



Message from Sister Mūmbi

Here we find ourselves at the cusp of fall — where did the time go? The leaves have started to change color and the mornings are pleasantly cooler here in Silver Spring. In Eastern Africa, El Nino rains are expected, which will mean more opportunity to grow food in some regions, but for others, devastating flooding.

Friends in Solidarity found itself in two assemblies this summer, first at the [Conference of Major Superiors of Men](#) (CMSM) and later at the [Leadership Conference of Women Religious](#) (LCWR), where we had the opportunity to forge new relationships as well as meet and appreciate our old friends who continue to believe in and support our ministry. We also ventured into the territory of mission appeals, visiting two parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago where I had the opportunity to offer a reflection after the gospel. Four Masses (one Saturday and three Sunday) provide quite the vocal workout.

On the home front, Friends in Solidarity's team has continued to grow with the welcome addition of Denis Pringle, accountant, and Jasmine Young, administrative program assistant. This I hope will allow me to dedicate a little more time to forging new relationships and interesting others in our mission. Jasmine will be working part time for Friends in Solidarity, and part time for LCWR -- a great benefit of our shared office space!

The conflict in Sudan is yet to be resolved, and Darfur is particularly hard hit with ongoing fighting and attacks. South Sudan's economic and political situation hasn't improved. Our projects are going strong, thanks to our dedicated missionaries and lay collaborators there. We are still in need of lay and/or religious missionaries to serve in South Sudan for a minimum of three years. We are particularly keen on women trained in retreat work, spiritual accompaniment and accompanying trauma and victim sur-



vivors. Please reach out to me for more information if you are interested or if you know someone who might be: president@solidarityfriends.org.

Blessed and Happy Fall. We are grateful for your love and support.

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Photos: Sister Mūmbi with Jasmine (above) and Denis at the Friends in Solidarity office in Silver Spring, Maryland.