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An Open Letter to the Presbyterian Women

## Subject: The Good Shepherd Hospital

Dear Ladies:

In 1975 the Good Shepherd Hospital was completed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a \$400,000 gift from the 1969 Presbyterian Women's national Birthday Offering.

Despite political instability and warfare, it has continued operating for the 40 years since then with heavy subsidies from PC(USA) and



a continued missionary presence. In the past decade or so, however, donations have dropped off significantly and the missionary participation has been reduced to one family as PC(USA)'s ability to support has declined and Congolese doctors and administrators have taken over. Today, the Good Shepherd Hospital meets over half of its budget from local receipts (in the world's poorest country!) but the shortfalls often force them to make choices between paying salaries and purchasing needed medical supplies.

Recognizing the need for a permanent and stable source of operating funds, the above-captioned organization -- Friends of IMCK (the Kasai Christian Medical Institute of which the Good Shepherd Hospital is part) -- was formed in 2011 to raise a permanent and living endowment for IMCK and the Good Shepherd Hospital. To date we have raised just over \$300,000 but that is a drop in the bucket compared to the \$2 - \$5 million needed so that it can sustain itself and generate earnings that will significantly help to underwrite the IMCK budget.

Ladies, the Good Shepherd Hospital is **YOUR legacy hospital**. You built it but now it needs your help to keep it going. Please do not walk away from it! We realize that the national PW offerings do not go for such things as endowments. However, if every local PW chapter were to make a donation, we could make substantial headway toward our \$2 - \$5 million goal. Please think about it and carry the message home to your local congregations and women's groups.



Donations can be made online through our receiving and investing partner, the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) of Houston, Texas, at <https://mbfoundation.org/friends-imck-endowment-fund/> or make out your checks to MBF/FIMCK, write "IMCK Endowment" on the memo line and send to MBF/FIMCK, PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 20090.

You can get more information about IMCK and the Good Shepherd Hospital at [www.IMCK.org](http://www.IMCK.org). Write to [FriendsofIMCK@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofIMCK@gmail.com) to get on the distribution list for our bi-monthly email newsletter.

The Presbyterian Women can be a huge blessing, once again, to the people of the Congo and, not only that, but also to themselves and their congregations in the process, by stepping up to help make this legacy PW hospital a self-sustaining and outstanding medical institution to the glory of God!

In His Service,

Tinsley Gordon Smith, MD  
President, FIMCK