

The Congo Clinic Initiative

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Wasolo Clinics



Bakpa Gbutuma lives in the Ndangba village and is a 29-year-old pregnant mother of three young children: one son and a set of twins. Unfortunately, her husband passed away 45 days before she came to Wasolo Hospital to give birth to triplets. Because of her recent loss, lack of funds, and high-risk pregnancy, the Wasolo Hospital staff was able to cover the cost of her care with the funds provided by PCP gifts.

"We thank the partners greatly for the funds, which allowed us to take care of this poor lady with these children during her stay, and even some days after her release from the hospital." –Dr. Florent Moluangu Bendo



The Kogbabema Clinic has been rebuilt, and the Ingwa Clinic will be finished in August. Tin roofs and brick walls will greatly help nurses care for ailing patients.



- In July, the Wasolo Health Zone carried out a vaccination campaign against measles and monkeypox.
- Treating newborns with chlorhexidine gel over the past 9 months has reduced infections and death.
- The Wasolo Health Zone clinics have been able to treat hypertension and diabetes with the medicines, glucometers, and thermometers that were funded by PCP.



Challenges and Prayer Requests for Wasolo Clinics

- More medical equipment is needed.
- The Wasolo Health Zone team would like to expand the Health Zone office and build a Nutrition Center.



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Bogose Nubea Clinics



11 clean water sources near clinics have been completed!

7 more clean water sources are planned for 2019.



A partner agency provided clinic nurses with Family Planning training and techniques to insert contraceptive implants for women.



32 mothers received Family Planning education from clinic nurses and long-term contraceptive implants.



The Bogose Nubea Health Zone team traveled to each clinic to meet with clinic nurses and staff.



14,000 bricks were made to build a new meeting room for nursing staff.



Challenges and Prayer Requests for Bogose Nubea Clinics

- Please pray for the mothers who are receiving contraceptives and family planning education.
- Pray for clean water projects in rural villages to continue successfully.

Karawa Clinics



"During the CEUM and CECU pastors conference in May 2019, Koyala, wife of one of the pastors, got in an accident on her way to the conference. She could not walk, so she was taken to Karawa Hospital. Her painful fracture and infection on her left foot was treated free of charge thanks to PCP funds. We brought her husband to her in Karawa upon our return. After two weeks of hospitalization, they left blessing God for the help she received from the coordination and hospital in Karawa."
–Dr. Justin Gado Malenda



158 patients were treated who could not afford care.



45 nurses were trained on obstetrics and emergency care for newborns.



Screening for hypertension and diabetes is being done at the clinic level; the community is beginning to understand the risks of these two diseases.



Plans are being developed to work with the community village health leaders to establish clean water sources near Karawa Clinics.



Challenges and Prayer Requests for Karawa Clinics

The maternal mortality rate was higher than average this quarter in 2019: 7 deaths in the second quarter; 4 deaths in the first quarter. The medical team is developing a focus group in the Karawa Health Zone to identify the causes and develop solutions. Please pray for mothers, their families, and the medical team.

Loko Clinics



"Children in the Loko Health Zone have had multiple cases (87 total) of unusual wounds on their legs. Thanks to PCP support, the Loko Clinics received dressing kits to treat the children for free. After one month, the clinics saw significant improvements in these cases!"

–Dr. Bosco Ngalina Wanda



7 clean water sources are finished.

3 more water sources are planned for completion by the end of 2019.



- Clinic nurses received training in how to detect and treat diabetes and hypertension.
- More births are now assisted by clinic nurses, with better adherence to family planning and other health indicators for newborns and children.



Community village health leaders are meeting monthly with Health Zone doctors and nurses to discuss strategies to encourage all women to give birth at clinics and hospitals rather than at home where there is higher risk for mother and child.



Challenges and Prayer Requests for Loko Clinics

- Pray for the challenges of capping springs in the Loko region.
- Pray for the monthly health zone meetings with local leaders.

Other CEUM Clinics



"In May 2019, we received a five-year-old girl named Grace Malonga from the Yamagia village located 40 km away. She came in with widespread acute peritonitis on her small intestine (a perforation due to complications of typhoid fever). The clinic she went to did not have the proper surgical equipment, so we rented the equipment to perform the surgery: an intestinal resection and anastomosis. The surgery went well, and after 10 days, Grace recovered." –Dr. Ali Ramazani Jonathan



During the first six months of 2019, we were able to distribute more medicine to all of the clinics in the Bumba area.



Thanks to PCP funds, blood transfusions are possible, avoiding anemia-related deaths, especially in children.



The solar technician team has been maintaining the equipment in Bumba clinics.



Challenges and Prayer Requests for Other CEUM Clinics

- Transportation is difficult with bad roads; some areas are only accessible by river.
- Many clinics were built with mud walls and thatch and need to be rebuilt.
- Please pray that people in the villages will come to the clinics for their health problems.
- Pray we can strengthen supervision of the clinics.
- Pray for us to continue to equip clinics with medical equipment.



FOR FUTURE

Generations

PCP Sunday: November 3, 2019

The compelling story of missionary Dr. Paul Carlson, who died while serving the people of DR Congo, continues to foster engagement in medical, infrastructure, and economic development. On November 3, 2019 we invite you to share his story to all generations, and discover how our partners in holistic gospel ministry are transforming lives today.

We can help you plan a PCP Sunday:

- Request the PCP Sunday Kit which includes liturgy, songs, bulletin inserts, videos, and kids' activities
- Request a PCP representative to speak at your church
- Read the Paul Carlson story in your small groups
- Raise support for a project
- Set up a Congo Clinic Experience and learn more about medical challenges in Congo

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Kids Corner: Make Your Own Stethoscope

What is that thing that a nurse or doctor wears around their neck and uses to listen to your heartbeat? That's right, a **stethoscope**! Have you ever wondered how it works? You can learn how a stethoscope is used by making your own stethoscope at home.



A stethoscope is a long, thin plastic tube that has a small, flat disc or hollow cup on one end and earpieces on the other end.

The doctor puts the flat disc or hollow cup on the patient's body, and the earpieces go into the doctor's ears. The disc and the tube of the stethoscope amplify small sounds, or make sounds louder. This amplified sound travels up the stethoscope's tube to the ears of the doctor, who hears the sound through the earpieces.

A doctor can use a stethoscope to listen to a patient's heart, lungs, and other small sounds within the body!

To make your stethoscope, you'll need:

- 2 funnels
- 2 feet of clear plastic tubing that will fit either over or inside the funnel spouts
- balloons
- electrical tape
- scissors



Instructions:

1. Snip the end off of the balloon. Pull the balloon over the wide end of the funnel and secure it with electrical tape. Be sure the balloon is pulled tight and flat.
2. Place both ends of the tubing onto the funnels. Tape the tubing to the funnels if needed to secure the ends.
3. Listen to your heartbeat, your friends' heartbeat, your cat's purr, and other sounds around your home!



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PARTNERSHIP IN MOTION

What happens after the Congo Clinic Initiative?

The Congo Clinic Initiative launched in 2014 with momentum in mind. Through partnership with our Congolese medical leaders, we identified points of greatest need and facilitated rural clinics to receive solar power for lights and refrigeration, improved structures, and began the journey into capping springs for clean water near each clinic. You, our partners, faithfully joined us in this 5-year fundraising initiative to raise the standard of healthcare for rural village communities. And together, with God, we moved forward!

What's next, you ask?

Based on the approach that working through village communities is the best way to realize long-term solutions that endure through generations, our partnership with the Covenant Church of Congo has yielded a long-term strategic direction which reflects the nature of our work together: **partnering in holistic healthcare.**

As CCI comes to a close, our vision for every family to have access to quality healthcare in Congo hasn't changed. But our strategy has been moving and evolving as God leads us, together, toward this shared vision of holistic healthcare. In 2020, we will begin what we have named **UCare4Congo**, which encompasses four important areas for growth and improvement in the ongoing, lifesaving activities of the Covenant Church of Congo healthcare system: **training, medicines and supplies, quality patient care, and infrastructure.**

UCare4Congo builds on the success and momentum of CCI and invites you to participate as key partners who will catalyze the forward motion of raising the standard of healthcare in Congo in 2020 and beyond.

In the next few months, we will share more details about **UCare4Congo** because we know how deeply **YOU care for Congo**. In the meantime, let's finish CCI strong, and together we will see God move!

Moving forward,

The Paul Carlson Partnership Team

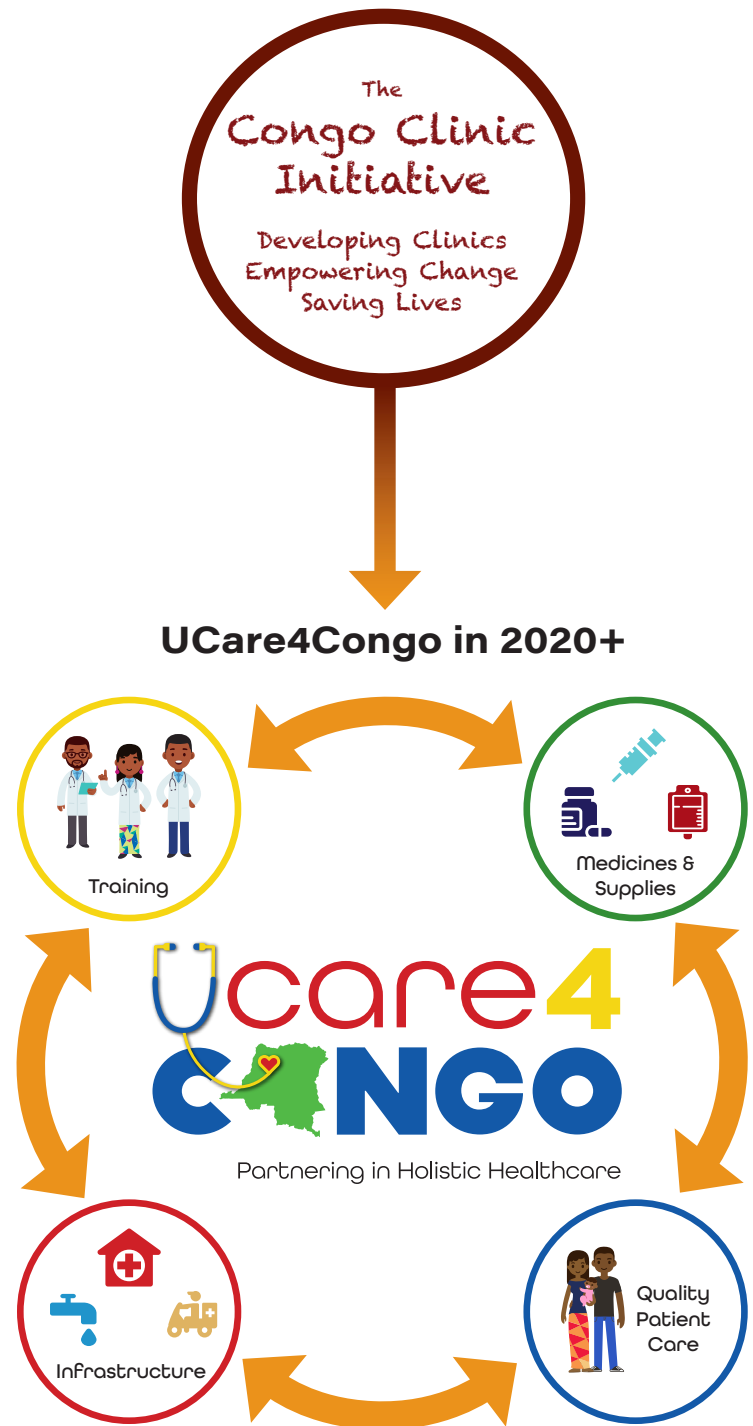
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Our mission, together, is to restore health in rural Ubangi-Mongala communities through training, medical services, quality patient care, and improved infrastructure.