

Blessing Worshipping Communities

Orodara



Coming alongside African church planning, funding and volunteering, AIMM has recently made contributions to the construction of church meeting houses in the Kanzala neighborhood of Tshikapa, DR Congo; the Belle Ville neighborhood of Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso; and the city of Orodara, Burkina Faso.



Kanzala



Belle Ville



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“All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
Genesis 12:3.

Abraham, blessed by God, became a source of blessing for countless others. Through Jesus Christ we too have entered into this life-filled, hope-rich river. We have received much! We also have been called to bless others.



2016 Congo Mennonite Church Youth Bible Camp

Empowered by God’s Spirit, let us walk together with our African church partners, pooling our gifts and resources for God’s kingdom work. **Let us receive blessings** as we’re given insights, encouragement and challenge from our partners that strengthen our walk with Christ. **Let us enter into the joy of blessing** our African partners through gifts of prayer, time, expertise and money.

Thank you for your gifts and for your active participation in the AIMM family!

This brochure illustrates ways that our **AIMM North American family** is working together with our **African church partners** to be a blessing through AIMM’s General Fund:

Blessing African Mission Workers



Kisangani- Rev. Pierre Lenda has assembled a team of leaders and together they are planting 7 congregations for Mennonite Church of Congo in this major center in NE Congo.

Rev. Pierre Lenda praying for a sick person.

Kodeni/Sabbaribougou- Pastor Siaka Traore is guiding the effort to plant a new local congregation in this neighborhood in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso.

Over 100 children currently attend worship.



Gilbert Mihala Lunzombe is planting a Mennonite Church of Congo congregation in DR Congo’s second largest city, Lubumbashi, and another congregation in the city of Likasi.

Blessings Women



The Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso has begun a yearly young women’s seminar, which focuses on affirming young women’s faith and preparing them for adulthood.



Adolphine Tshiama of CMCo;



Marie Fumana of CEFMC



Jose Mbombo Bintu of CEM

Representatives of **Mennonite Women** from the 3 major denominations in the DR Congo are advocating and developing plans for women’s literacy training in their communities.

The vast majority in these churches are women, most of whom are preliterate.



Following Mennonite Church of Congo’s 2012 decision to ordain women, **Rev. Bercy Mundedi** has been named Director at **Kalonda Bible Institute**, the key leadership training institution for the denomination.

Blessing Aspiring Leaders

Mukedi Seminar



Charles Buller continues to work with a dynamic team of Congolese leaders to present **leadership training seminars** across **Mennonite Church of Congo**, focused on coaching relationships as a means to personal spiritual growth for leaders.



Yaya Bengaly and Abel Traore are recently graduated students of BF's Basic Bible Training program.

The **Burkina Faso church's Basic Bible Training** program trains young leaders in understanding through biblical study and church history, preparing them for ministry.



Kalonda BI Staff and Faculty

Kalonda Bible Institute provides a 3 year biblical and theological study program for future pastors in **Mennonite Church of Congo**, also making available instruction in rabbit and hog raising, sewing and carpentry.

Blessing North American Mission Workers



Kathryn and Dan Smith Derksen, (Mennonite Mission Network) based near **Cape Town, South Africa**, are working under the direction of

Oscar Siwali's Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency in various peace and reconciliation initiatives. (Photo Kathryn, John-Clair, Jacob and Dan Smith Derksen)



Hippolyto and Miriam Tshimanga with their sons **Emmanuel and Joshua** (Mennonite Church Canada) are based in **Bloemfontein, South Africa**, working in leadership training and economic empowerment with **Grace Community Churches**.

Blessing Congolese believers



Andre Kalenga



Daniel Ntumba



Naomi Kangu Kangu

Hope for Congo seeks to equip **Congolese Christians** with tools that enable growth in faith and life.

Scholarships to selected students (see recipients above) to bless communities such as **Ndjoko Punda** with new ideas and skills.



Congolese language Bibles and hymnals, most recently a **Chokwe Bible** reprint, sold at subsidized prices to increase ordinary believers' access.

Blessing economically struggling church members



Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo's Edgard Kimbau continues to train church members in small agricultural business development. His latest seminar took place Sept. 16-17, 2016 in **Kikwit**.



Mennonite Church of Congo's Fils Fuisa has begun testing agricultural production on the ground in **Tshikapa** following his recent return from

agricultural business training at the **Songhai Center in Benin**.

Ndaya Asaka making bread



Micro loans programs managed by Mennonite Church of Congo and the Evangelical Mennonite

Church of Burkina Faso provide opportunities to develop and expand small businesses, increasing income for members.



Tshibola Rose selling meat in the market