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A Monthly Newsletter (Usually)

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This abbreviated newsletter comes amidst summer activities and this editor's preoccupation of late with preparing supply trunks to go to IMCK with Bob Ellis in August (thanks, Bob) and with helping to plan the Presbyterian Church USA Congo Mission Network meeting in October in Virginia Beach, Virginia. So this will be a quick bulletin with a promise that we will return to a substantive newsletter in September.

Much is going on at IMCK:

- *Students graduated from ITM in June - They take their exams for nursing and for lab tech this summer. Classes begin again in August.
- *ISTM, the new college program for midwives and for health administration, completed its first academic year. They need scholarships.
- *IMCK hosted three groups of visitors from the USA and looks forward to the visit in August from Bob Ellis, PCUSA Coord. of International Health Ministries, and Debbie Braaksma, PCUSA African Area Coord in World Missions.
- *IMCK's space for continuing education and the guest house have been used for various Congo Presbyterian Conferences this summer.
- *Dr Denis Pirlot de Corbion, Interim Director who arrived in April, has been overseeing monthly pay checks for staff. They have gone three months without pay, at times, so this is a great boost for staff!
- *Bill Rule is working with Medical Benevolence Foundation to establish a new Friends of IMCK Endowment Organization. An initial donation of about \$25,000 has been made. The September Newsletter will feature more about this.
- *The new IMCK Chapel will start after the Congo Presbyterian Church's Building Committee and IMCK meet to proceed with bids and plans regarding the site.
- *IMCK continues to be dedicated in serving sick people amidst difficult times of famine and poverty. They ask for your prayers and partnership.



Photo of little girl at the Nutrition Center at IMCK. Taken by Mike Clement, when he visited IMCK in May with Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

Keep up with USA/Congo Partnerships & News: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/global/democratic-republic-congo/> & www.mbfoundation.org & <http://www.congopartners.org/> and www.facebook.com/ (search IMCK Congo) and <http://congohelpinghands.org/> & <http://www.row.org/congo-kasai-2009-update/>. PCUSA & MBF sites have info about Congo & IMCK. Learn about the Congo Mission Network meeting, the next groups going to Congo, Woody Collin's Congo work, ROW work. To join Congo Connections, write Annette anbwash@centurylink.net . Go to <http://www.enoughproject.org/> re: conflict minerals in Congo.

How to make a donation to IMCK

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. Write "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 (see address top of first page) informing him of the amount and designation, so IMCK can manage it appropriately.

Newsletter Matters

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