

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

- The people of DRC are among the **poorest in the world**; IMCK cannot pay its costs from local fees alone.
- Donations have been declining sharply in recent years; despite being a **flagship Christian institution**, **IMCK struggles to meet payroll** & purchase needed medical supplies.
- In the U.S., institutions like this would have long since set up a **permanent endowment fund** whose earnings could help smooth the variations in giving while indefinitely preserving the principle.
- An endowment for IMCK was set up in U.S. based securities in 2011 with the **Medical Benevolence Foundation in Houston** as the tax free channel for donations.
- The IMCK Endowment stood at **\$250,000** on August 1, 2014. But as much as \$5 million is ultimately needed to significantly underpin the IMCK budget and protect the principal.

We are seeking at least a \$1 donation from every church member in America that we are able to contact. Together we can do it!

CAN YOU AFFORD \$1? \$5?



There are 3 ways to make a donation to the IMCK Endowment.

A. The first one is simply go on line to www.IMCK.org and follow the instructions including any tribute or volunteer info.

OR

For B or C below, please fill in your name, address, phone number & email address (if any) and mail in this form follows:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

B. You can make out a check payable to **MBF/Friends of IMCK** and write "**IMCK Endowment**" on the memo line, along with any special fund designation (see at right). Fill in any desired items in the box at right and mail the check along with this form to **MBF/Friends of IMCK, PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 20090**.

OR

C. You can fill your credit card information below, sign & mail to the above address:

VISA AMEX Discover MasterCard Other

I authorize MBF to charge a donation of _____ against Card Number _____ with Exp. Date: _____ for the IMCK Endowment Fund. (Also see box at right)

Signature: _____

You may visit www.imck.org/Reports-index6.html to follow progress on the Endowment, or write for more information to FriendsofIMCK@gmail.com.

Notice: For tax purposes, donations go through the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF), a 501(c)3 partner of PC(USA). Donor information is used exclusively by MBF and FIMCK for record-keeping, & is confidential.

You may designate your gift in honor or in memory of someone or to a special named fund (if one has been established) as a memorial/honorarium: Honor Memory

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

Your name as it should appear on acknowledgement or write "Anonymous" if so desired:

You may also wish to volunteer your time and skills to help FIMCK as follows:

Design Publicity Maintain Web Site
 Do Grant Applications Presentations
 Coordinate Speakers Other Publicity

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WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED "IMCK"

(Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai)



AND WHY SHOULD WE GIVE OUR MONEY TO IT?



WHAT ARE THE PARTS OF IMCK?



A high school level nursing and lab tech school



A full service teaching and referral hospital of 140 beds



Nutrition, research, public health and in-town poly-clinic programs



University level nursing school

WHERE IT CAME FROM

Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasaï (Kasai Christian Medical Institute) was founded in 1954 by Christian missionaries from the U.S. It was moved to its current location outside the city of Kananga in 1964. For a time it also had a dental technician school.

Added in 1975, largely with funds from a women's offering. Over the years, the staff of multiple doctors with various specialties has attracted medical students and interns seeking to do their practical rotations at **The Good Shepherd Hospital**, main referral hospital for the region.

An old hotel building in Kananga was purchased in 1981 and converted into the large in-town PAX multi-service clinic with extensive outpatient services, a lab and 20 maternity beds. A research center was built in 1989. IMCK has strong public health and nutrition programs.

In 2010 a university-level program was added. It has specialties in Midwifery, Pediatrics and Health Administration. So much is the demand for "honest" education in the words of one student, that enrollment has leapt to more than 230 in 2013/14! A Masters in Public Health program is being added in partnership with St. Louis Univ.

WHAT IT HAS BECOME

According to various surveys, this is among the top five nursing schools in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Enrollment is just under 100 students (one half girls) in a 4-year program with a faculty of 13.

The best hospital in the two Kasai provinces, the Good Shepherd Hospital draws referrals from all over the country. Surgery is unmatched; known for fistula repair. Its own reliable power supply is almost unique in DRC. High quality is its hallmark. In 2014 there are 24 medical students and physician residents doing their practical work at IMCK and a surgical residency is planned.

Programs for malnutrition utilize locally grown, nutritionally rich Moringa tree leaves and focus on education. The center of the provincial public health program, IMCK carries on strong clean water and sanitation programs. Learn more at www.IMCK.org.

BUT...

Although, by the grace of God and strong financial support, IMCK has stayed open for 60 years through civil wars, looting, economic decline and political instability, it now has its existence threatened by financial starvation as mission giving has dwindled. See over.