

AIMM Praise and Prayer, May-June 2016

South Africa

Praise God that **Hippolyto and Miriam Tshimanga** (Mennonite Church Canada) and their boys **Emmanuel and Joshua** received visas recently which will allow them to begin a two-year assignment in Bloemfontein. They are leaving toward the end of June 2016, and will work with **Grace Community Churches** to strengthen Anabaptist understandings and increase international connections with fellow Mennonites. Hippo will continue to serve as **Mennonite Church Canada's Director for Africa**.



Emmanuel, Miriam, Hippolyto, Joshua



Mziwandile, Lydia and Uluthando

Pray for **Mziwandile Nkutha, along with his wife Lydia and daughter Uluthando**. Following their participation in an international Peace Building seminar in Waterloo, Ontario June 9-12, they will prepare to return to South Africa and restart active participation in the Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANISA).



Jacob, Kathryn, Dan, and John-Claire Smith Derksen

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

Burkina Faso



Claire



Noeli

Praise God for Burkinabe delegates **Claire Traore and Noeli Bananzaro**, who recently traveled to Kenya to participate in a **SisterCare** seminar, held March 31-April 2 in Kisumu. Pray that they might find ways to use their newly acquired understandings to better minister to women in their respective communities.

Praise God for a growing **student body** at the **Hakilitiguiya Primary School in Bobo Dioulasso**, now numbering 34 students. Pray that the school would be a positive connecting point for growing relationships between the local community and the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso**.



School Children



Somone Ouedraogo

The **microloans project** was established a couple of years ago to help ordinary church members to develop their economic activities and raise their income level, so that they in turn can support church ministries. Pray for **the committee in charge of this project**, as they develop the needed skills to organize and administrate the loan process well, so that this project might serve the church for many years to come.

Pray for the successful **construction of the new church building at Orodara**. Pray that the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso** along with AIMM and its partners would together be able provide what is needed so that this facility would be ready to host the church's planned **40th Anniversary Celebrations in 2018**.

DR Congo

Praise God for Congolese women leaders- **Marie Fumana** from the **Mennonite Brethren**, and **Therese Tudiakuile** from the **Mennonite Church**- who recently participated in a **SisterCare** seminar in **Kenya**. Pray that these leaders might be able to integrate what they learned into their ways of ministering to the women in their respective faith communities.



Marie



Therese

Pray for **Mennonite Church of Congo Youth Leader Robert** and his team prepare for the **National Bible Camp**, scheduled for July 10-17. Pray that many youth would be given the necessary means and motivation to participate in this event.



Robert



Charles

Pray for **Charles Buller and other leaders of the Leadership Coaching Network** as they prepare for the upcoming seminar in **Tshikapa** which will focus on an introduction to coaching and transformational leadership. The seminar is scheduled for July 4-8. Pray that the seminar would speak deeply to the needs of the church leaders and spouses who attend.

Pray for **Nancy Myers, Ervin Stutsman and Glen Guyton**, a Mennonite Church USA delegation, as they participate in **Mennonite Church of Congo's Women's Consultation and General Assembly** June 23-July 4. Pray for good conversations and mutual encouragement during this visit.



Nancy



Ervin



Glen



Kate

Central Plains Mennonite Conference, a regional body of Mennonite Church USA, is holding its annual gathering June 16-19 in Des Moines, IA. CPMC recently sent a representative, **Kate Widmer**, to Congo with **Rod Hollinger-Janzen** to test out possibilities of renewed relationships between CPMC churches and Congo's Mennonites. Pray for Kate as she presents her experiences during the gathering. Pray for CPMC leaders as they discern the way forward in terms of their relationships with **Congolese Mennonite churches**.

AIMM Office

Pray for **AIMM staff members** as we work together, that we would be given wisdom and insight to know what is ours to do. Pray that we would discern and make needed changes in order to strengthen AIMM as we inspire partnerships to support the church and its mission in Africa.



Rod

Pray for **Rod Hollinger-Janzen** as he travels to Manitoba and some Midwestern states in June in order to connect with donors. Pray for good contacts and shared vision for God's work!



Rod, Lola, Lorilee, Charles