **AIMM International staff member Charles Buller** as he prepares for a North American visit from Congo Leadership Coaching Network team member **Leonard Kiswangi**. Pray for Leonard and Charles as they work on teaching materials for upcoming regional coach training seminars across Congo, and as they meet with project supporters.

Pray for the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo** as the church attempts to “reset” after years of internal turmoil. Praise God for progress on the **Ditalala** church construction project. Pray that AIMM would make wise and just decisions as we relate to this sister church.



Ditalala Church



Komuesa

Pray for Mennonite Church of Congo President Adolphe Komuesa, and Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo President Gerard Mambakila, as they travel in January to make a first fraternal visit to Mennonite churches in Angola on behalf of AIMM’s International Central Council. Pray that they would be given insight and understanding about these churches in order to help AIMM rightly discern the way forward.



Mambakila



Praise God for the strong community interest in the bamboo bikes being manufactured in **Khoma** with assistance from the **Congo Transport to Market Bike Project**, led by **Chuck Regier**. Pray that needed parts for more substantial production would arrive in a timely way, and that needed engineering improvements would be discovered efficiently.

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.



Nicodeme Coulibaly, Steve Nelson, Pat Nelson, Abdias Coulibaly, Rocky Rocholl, Sue Rocholl, Alakagni Traoré, Fabe Traoré, Bala Sourabie, Daouda Traoré, Siaka Traoré.

Pray for success for upcoming seminars teaching **Community Health Evangelism (Gordon Claassen)** January 18-22, and **Simply The Story**, January 25-29, to be held conjointly between the **Yalunka missionary team** of the **Fellowship of Evangelical Churches**, and the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso**. Pray that these seminars would indeed equip mission and church workers to share the gospel in word and deed.

Praise God that **Arouna Sourabie**, having been trained at Benin’s Songhai Center in **sustainable agriculture**, is successfully launching his own farm. Pray that his success would be infectious and that many young people in the church would be inspired to follow in his footsteps and be mentored by him.



Arouna's tomatoes

South Africa

Pray for **Mziwandile Nkutha’s** upcoming semester 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)**.



Mziwandile with his family



Kathryn & Dan Smith Derksen

Pray for **Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen** (Mennonite Mission Network) as they prepare to live and work in Cape Town, South Africa starting January 2016. They will work in peace and justice ministries, in collaboration with the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA), directed by Oscar Siwali.

Pray for a **Mennonite Church Canada** couple who are considering an assignment to be resource persons for Grace Community Churches in South Africa.



Grace Community Church

Botswana



Nate & Taryn Dirks

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

Pray for longtime AIMM partner **Enole Ditsheko and his wife Wazha**, as they adjust planning for the Peace Festival, which was postponed in December 2015 and will be held during the course of 2016.



Enole

AIMM Office Thank God for the **wonderful and generous people** who participate in AIMM through their finances, time and expertise! Because of your wonderful support, we here at the AIMM office are able to work together with you to accomplish ministry in Africa for the glory of God.



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.

Lorilee at AIMM Office