

AIMM PRAISE AND PRAYER, May-JUNE 2017

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Pray for the **upcoming May 3-9, 2017** visit to the **Christ Salvation Mennonite Church** in **Freetown**, by AIMM-ICC President **Siaka Traore**, AIMM Executive Coordinator **Rod Hollinger-Janzen**, and Canadian Mennonite businessman **Brian Dyck**. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be present in the relationship building, sharing and teaching that will happen during this time.



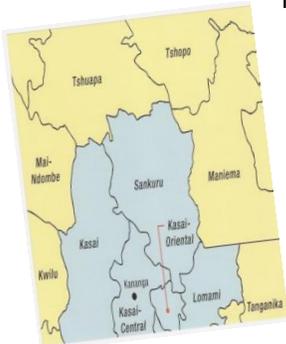
Hippolyto Tshimanga (Mennonite Church Canada) blesses the newly elected Executive Committee of Grace Community Churches. Chairperson **Leon Pula** is far right.

SOUTH AFRICA

Praise God for the atmosphere of joy and celebration that permeated **Grace Community Church's** annual meetings, held April 14-16. Pray for newly elected Executive Committee members: **Leon Pula**, Chairperson; **John Gayiya**, Vice Chair; **Lawrence Coetzee**, Vice Chair and Coordinator of International Relations; **Bulelani Ngoro**, Secretary; **Jan Van Niekerk**, Treasurer; **Bongani Louw**, member; **Petrus Jacobs**, member.

Miriam Tshimanga (Mennonite Church Canada) has learned to grow mushrooms for commercial sale, and is teaching Grace Community Church women to do the same.

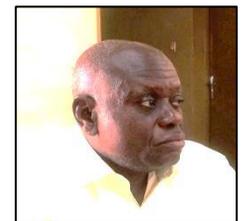
Pray for **Hippolyto and Miriam Tshimanga** (Mennonite Church Canada), serving **Grace Community Churches**. Praise God for the strong relationships being built as they relate to church members and leaders and as they teach, provide entrepreneurial ideas, and other resources.



CONGO

Pray for the almost **500,000 displaced persons in the Kasai region of Congo**, including many Mennonites and other Christians viewed with suspicion when they proclaim themselves to be neither in favor of the Kamuina Nsapu rebels nor the government troops. Pray that peace would be restored and that the **DRC** will move quickly to plan and carry out national elections which have already been delayed for almost half a year.

Pray for Mennonite leaders **Adolphe Komuesa** and **Jean Felix Cimalanga** and their colleagues as they attempt to deal with the crisis for many of their congregations borne out of the violence between rebels and the national army in central **Kasai**.



Komuesa

Cimalanga

Adolphine, Jose and Marie at the recent Literacy training of trainers in Kinshasa



Praise God for the leaders of the women's organizations of the **3 Mennonite churches** in Congo- **Adolphine Tshiana** (Mennonite Church of Congo); **Marie Fumana** (Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo); and **Jose Mbombo** (Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo), and for **Nancy Myers** (Mennonite Church USA) as together they successfully held the first of several "training of trainer" events for literacy in **Kinshasa** in April. **Central Congo** where most **Congolese Mennonites** live, has a very high rate of illiteracy, especially among women. Pray that this Congo Literacy program could be a real step toward meeting that need. Pray for budding micro loans projects in the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo**, and the **Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo**, that these efforts would be successfully organized, and that they would truly

serve to help ordinary church members increase their revenue, thereby helping themselves and their families, and also the church communities to which they belong.



Joseph Mbuyi receiving training in gardening under Fils Fuisa

Praise God for **Fils Fuisa**, (Mennonite Church of Congo) recently returned from agricultural training at the **Songhai Center in Benin**. Fils has begun an extensive work of gardening near **Tshikapa** and has also invested in training others to do the same.



Abdias Coulibaly, President; Calixte Bananzaro, Vice President; Fabe Traore, Secretary; Goaré Teri, Assistant Secretary; Kari Traore, Treasurer; Daouda Traore, Assistant Treasurer

BURKINA FASO

Praise God for successful elections at the recently held annual meeting of the **Evangelical Mennonite Church**. Pray for the newly elected national committee members: **Abdias Coulibaly**, President; **Calixte Bananzaro**, Vice President; **Fabé Traoré**, Secretary ; **Kari Traoré**, Treasurer; **Goaré Teri**, Assistant Secretary; **Daouda Traoré**, Assistant Treasurer.



Arouna Sourabie

Pray for **Arouna Sourabie** as he establishes a farm centered mostly on animal raising. Pray that God would continue to bless **Arouna's** efforts and that a way would be found for him to effectively train others in the church.



Siaka

Pray for **Siaka Traore**, who has stepped down as President of the church. Pray for him as he transitions away from overall leadership. Pray for his ministry to pastors and for his responsibilities in inter-church and international work such as leading the **Mennonite World Conference's Deacon's Commission**.

Praise the Lord for progress in the building of two local churches, in **Orodara** and in the neighborhood of **Belle Ville in Bobo Dioulasso**. Pray for necessary provision so that both of these buildings could be successfully completed.



Claire Traore, Women's President, speaks at a special Women's worship Sunday in Bobo Dioulasso

Praise God for the dynamic women's ministry in **the Evangelical Mennonite Church**. Pray for the progress of this work as **Mennonite women continue to grow spiritually** through their yearly gatherings, and as they put into practice their learnings and reach out to invite other women to faith in Jesus Christ.

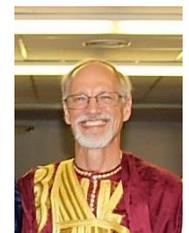


Belle Ville Church

OFFICE

Praise God for the **faithful people who pray for and contribute financially to AIMM**. We are thankful that generous contributions once again met all expenses for our last fiscal year. Pray that our African church partners might also increasingly be empowered to give financially for AIMM's work, in addition to their many gifts of human resources and expertise.

Thank you for your prayers for **Rod Hollinger-Janzen** during his sabbatical from January through March 2017. Pray that the insights gained during that time would strengthen our **AIMM family**.



Rod