

AIMM PRAISE AND PRAYER, MAY-JUNE 2015

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Pray for the all-day consultation AIMM is organizing on **“Forming Fruitful Partnerships”**, to be held Monday July 13 at Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN. The gathering will involve many of our African partners, who will be present in anticipation of the **Mennonite World Conference Assembly**, as well as interested persons from North America. Pray for healthy conversation, and for growth in insight on the part of all who will attend.



Pray for the coming together of travel plans for many **African leaders from AIMM partner churches** hoping to travel to the USA for the **Mennonite World Conference Assembly**, to be held July 20-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA.



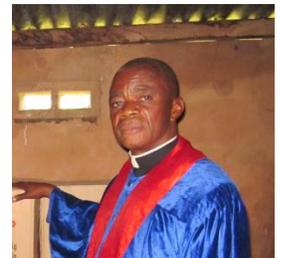
Pray for the **Mennonite World Conference Assembly**, that this gathering would strengthen the unity and sense of family of the worldwide Mennonite and BIC churches.

DR Congo

Pray for **Fred Suter and Dale Beverly**, currently in Congo to continue the Congo Water Project. Thank God for the young Congolese team that has been assembled to be trained to dig small bore wells. Pray that efforts to find more convenient sources of water would be successful.

Pray for a meeting being planned at this summer's Mennonite World Conference Assembly on Tuesday July 21, 1-3pm, that will gather **Mennonite women from Congo and North America** for conversation about how they might be a support to each other. Pray that this effort would garner widespread support from both contexts.

Pray for **Pastor Lupaya, Director of Kalonda Bible Institute**, as he guides staff and students to the end of the current academic year and prepares for graduation ceremonies on July 12. Pray that the eleven graduates would be able to bring their academic work to completion, and would be prepared spiritually to undertake servant leadership within the church.



Pray for the **92 individuals and groups** that have just received loans from the fledgling micro loans project of the Mennonite Church of Congo in the Tshikapa area. Pray that these loans would serve to help each of these persons and groups to advance economically and spiritually. Pray for healing for **Joseph Nkongolo**, chair of the loans committee, as he receives treatment for an illness.

Pray for the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo** as it continues to work to heal divisions. Praise God for the formation of a **Transition Committee** which includes leaders from both sides of the conflict. Pray that this committee would move the church toward a lasting reconciliation.



Burkina Faso

Pray for the local congregation in the village of **Sidi**, which is holding firm in their faith in Christ, despite strong opposition. Pray for their protection, and for their growth in faith and trust. Pray that the local Land Chief, **Salif**, would soften his position and find a compromise to enable Christian families to remain in the village. Grant church **President Siaka Traore** wisdom and patience as he works with this situation.



Pray for **Paul Thiessen** (Evangelical Mennonite Conference) as he works to move the Siamou Bible translation team forward in the best possible way, while dealing with needs within his family. Pray that competent and spiritually apt persons could be found to strengthen the indigenous translation team. Pray that obstacles to the progress of this work would be removed and that there would be significant progress for this Bible translation over the next several years.



Pray for **Norm Nicolson** (Mennonite Church Canada) as he mentors several youth from the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso. Pray that he could make good progress in passing on his considerable construction and welding skills to these young men.



Praise God that American visas have been granted to most of the church's delegates to this summer's World Conference- **Siaka, Claire and Samuel Traore, Bala Sourabie, and Fabe Traore**. Pray also for Canadian visas for Siaka and Claire, and for meaningful contacts for all delegates throughout their visit.

South Africa



Pray for **Mzwandile Nkutha**, a participant on the steering committee of the Anabaptist Network in South Africa, and for his wife **Lydia** and daughter **Uluthando** as Mzi engages in study and builds relationships at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN. Pray that the family's participation in a June 3-5 small business seminar would be inspiring and motivating as they think of a locally sustained Anabaptist Network.

Pray for **Lawrence Coetzee** as he leads Grace Community Churches, a Mennonite World Conference member church. Pray that a missionary individual or family would be found who senses a call to relate closely to this church and to nurture them into deeper relationship with other Anabaptists.



Pray for **Mennonite Mission Network and AIMM** in seeking funding for a couple who are willing to give several years of service in South Africa, working at reconciliation and justice issues through local partner organizations.

Botswana

Pray for **Taryn and Nathan Dirks** (Mennonite Church Canada), currently in Canada visiting congregations, resting and recuperating for an upcoming two year term in Gaborone.