



# Praise & Prayer

Fall 2019



## ANGOLA

- \* Pray for AIMM's International Central Council as they discern in their October meetings how best to respond to a request from 3 Mennonite groups in Angola for partnership.

Angolan Mennonites in Tshikapa: Pastor Komuesa, Ambeke Ilonga Jean Claude, Rod, Makanipovi Sebastien Sikonda, Nzamba Bleise

## BURKINA FASO

- \* Pray that the Lord would call a Burkinabe Mennonite believer to minister among the Yalunka people in Mali, Guinea and Senegal as a missionary. Pray that the Yalunka Christians would grow in faith and in commitment to Jesus Christ.
- \* Pray for the upcoming seminar/exchange on economic development, in which members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, as well as interested international partners, will participate. The seminar is scheduled for November 4-8, 2019. Pray that a way forward would be found that would continue to strengthen the church and the communities in which it lives, economically as well as spiritually.
- \* Pray for Arouna Sourabie and church leaders as together they envision an Agricultural Training Center adjacent to Arouna's farm in the village of Kolokolo. Pray for inspiration for all the details of organizing courses, as well as the building of the center. Pray that this center would provide a strong push for the church in encouraging the economic growth of its members.

Musukisa, Yongo, and Kazadi



## DR CONGO

- \* Praise the Lord for a successful advanced teacher training seminar for literacy, held in Kinshasa July 22-August 1. All 16 students learned very well and, in turn, are now equipped to train literacy teachers in their respective regions. Pray for the Congo Literacy Project leadership team as they discern which regions take priority as the expanded trainings begin.
- \* Praise God for successful leadership transitions in each of the 3 major Mennonite denominations in the DRC. I) The Mennonite Brethren Church's (CEFMC) new team, elected in November 2018, consists of President Antoine Kimbila, Financial Officer Kafaïre Koy, and Community Evangelist Georges Kaputu. II) Mennonite Church of Congo's (CMCo) new officers were elected in July 2019. They are President Fidele Yongo, Vice President Martin Musukisa, and



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Secretary Charles Kazadi. III) The Evangelical Mennonite Church held its elections in August 2019, and returned the existing leadership team for a second mandate. They are: President Jean Felix Cimalanga, Vice President Willy Nyamabu, and Secretary Justin Mbombo. The Treasurer of this team, Hubert Tshibangu, passed away and has been replaced by Lievin Kalubi Mpinga. Pray for divine streams of wisdom, patience and grace for each of these leaders as church members look to them for resolution of many problems. Pray for strong vision for the unity of the church, and motivation for service.



- \* Thank the Lord for a successful Youth Bible Camp held at Ndjoko Punda June 24-30, 2019. More than two hundred youth made or renewed commitments to follow Christ, and 21 youth were baptized. Many who had experienced trauma at the hands of the Kamuina Nsapu militia, shared those experiences and received prayer and support. Pray for those who committed their lives to Christ. Pray also for all who experienced trauma, that healing would continue.



## SIERRA LEONE

- \* Praise God for an August 2019 teaching visit to congregations in Freetown, Newton and Bama, led by Siaka Traoré and Steve Wiebe-Johnson. Pray that AIMM leaders would wisely discern how best to strengthen Christ Salvation Mennonite Church in its discipleship and development of church leadership.

## OFFICE

- \* Pray for the upcoming AIMM International Central Council meetings, which will be held in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso from October 26 through November 2. Pray for the safety of everyone traveling to attend these meetings. Pray for the Spirit's presence in all the debates, questions and decisions.
- \* AIMM recently hired Bekah York as a part-time grant researcher and writer. Pray for her as she makes connections with foundations and writes up projects, that this important work will bear fruit.