



Praise & Prayer

Summer 2019



SIERRA LEONE

- * Praise God for the advancing construction of the Newton church building of Christ Salvation Mennonite Church, just east of Freetown. The church is beginning to use this beautiful facility. They began with a Youth Thanksgiving Service on March 31.
- * Pray also for an upcoming August 2019 teaching visit to the congregations in Freetown and Newton, led by Siaka Traoré and Steve Wiebe-Johnson. Pray that this visit would further equip leaders, strengthen marriages and solidify relationships between AIMM and the church.



BURKINA FASO

- * Pray for increased safety and security for ordinary citizens in Burkina Faso, including Mennonite church members. Since 2016 militant Islamic groups have been regularly attacking government outposts and schools. Over 800 schools have closed because of these events. Evangelical Mennonite churches, clustered mainly in the southwest, are close to the Mali border and are in one of the areas targeted by these groups.
- * Pray for the leaders of the 20 plus congregations that are part of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso. Pray for wisdom, grace, courage and the presence of God's Spirit as they preach, teach, console, heal and lead their people.



- * Pray for the recipients of the growing church-managed micro loans project. Pray that their business ventures would thrive and grow, and that they would be moved to increase their financial support for church activities.
- * 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.



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Kasai Relief Project piggery in Kanzala with
Fils Fuisa and Joseph Nkongolo



DR CONGO

- * Praise God for the forward-looking energy stirring in the displaced families being assisted by the inter-Mennonite Kasai Relief project. Pray that the hard work of hundreds of families in fields in Tshikapa and Kabwela would bear good fruit at the harvest. Pray that those families working with pig raising in Kikwit and Tshikapa would also make progress in moving toward self-sufficiency. Praise God for the community spirit being built by this project and for the growing “needs response” skills within the Mennonite churches in Congo.
- * Thank the Lord for the tremendous contributions of the 130 active Congo Literacy Project teacher volunteers, who give up vacation time to receive training, contribute 3 early mornings or evenings a week to literacy classes, plus preparation time, all without pay, and make a very positive impact in students’ lives through their Christ-like love and gracious teaching.
- * Pray for an advanced teacher training seminar for literacy, to be held in Kinshasa July 22-August 1. Pray for the 15 Congolese literacy teachers who will follow the training, that they would learn well, and that they would in turn be well equipped to train other literacy teachers in their respective regions. Praise God for financial provision that allows us to plan this seminar.
- * Pray for upcoming leadership transitions in our partner churches. The Mennonite Church of Congo is moving toward electing a new President at their General Assembly, to be held July 10-14, 2019. Pray that this plan will be respected and that the church will elect a spiritually mature and competent leader for the next 6 years.



Kasai Relief Project: displaced family
reps, Kikwit



OFFICE

- * Pray for the AIMM-Canada annual meeting, to be held June 11, and for the AIMM-U.S. meeting, to be held June 7. Pray that these meetings might increase a sense of community and common purpose among board members as they serve the Lord together through AIMM.
- * Pray for AIMM staff as we relate to AIMM donors. Pray for good relationships and mutual understanding. Pray that God’s Spirit would attract new potential contributors to AIMM.