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Here are a few indicators that testify to this program's positivity:

1. The number of patients using the health centers has increased.
2. The risks taken by nurses who work at night have decreased significantly.
3. The high costs of kerosene for lamps and batteries for flashlights have been eliminated.
4. The risks and uncertainties that come from delivering babies at night have been eliminated.
5. Children that have been hospitalized due to severe malaria now receive better care in well-lit facilities.

I hope you understand that your support has positively changed our work in these health centers, especially as it has decreased the risk of death for many of our people. Our prayer every day is that God would bless you abundantly and return upon you a blessing one hundred times greater than what you have given for His work. May the love of our all-powerful God, the grace of our Savior, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

On behalf of the CEUM,

Rev. Jules Mboka Ngate  
President of The  
Communauté Évangélique  
de l'Ubangi-Mongala  
(CEUM - Covenant Church  
of Congo)



Thank You!  
Merci Mingi!

## Refrigerators are Running!

Refrigeration is an important element of rural healthcare in Congo for three main reasons. First, common vaccinations require refrigeration, and when strategically placed, it is possible for more children to receive vaccinations. Second, some important medicines need to be refrigerated. Without refrigeration, a care-provider is limited in what they can offer sick patients. Third, refrigerators are needed for blood banks. Since some of the most common causes of death in northwestern Congo are anemia (caused by malaria) and blood loss, blood transfusions are often needed.

With the funding provided by CCI partners, we have been able to order a large shipment of solar powered refrigerators that are designed

for places like Congo. Additionally, our local solar technician, Gaspary, has assessed the condition of existing refrigerators. Some he determined unfit for use, while others could be repaired once he received the replacement parts we ordered. His technician team are repairing the broken refrigerators and will be installing new units once they arrive. The technicians are capable to provide ongoing service to keep these refrigerators running. Your support makes this work possible. Thank you!



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Sadly, access to clean water remains a major problem. Most of Congo's common childhood sicknesses could be avoided if children were drinking clean water.

This is a problem that has no simple fix. Though it is possible to improve existing water sources and create new ones so that people have access to clean water, doing this rarely has sustainable outcomes. Pumps break and go unrepaired. Clean water gets contaminated. And, sometimes, people simply prefer their old water sources. This tends to be the case when projects are done for communities, rather than by communities. Our focus is on communities.

As we move into the "water phase" of the Congo Clinic Initiative, we are using an approach that we believe will have a long term impact. Working with local church and community leaders, including medical

staff, community groups will be mobilized to discuss their health issues. As action points surface, local leaders will be able to connect communities to technical guidance and, perhaps, supplemental resources.

The Congo Clinic Initiative will seek to:

- equip key clinic communities with water through a holistic, asset-based process that depends primarily on the will of the community;
- funding will be used to supplement communities' efforts to improve the quality of their water;
- in bigger communities, this may mean drilling for water and installing pumps;
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- Doctors and nurses who care for sick patients.



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