

Greetings,

As we welcome the new year, we want to say a heartfelt thank you. Because of your faithful support and partnership, we are able to continue the ministry we share together - stewarding resources wisely to serve communities, equip partners, and share the gospel.

In 2026, we know there will be challenges - conflict, poverty, and pressing global needs - but together we can meet them with hope and faithful action. Your partnership allows us to walk alongside our staff and partners, to strengthen communities, and to respond with practical care and gospel-centered love.

We look forward to this year with trust in God's guidance. Please join us in prayer that God would give wisdom, strength, and courage to our staff and partners as we continue toward what has been entrusted to us faithfully.

Happy New Year - we are so glad to have you with us on this journey.

- CBM's Communications Team

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A New Season of Prayer

With the new year, we are continuing our Seasons of Prayer, and introducing a new theme for the next few months.

As we begin 2026, and with a new strategic plan in process, we are reflecting on how we steward our resources well.

Be on the lookout for the new issue of Seasons of Prayer resources along with the next edition of Word & Deed Magazine in your mailboxes soon.

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Prayer for
**A New
Year**

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God of new beginnings,
as one year draws to a close and another begins,
we pause in gratitude for your steadfast presence.
You have carried us through joys and challenges,
reminding us that your mercies are new every
morning. As we look ahead, we entrust ourselves
again to your renewing Spirit.

At the turn of the year, we are reminded that your
mission is not bound by calendars or borders. You are
the Creator who sustains life, the Redeemer who heals
brokenness, and the Comforter who breathes hope into
places of despair. We pray that the year ahead would
be marked by peace where there is conflict, by daily
bread where there is hunger, and by justice where there
is oppression. May all people discover the hope and life
that are found in you.

As the church in Canada, help us to join hands with
our global family in seeking justice, loving mercy, and
walking humbly with you. As we step into a new season,
shape us to be people of hope, faithfully bearing witness
to your kingdom coming among us.

In the name of Jesus, who makes all things new,

Amen.

[Click Here for January's Prayerline](#)

Commissioning Jean-Marie & Hortense Atitso for ministry in Togo

December 14th in Montréal, l'Église Évangélique Baptiste de Côte-des-Neiges gathered to commission new Global Staff, Jean-Marie and Hortense Atitso. With prayer and thanksgiving, we celebrated their call and sent them to serve alongside CBM's partners in Togo, where they are beginning their ministry this month.

Thanks to the generous support of the CBM community, this step is now possible. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they begin this season of service and continue to raise their remaining financial support while in Togo.



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IMPACT STORY

Where Faith and Work Meet: Rev. Elie's Renewed Calling.

Rev. Kubwimana Elie, a 39-year-old pastor from Gatsibo District in Rwanda's Eastern Province, first learned about the Integral Mission in the Workplace Training through a letter from the AEBR Bishop's Office inviting him to a workshop introducing the program. From the very beginning, Elie was eager to grow, describing the experience as both enriching and transformative. The training helped him gain fresh insights into what it truly means to live out faith in all areas of life.

Elie leads a humble but fulfilling life with his wife, three children, and two adopted children. Deeply devoted to both his family and ministry, he serves faithfully as a pastor while continuing his studies in education and leadership. "Through this training," he explains, "I've come to understand that mission is not limited to preaching. It's about serving people wherever we are whether at home, at work, or in the community." He now views teaching and leadership as sacred callings, opportunities to live out "faith in action and action in faith."

As part of the church's executive leadership, Elie is developing strategies to extend the impact of the training to pastors and school leaders across Rwanda. His vision is to see every believer, teachers, businesspeople, doctors, homemakers, and farmers alike recognize that their daily work is an act of worship and service to God.

Those around Elie have noticed a renewed humility, compassion, and energy in his ministry. Despite challenges posed by government regulations affecting faith-based organisations, Elie remains hopeful. "God's promises give me hope," he says. "I pray to remain faithful in sharing what I have received." Through his transformed mindset and leadership, Rev. Elie embodies the essence of Integral Mission, showing that every day of the week, in every vocation, God's work continues.

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SENT

The first SENT team for 2026 is departing this month to **Guatemala**.

A group of students from the Kurios Gap Year program will travel to Guatemala to serve and learn alongside CBM projects and partners.

Please pray that this would be a time of spiritual growth for the students and their leaders.

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