



IMCK Permanent Endowment Friends of IMCK – Chapter II

Last month we introduced you to Friends of IMCK (FIMCK) and the permanent endowment fund for which it was created. We hope the reasoning behind it was clear and persuasive but if not, read here what Larry Sthresley, Chairman of the IMCK Board of Directors, had to say:

“IMCK desperately needs this foundation. The original vision of IMCK as a teaching institution bringing Christian witness and quality health care to the people of Congo has evolved, but is just as needed today as it ever was. Unfortunately, for many years the institution has been struggling to survive and has had to compromise its vision. This foundation will help IMCK have a solid support for operational costs, so it can concentrate its efforts on fulfilling and expanding on the vision for which it was created.”

If you still have comments or questions not answered here, FIMCK now has its own email address to which you may write:
FriendsofIMCK@gmail.com

Those who may wish to receive a copy of the founding constitution and bylaws of FIMCK may also send an email request to the above address.

What can YOU do to help?

The **First** and foremost need is for you and many other people to open their checkbooks and MAKE a DONATION.

- Checks can be made out to the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) with “IMCK Endowment Fund” on the memo line and mailed to [Medical Benevolence Foundation](mailto:MedicalBenevolenceFoundation), PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 20090.
- To donate **On Line**, go to <https://mbfoundation.secure-donor.com/fimck?source=WSRG> and follow the directions. You will find it so easy that you will want to do it over and over again!! ☺
- **Special Announcement:** **We have a challenge grant of \$5,000!** If someone will match that amount with another gift of \$5,000 in any form, we will receive a total of \$10,000!
- If you wish to donate through **Financial Instruments** or arrangements other than simple cash donations (eg: transfers of stock, gifts through your will or with retained income, etc.), you may contact MBF to discuss the options shown at the bottom of their web page at <http://www.mbfoundation.org/future.php>. But be sure to tell them it is the **IMCK** Endowment that you are interested in. MBF phone numbers and addresses are also shown at the bottom of that web page. (Continued Page 2 - FIMCK)

Mother Teresa Quotes:

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?

If we have not peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.

IMCK Guest House Change:

Mrs. Nelly Ngomba Mubikayi (left - top) has completed her contract with IMCK as Manager of the IMCK Guest House and is moving to Kinshasa with her husband and family. IMCK says a big thank you to Mrs. Nelly Ngomba for her good service to IMCK.

She will be replaced by Miss Dina Mayuma Kabengele (left - lower) who can be reached at the following email address:

didinemayuma@yahoo.fr or telephone (243)(0) 994364717. Dina (also called Didine) is a professor at the Medical Technical Institute of IMCK (ITM - Tshikaji). She will work at the Guest House in addition to teaching, just as Mrs Nelly worked. We wish her a good job.

Submitted by Bernard Kabibu



Friends of IMCK Continued:

Second: Urge your **family, friends** and passing acquaintances to do the same. One person can't do it all; the more the better! If you know someone, perhaps a member of your Church or other organization, who is able to make a substantial contribution or to leave a bequest in their will, put in a good word with them for the IMCK Endowment Fund!

Third: Join FIMCK. We need as many members as we can get to make this thing take off. We ask for a minimum \$25 membership fee. In this case, make your check out as instructed above under the first bullet, but instead of mailing it to MBF, mail it to Charlotte White, Secretary, FIMCK, 8 Marshwinds, Hilton Head, SC 29926, so she can add your name to the membership before forwarding your donation to MBF. And if you have skills (or enthusiasm!) in publicity, fund-raising, public speaking, organization, project management, preparation of promotional materials, web page development, etc., please include a note and tell us with which activity you wish to help. We will contact you as activities ramp up and volunteer opportunities become available.

Fourth and Finally, if you are associated with a Church, Presbytery or other organization, or know of an upcoming event that might be interested in hearing our pitch, get us an **Invitation** to come make a presentation!

Submitted by Bill Rule

President of Friends of IMCK: Rev. Shannon Jung, President of the new Friends of IMCK, grew up in the Congo. He is the older son of Dr. & Mrs. J. B. Jung, who were missionaries in the Congo from 1952-1963 & founding members of IMCK. His Tshiluba name is Kazadi wa Mulumba. He attended Washington & Lee University and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He served small churches in Tennessee & Minnesota while teaching at Virginia Intermont College and Concordia College (Minnesota). His PhD was jointly earned at Yale & Vanderbilt and he has been teaching ever since. His research interests include revitalizing the rural congregation & also the theology of growing food & eating. He has worked at Univ. of Dubuque & Wartburg Seminaries as the Director of the Center for Theology & Land, & for the past six years has been the Franklin & Louise Cole Professor of Town and Country Ministries at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. He has written ten books, in the areas of rural ministry, theology of growing & eating, environmental ethics, & Christian ethics.

Shannon's wife, Patricia Beattie Jung, is also a professor at Saint Paul. Patti taught at Wartburg and chaired the theology department at Loyola University Chicago. She teaches sexual ethics, theological ethics, and global health and healing at Saint Paul. They have three sons and two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.

Submitted by Charlotte White



A US Nurse visits IMCK: The following account was written by Heather Copeland, an RN from the USA, who traveled with a group to visit IMCK. She is the granddaughter of Joe & Maxine Spooner, long time missionaries to the Congo. "This past June, I had the opportunity to visit IMCK for the first time. As a US nurse, I wasn't sure what I would encounter or how I would feel, but I was excited to get the opportunity to go. I met some of the incredible staff who are trying very hard to keep things going, with limited money and very limited supplies.

My first impression of IMCK was one of shock. The plumbing doesn't work consistently and the smell from the men's ward, especially, was almost overpowering. They have running water, because of the hydro plant, but only one of those two generators was working, so their water could stop running at any point and there is no back-up. The lack of supplies was distressing. For example, they don't have enough sterile gloves, so they use the few they do have for surgical patients. The OB nurse had to do cervical checks on prenatal patients with food-service type gloves. When we toured the pharmacy, I saw empty shelves with few medicines. Mr. Bernard told us the IV pharmacist should have been there that first day, but there were no supplies to make the IV fluids. Yet patients needed the fluids. I can't imagine working in a hospital where I don't have basic supplies. The lab had one microscope that was working, [which was shared by] staff as well as the class of 6 lab techs.

After the initial shock, I began to notice the patients. Some of them were having to sleep on mattresses on the floor because there were not enough working beds, but they never complained. They seemed glad just to be able to be there. Several of the patients I met had to travel for days just to get to the hospital.

I was amazed at the conditions and injuries IMCK treats: women with fistulas who need surgery, people with burns, people with goiters, pregnant women, and the list goes on. IMCK is truly a lifesaver; without IMCK these patients would not be treated.

The nurses were all friendly and seemed to really care about their jobs and patients, even though they [knew the hospital had not been able to meet payroll on time for some months.] I was very impressed with their dedication.

I know Bernard and Dr. Denis and the many other staff are trying to turn things around, but they need help. They need money to pay staff and make their monthly budgets. They need reliable water and electricity. They need supplies and [a reliable way for staff] to be transported to work at IMCK. They need prayers for the important work they do."

IMCK Patient Care: Good Shepherd Hospital of IMCK has four main sections or wards: obstetrics & gynecology, medicine & surgery for men, medicine & surgery for women, and pediatrics. In these sections, we have people with diverse conditions. Luisha Babunfi Ruth was admitted to the hospital last March with a complaint of a swollen left thigh, following an injection given by a different medical service in Kananga. She was diagnosed with an abscess due to improper technique from the injection. And she had diabetes. The area was surgically debrided and she was placed on insulin. But the infection was so severe, the surgeon had to perform an amputation of the entire leg. Follow up treatment included close monitoring of blood sugars, insulin, antibiotics, other medicines, regular dressing changes and eventual skin grafts. Her hospitalization required skilled care and a long stay. Her diabetes is currently under control and she continues to need rehabilitation. Submitted by Bernard Kabibu Note from Charlotte White: The hospital needs more wheel chairs. Shipping old ones from the US is very expensive. Consider making a donation for one wheelchair.



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IMCK Board: The IMCK Board will meet again November 15 & 16, 2011. Board representation includes four members of the Congo Presbyterian Church, four members of the Mennonite Church of Congo, four members of the Presbyterian Church USA and an IMCK Representative. The Board meets three times a year. Following the Board meeting, there will be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the hydroelectricity built for Tshikaji and IMCK. Next month, the newsletter will feature that project. Submitted by C White



Left: Board members and IMCK staff at a committee meeting for the Board, discussing personnel issues and financial issues. Feb. 2011

Board Members of IMCK

These were the representatives at the May 2011 meeting:

- Dr. Larry Sthreshley - PCUSA Rep; Chairman of Board
- Rev Kabasele Bantubiabo - CMCO Representative
- Mr. Jeff Boyd - PCUSA Representative (Presby Church USA)
- Mr. Mike Clement - PCUSA Representative
- Dr. John Fletcher - CPC Representative (Congo Pres. Chur)
- Rev. Birakara Ilowa - CMCO Representative (Mennonite)
- Rev. Mboyamba Kabala - CPC Representative
- Mr. Tshishimbi Kasonga -CMCO Representative
- Mr. Laurent Kamizelo Kianza - CMCO Representative
- Rev. Tshidinda Mamba - CPC Representative
- Rev. Dr. Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi- CPC Representative
- Dr. Denis Pirlot de Corbion - IMCK Representative
- Mr. Ntumba Tshitenge - IMCK Representative

IMCK Administration: imckbusiness@yahoo.fr

- Interim IMCK Director - Dr. Denis Pirlot de Corbion
- Administrator - Mr. Bernard Kabibu Bimvulu
- Legal Representative - Mr. Ntumba Tshitenge

IMCK is a Christian primary health care facility and medical education center. Its services are centered at the Good Shepherd Hospital, a 140 bed facility and at PAX, with 20 beds. General medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, pediatrics, gyn/obstetrics, dental services, radiology and lab services are provided. This faith based organization has been in operation for over 50 years. To help with supplies needed, please contact Charlotte White at docwhite@hargray.com.

How to make a donation for IMMEDIATE USE to IMCK: (See page one for separate endowment donations.)

To give through Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA) on line, go to <http://gamc.pcusa.org/give/E320202/>. Or write a check to Presbyterian Church USA; send it to PCUSA, Individual Remittance Processing, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Put "ECO#320202 - IMCK" on the check.

To give through the Medical Benevolence Foundation, a validated mission support group of PCUSA, give on line at <http://www.mbfoundation.org/index.php>. Or write a check to MBF; send it to 3100 S. Gessner, Suite 210, Houston, TX 77063. Write IMCK, Congo on the memo line.

To give directly to IMCK, make checks to IMCK. Send to Wachovia Bank (www.wachovia.com): Account number: 20000008628398; Account Owner: Institut Medical Chretien du Kasai; c/o Worldwide Ministries Div- Zaire. Then please send an email concurrently to Bernard Kabibu at IMCK (above address) informing him of the amount and designation, so IMCK can manage it appropriately.

Newsletter Matters

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