

# AIMM Praise and Prayer, November-December 2015

## 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.



Les Schlegel, Daniel Suter, Dominique Yona and a young Congolese boy work at digging a small bore well



Damien

Pray for complete healing for **Pastor Damien Kakhenda and his wife Sylvie**, injured and traumatized by a violent robbery as they returned to their Kinshasa home late evening on Sept.19. Praise God for generous donors who have covered costs associated with their medical care and replacement of stolen items. Thanks also for those who are providing them with safety and comfort as they recover.

Pray for **Mennonite Church of Congo Service and Development Dept. Director Joseph Nkongolo**, as he works on the conception and organization of various projects designed to help his church become more self-sustaining.



Joseph Nkongolo (on left) leads a development meeting, accompanied by Dominique Yona and Joly Birakara



Charles & Leonard

Pray for **AIMM International staff member Charles Buller** as he works with Congo Leadership Coaching Network team member **Leonard Kiswangi** and others, along with Mennonite Church of Congo leaders to plan eleven regional retreats for 2016 and 2017.

Pray for the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo** as it continues to work to heal divisions. Pray for successful meetings of the entire church, planned for November 2015. Pray that the entire church would agree on a common constitution to guide church life and decision making. Pray that AIMM would make wise and just decisions as we relate to this sister church.



Jean Felix Cimalanga, Hubert Tshibangu, Willy Nyamabu, and Justin Mbombo



Serge, Gerard and Gaston

Pray for healing in relationships between the **Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo**, and their traditional North American partner, MB Mission. Pray for **Pastor Gerard Mambakila**, President, and for his national executive committee colleagues **Serge Tembe** and **Gaston Kandji**, as together they lead this Congolese church.



Pray for a smooth and timely **political transition in the DR Congo** as current **President Joseph Kabila**, having served two terms, prepares to hold elections and turn over power to his successor. Pray for a just and fair electoral process.

## Burkina Faso



Praise God for the amazing events in **Burkina Faso** during October 2015, as a **coup attempt was reversed**, and the country's transition to democracy continues to unfold. Pray for successful national elections to be held November 29.



L to R: Henk Stenvers, Netherlands, Secretary; Siaka Traore, Burkina Faso, chair; Hanna Soren Nepal; Doug Sider, Canada; Gladys Siemens, Brasil; Jürg Bräker, Switzerland; Enoch Shamapani, Zambia

Praise God that church **President Siaka Traoré** has recently been named Chair of the **Mennonite World Conference Deacons Commission**. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Siaka and for the committee as they seek together to bring hope and consolation to believers in difficult circumstances.

Pray for the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso** as leadership begins to plan for a **2018 celebration of the church's 40<sup>th</sup> 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.



Children from the Burkina Faso church enjoy a communion meal

## South Africa



Reuben and Phumeza Mgodeli

Pray for **Reuben Mgodeli** as he directs **Bethany Bible School in Mthatha**. Pray for him as he administers, teaches and works to maintain and improve relationships with the Independent churches in the region. Pray for effectiveness in ministry for Bethany Bible School present and former students.

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.



Dan & Kathryn Smith Derksen



Lawrence

Pray for **Lawrence Coetzee** as he leads **Grace Community Churches**, a Mennonite World Conference member church. Pray for a **Mennonite Church Canada** couple who are considering an assignment to be resource persons for this church.

**Botswana** Pray for **Taryn and Nathan Dirks (Mennonite Church Canada)**, in Gaborone with a newborn boy, **Malakai**, born on May 30. Pray that Malakai would be a blessing as the Dirks seek to minister in their setting.



Enole

Pray for longtime AIMM partner **Enole Ditsheko**, organizing and running a Peace Festival in Gaborone in early December.



Taryn, Malakai, & Nathan Dirks

## AIMM Office

Pray for wisdom for **AIMM staff members** as we contact AIMM donors in our 2015 phone campaign. Pray for good contacts that strengthen relationships. May we have a sense of all working together to further God's kingdom purposes.

Pray for AIMM Coordinator **Rod Hollinger-Janzen**, for efficiency and perseverance in following up on decisions made during the November 12 ICC (board) meeting.



Rod, Lola, Lorilee, Charles