

To the UMC Community and Leadership Team

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I count it a privilege and an honor to write to you regarding a possibility of sponsorship in order to further my education at AMBS for a Master of Art and Peace Studies Degree.

I registered to further my studies at AMBS in March and was accepted. A full tuition scholarship for international students for three years was awarded to me: on condition that I keep passing all my subjects each year. The scholarship covers school tuition (\$14,040/year) and provides on campus employment (\$5000/year). However, it is my responsibility to demonstrate that I have funds available to cover my total cost of attendance of \$15,422 in order to obtain a student visa to enter the U.S.

As we don't have sufficient funds at the moment to demonstrate this to AMBS and the U.S. Consulate, we are trusting God for that. Please pray for us, and offer your financial support where you can, to see this journey through. We will need about 75% (\$11,566) of financial support in the first year. The remaining two years, 50% of financial support (\$7,711) mostly for housing expenses, will be needed. Please see attached document for the cost of attendance.

Why do I need this degree? Next to pastoral ministry, Peace building and Restorative Justice are areas of practical ministry which are very close to my heart. I sense God's calling on me to participate in that field too. Fidele and Leah Lumeya, have started the Ubuntu Peace building center in Kinshasa, and we (Micheline and I) have felt the need to join them in helping the people in the Congo, Angola and as far as the need can be. The center is up and running, however there is a need for qualified people, Subject Matter Expert in Peace building and Restorative justice from the African perspective. While my heart is called to serve there, I am not qualified yet. Hence I am seeking to further my education in this precise field. This degree will help further equip me in the field of Restorative Justice and peace building. We also hope to join and help at the Centre Universitaire de Missiologie (CUM) in Kinshasa at the end of our studies.

While there are learning institutions in South Africa and Congo, the standard and equality are weak due to infrastructure and country educational level. My preference to attend AMBS is based mainly on its Anabaptist roots and culture (which is not found in most Central and

southern African educational institutions), but also because of the quality and reputation it has to offer.

Attached here is a longer letter and a document containing the estimated cost of attendance for 2021-2022.

Please contact us with any questions you may have. while we write this asking for financial support, more than anything, we value your prayers as this is the key which unlock any door. May the Peace of God be with you all.

Shalom

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