



# Praise & Prayer

Summer 2020

- ◆ Pray for all people everywhere who are suffering from COVID-19 infections. Pray for affected families, unable to accompany their sick members during hospital stays.
- ◆ Pray for all who are struggling to find resources for daily bread, given the economic slowdowns everywhere. Pray that loaves and fishes would be multiplied for people at this critical time.
- ◆ Pray for our African sisters and brothers. They must go out into the markets to buy food almost on a daily basis because most have no fridges or other ways to preserve food from day to day. Pray for provision, for protection, for courage and strength during this period of isolation. Pray that hospitals and medical staff would provide the best possible care even if ventilators and other important medical tools are almost nonexistent in most African countries.

## Burkina Faso

- ◆ Please pray that God would restore peace to Burkina Faso. Over six hundred thousand people have been displaced by the increasingly frequent and violent attacks by radical Islamic terrorist groups. These attacks target mosques, churches, schools and government military and police outposts. Pray for courage and trust for leaders and members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in this very challenging environment. Pray for acts of love between Christians and Muslims that show a better way forward.
- ◆ Pray for the church construction project in the Muslim neighborhood of Kodeni, Bobo Dioulasso. Pray for good relationships between Muslims and Christians as the construction proceeds. Pray that needed means to finish this project would be provided, and that the congregation's members would live up to their high calling of loving their neighbors as themselves.
- ◆ Pray for the Evangelical Mennonite Church's Development committee as it works on both defining a structure to manage ongoing development efforts for the church and organizing key projects going forward. Pray for resolution of details regarding the establishment of an agricultural training farm.

Displaced persons in Burkina Faso



Kodeni church construction



## AIMM Office

- ◆ Praise God for progress in the work of the Executive Coordinator Search Committee. They have met 3 times and were able to finalize a profile for the next executive coordinator. Efforts are now being made to invite input on the process from a broader group of AIMM family members from Africa, Europe and North America, including suggestions for candidates who might apply for this role. Pray that the committee's work would be successful and that the Holy Spirit would lead them to the right choice for the next AIMM Executive Coordinator.



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## DR Congo

- ◆ Praise God for a successful Emergency Medical intervention in Ndjoko Punda in March, with over 2,200 patients served. Pray for Joseph Nkongolo and Dr. Chuck Kamassa as they plan the next intervention there, provision of surgeries for those who need them.
- ◆ Pray for Congo's Mennonite leaders- Pastors Antoine Kimbila (Mennonite Brethren), Jean Felix Cimbalanga (Evangelical Mennonite), and Fidele Yongo



Downtown Kinshasa during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders



Emergency medical services in Ndjoko Punda

(Mennonite Church). They are leading their churches through a perilous and difficult time. Pray that they would be given vision for what is needed, and the persistence, determination and strength to put vision into action.

- ◆ Pray for the Congo Literacy project. All teacher training sessions are postponed, and classes are stopped since the DRC government decreed that no gatherings of more than 10 persons are permitted. Pray that supervisors, teachers and students will all have patience and perseverance to move through this period and restart the activities when it is possible to do so.

## Sierra Leone

- ◆ Pray for Pastor Solomon Bandor as he guides the Christ Salvation Mennonite Church through this difficult period. Pray for good relationships within the leadership team. Pray that this church would continue to deepen its understanding and practice of Christian faith in the Anabaptist tradition.

## Angola

- ◆ Pray for the Angolan Mennonite leaders and for the churches which they are leading- Nzamba Bleise of Igreja da Comunidade Menonita em Angola (ICMA); Makanipovi Sébastien Sikonda of Igreja Evangélica Menonita em Angola (IEMA); and Ambeke Ilonga Baby Jean Claude of Igreja Evangélica Irmaos Menonitas em Angola (IEIMA). Pray that the way would open for Congolese Mennonite leaders to visit Angola on behalf of AIMM, to welcome Angolan Mennonites into fellowship.