



# Praise & Prayer

October-December 2017



## SIERRA LEONE

Pray for the **many families** who suffered the loss of loved ones during an August 14 mudslide in the capital city of Freetown, which claimed over 1,000 lives. Pray for **Christ Salvation Mennonite Church** members and others ministering to these families.



In order to **continue construction on its future church home**, Christ Salvation Mennonite Church needs an authorization from the Sierra Leone Tourist Board. Pray that this authorization would indeed be received and that the church's new worship center would soon be completed.

## CONGO

Pray for the estimated **1.5 million displaced persons in the Kasai region of Congo**, including many Mennonites and other Christians, who are suffering through lack of food, medicines and shelter. Pray for members of the **Kasai Response Steering Committee**, which is overseeing a relief response led by **Congolese Mennonite churches**



Soap and salt purchased by Mennonite Church of Congo Mbuji Mayi to assist displaced people



Training literacy teachers, Kikwit

coordinated by **Mennonite Central Committee**, and contributed to also by **Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Church Canada, AIMM and others.**

Praise God for the successful second **“training of trainers for literacy” event**, held in Kikwit in August, at which over 40 future literacy teachers were trained. Pray for **positive motivation** for these teachers to begin literacy classes, each in their local congregation. Pray that teachers would find

the energy and will to keep organizing these classes into the future.

Pray for the upcoming **“reconciliation event”** at **Kandale**, scheduled to take place Oct.10-16. Pray that the large Congolese delegation, together with 5 persons from the USA, could be a **catalyst for healing**. Pray that the **marriage seminar**, to be taught by team members of the **Congo Leadership Coaching Network**, would bear fruit in the lives of participants.

## BURKINA FASO



Lois and Paul Thiessen

Pray for **Lois and Paul Thiessen** (Evangelical Mennonite Conference) and **Lillian and Norm Nicholson** (Mennonite Church Canada) as together they seek to turn over direction of the **Bible translation work in Siamou** to the church in Burkina Faso. Pray for both missionaries and church leaders, so that together good solutions could be found to continue

this important work of witness among the Siamou people.



Lillian and Norm Nicholson



Zac with his improvised computer stand

## OFFICE

Pray for **Zac Bowman Cooke**, who has newly joined the AIMM office as Office Assistant, that he would feel welcome, and be able to move into his responsibilities well.

Pray for longtime AIMM Office Manager **Lola Gingerich** as she lets go of most office responsibilities and continues to work on the AIMM archives and some Family Relations tasks.



Lola enjoying archives sorting