



SALUT HOLISTIQUE: *The Holistic Gospel*

**November 4, 2018:
PCP Sunday**



On Sunday, November 4, your church is invited to participate in PCP Sunday, a day dedicated to remembering Dr. Paul Carlson and the continuing ministry of PCP, serving medical and economic development in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have prepared several ways your church can participate in this important part of the history of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

You can download these resources at paulcarlson.org/pcpsunday.

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Since its inception over 50 years ago, Paul Carlson Partnership has remained committed to high impact medical and economic development partnerships in the Democratic Republic of Congo. As partners with the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM) we are honored to continue Dr. Paul Carlson's vision of holistic ministry alongside and in collaboration with CEUM leaders.

Salut Holistique is the French name chosen by leaders of the CEUM to describe an exciting ministry that engages local populations. The meaning in English is Holistic Gospel, and it communicates perfectly the scope and impact of this village-based approach to train, equip, and empower local villages in the Ubangi-Mongala region to develop effective approaches for improving their daily lives spiritually, economically, and health-wise.

It is our joy to know that holistic gospel ministry is happening daily through:

- hospitals and clinics with chaplains, pastors, doctors and nurses
- medical personnel who train colleagues in critical skills to save lives
- village leaders, Congolese technicians, and PCP engineers who guide villages to use local resources to develop clean water solutions near clinics
- CEUM leaders working with village health development committees to develop solutions for malnutrition and specific health issues
- community health evangelism (CHE) approach, working with village leaders to discuss needs, determine resources, and create plans to address village-wide issues

Read on to discover the fresh new ways God is at work through the Congo Clinic Initiative. New faces, innovative approaches, and above all—more lives impacted in the name of Jesus!

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Renée Hale
Executive Director

Health Zone Highlights

We are excited to share with you a few highlights from the second quarter reports in each of the Health Zones:

- Bogose Nubea
- Karawa
- Loko
- Wasolo
- Clinics Outside Health Zones

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Bogose Nubea Health Zone Clinics



Meet Trésor Moolo

Trésor is originally from Gemena, DR Congo, and now lives in the U.S., studying civil engineering. But he's already an experienced water engineering expert! Last year we hired Trésor to support technicians in Congo to create clean water sources near clinics and hospitals.

Trésor just returned from his second trip to Congo where he saw the progress first-hand. Five water sources have been completed in the area: Bogose Nubea/Bodea, Bogose Konu, Boyamalanga, Boyasabago,

and Gilinga. Trésor is doing an amazing job encouraging and motivating his colleagues in Congo! We are thankful for his leadership.

Bogose Nubea Health Zone Report

- 986 Live Births
- 2 Maternal Deaths
- 3 Neonatal Deaths
- We visited all clinics in the area, however we experienced many difficulties because of poor roads and broken bridges.
- Due to recent Ebola outbreaks in Congo, we visited villages, schools, churches, and markets and taught how to identify the Ebola virus and apply practical measures to avoid contamination and spread of the disease.
- 5 clean water sources have been built near clinics.

Dr. Giga! Ngombo Matondo

Director of the Bogose Nubea Health Zone

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SPIRITUAL CARE

Chaplains and pastors care for patients in hospitals and clinics, working alongside doctors and nurses.



HEALTH OF THE POPULATION
CEUM leaders work with village health development committees to develop solutions for malnutrition and specific health issues.

Karawa Health Zone Clinics



Meet Dr. Valerie Bangabutu Bendele
Dr. Valerie is the Karawa Health Zone director. In 2016, she left for Belgium to complete a Masters in Public Health degree. After completion, she returned to Congo and resumed her role.

Karawa Health Zone Report

In March, we traveled 18km to the Bomago clinic. When we arrived, a woman who was about to give birth to twins was bleeding profusely. We quickly brought her back to Karawa Hospital where we were able to give her a blood transfusion and save her newborn twins.



Prayer requests:

- Pray for personal health and protection because since the beginning of this year we have lost 3 nurses.
- Pray for all healthcare providers, because the working conditions are precarious.

Dr. Valerie Bangabutu Bendele
Director of the Karawa Health Zone

Loko Health Zone Clinics



Meet Mark Thornbloom
Mark is the grandson of Wally and Sarah Thornbloom and son of Bob and Jan Thornbloom (all former Congo missionaries). He grew up in Karawa, DR Congo. Currently, Mark is a mechanical engineer with experience in solar, hydro, wind, and sustainable development.

We hired Mark last year to support water technicians in Congo who are developing clean water sources near clinics and hospitals. In the Loko Health Zone, two sources are complete and three more are planned for the fall. We are thankful for Mark's contribution to PCP!

Loko Health Zone Report

- The proportion of the population with access to safe drinking water increased from 9% to 11% due to new water sources at Dambalia and Gbuda villages.
- Sexual violence cases reduced from 19 cases in 1 1/2 months to 5 cases in 1 1/2 months due to a communication plan involving local authorities and the community.

Dr. Doudou Kanyona Kitenge
Director of the Loko Health Zone

TRAINING-THE-TRAINERS

Medical personnel train colleagues in critical skills to save lives.



COMMUNITY HEALTH EVANGELISM (CHE)

Working with village leaders to discuss needs, determine resources, and create plans to address village-wide issues.



ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

Village leaders, Congolese technicians, and PCP engineers are guiding villages to use local resources to develop clean water solutions near clinics.

Wasolo Health Zone Clinics

Kokpobe (ko-po-bay) was a young man from the village of Koto about five and half miles north of Wasolo. Kokpobe was looking for a way to pay his school fees and chose to pick some coconuts off a local tree. Unfortunately, he fell and a small branch pierced his diaphragm and punctured his spleen.



When the hospital received Kokpobe, the prognosis was grim. However, as the doctors tell the story, by the grace of God they were able to remove the branch and save the boy's life.



Wasolo Health Zone Report

- Maternal mortality: 0 deaths since Oct. 2017
- Neonatal mortality: 5% reduced to 2% - 3% between Oct. 2017- June 2018
- We continue with nutritional field work using moringa, soy, and peanuts to reduce the high rate of children with malnutrition in our health zone.

Dr. Eddy Yangakele
Director of the Wasolo Health Zone

Clinics Outside Health Zones

About two years ago, pregnant women and others in the community expressed the desire for a maternity ward next to the Bethsaida clinic. They wished they could give birth near home instead of traveling a dangerously long distance to Bumba Hospital. Today, their wishes have come true. A maternity ward has been built with local materials and the community is overjoyed.



Activity Report for Clinics Outside Health Zones

- Thanks to the refrigerator gift in January 2018, blood transfusion is achievable, thereby avoiding anemia-related deaths in children.
- We also made health providers aware of preventive measures to fight the Ebola virus.
- Thanks to solar light we found that clinics are now able to perform c-sections and emergency interventions at night.
- Clinics have seen the quality and access to care improved through the regular supply of donated medicines.

Dr. Ali Ramazani Jonathan
Director of the Bumba Health Zone

Kids Corner: Team Building

Community is very important to people in Congo. Living and working together is a way of life and is how people survive. Through teamwork, our partners are building bridges, digging wells, growing coffee, and solving difficult health problems in their villages. When people work as a team, big challenges don't seem as difficult. What is it like to work together as a team to solve a difficult problem? Use this fun game to teach the value of teamwork.

Human Knot (Ages 5 and up, 8-20 players)

Players stand in a circle, shoulder to shoulder, and extends both hands toward the center. Everyone grabs hands with two different people, but no one should hold hands with a person beside them. This forms a human knot. The task is to unravel the knot without letting go of any hands. Players can step over linked hands, crawl under linked hands, and sometimes turn around, but can never let go of hands. When the knot is successfully untangled, you will have one large circle or two smaller ones. Once in a rare while, a knot will be so tangled that it is not solvable — in that case, just decide where to break the chain and start again. Afterward discuss what it was like to work together to untangle the knot.



If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.
African proverb