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**NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTS FOR ISTM:** As of late October, a total of 232 students are enrolled this year in the new IMCK college called ISTM. Of that 232, 129 students are in pediatric nursing, 55 are in midwifery, 23 are in health administration and 25 of the 125 freshmen have not declared their major.

To begin the school year, ISTM Director Alexis Nzamba said, "On this formal opening day of the academic year 2013 - 2014 and the fourth year of existence of the ISTM, I am happy, first of all, to give thanks to the Lord God Almighty for giving each of us the breath of life that allows us to reunite in this good learning atmosphere of ITM / ISTM Tshikaji." In challenging the faculty and students he said, "In this fourth academic year of ISTM Tshikaji, we take the following theme: Excellence and participation of ISTM Tshikaji for the development of our Western Kasai province and for the DRC." Submitted by Marcia Murray

### "Named Funds" Within the IMCK Endowment

The IMCK Endowment offers an opportunity for people to set up gifts of lasting value that honor or memorialize in *perpetuity* family members or other significant persons.

**Seven such funds** are presented, which are currently on record within the overall IMCK Endowment. Friends of IMCK thanks contributors, and encourages others to help honor these past missionaries associated with IMCK by also donating to the funds. As of Sept. 30, 2013, the **total Endowment** had reached **\$183,510.74**, composed of \$138,929.71 in donations, \$2,235.96 in dividends and \$42,345.07 in capital gains accrued over the two years of its existence. The seven existing Named Funds within the Endowment are listed in alphabetical order. The dividend and capital gain percentages attributed to each Named Fund vary according to how long their component donations have been invested in the Endowment.

**The John and Stella Hillsman Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$13,606.77**, composed of \$10,000.00 in donations, \$146.20 in dividends and \$3,460.57 in capital gains. We thank Dr. and Mrs. Hillsman for this generous gift, intended to perpetuate their work at IMCK from 1966-1972, and we invite others to add to it in the same spirit.

**The J.B. and Fran Jung Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$25,638.98**, composed of \$21,000.22 in donations, \$209.87 in dividends and \$4,428.89 in capital gains. We thank Drs. Shannon & Patricia Jung, Mr. Philip & Mrs. Ann Jung, & Mr. Michael and Mrs. Heidi Jung for their generous donations to this named fund honoring the lives and work of Dr. J.B. & Mrs. Fran Jung. We invite others to add to this fund at any time. (Cont.-pg 2 - Named Funds)



Freshman in crowded IMCK pathophysiology class.



Third year college students move out side to work on statistics homework in groups. Crowded conditions; creative solutions.

### **In November, the following representatives will attend the IMCK Board Meeting.**

Representing Congo Presbyterian Church will be Rev Dr Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi, Rev Jean Tshidinda Mamba, Dr Patrick Kabeya Tshibemba & Mr Simon Ntumba Tshitenge. Representing PCUSA will be Dr Larry Sthreshley, Mr Jeff Boyd, Mr Mike Clement & Mr David Ibsen. Representing Mennonite Community in Congo will be Dr Adolphe Komuesa Kalunga, Rev Birakara Ilowa, Dr Gaspard Mahuma, & Fr Lawrence Kamizelo Kianza. The Provincial Medical Inspector will attend. Representing IMCK will be Mr Alexis Nzamba and Rev Mboyamba Kabala. (Cont'd - Pg 4)

**Named Funds - continued:**

**The John and Aurie Miller Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$5,315.62**, composed of \$4,670.00 in donations, \$35.59 in dividends and \$610.03 in capital gains. We thank Drs. Merle Miller & Alex Maslanka, Mr. Neal & Mrs. Eleanora Miller, Mr. Joe & Mrs. Amelia Sudderth, Dr. Lamar & Mrs. Ruthmary Williamson, Drs. Richard & Judith Brown, Mr. John & Mrs. Patsy McCord, Rev. David & Mrs. Polly Miller, Ms. Elizabeth Whitener, Dr. Edwin & Mrs. Joan Bryan, Ms. Naomi Deifell, Mr. William & Mrs. Patsy Reily, Ms. Betty Jones, Mr. R.H. & Mrs. A.M. Weber, Mr. Wendell & Mrs. Jenell Young, Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCarthy, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stranahan, Ms. Irene Knobl, Ms. Nancy Norman, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Polly Montgomery, Mrs. Peggy Reinhold, Rev. Carl & Mrs. Nancy Murray, Rev. Elizabeth Aliley, Ms. Anne Crane & Ms. Sarah Perreault, Mr. Kenneth & Mrs. Pamela Adams, Rev. Daniel & Mrs. Marjorie Culbertson, Dr. James & Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan, & Mr. Robert & Mrs. Mary Gould for their generous donations to this named fund honoring the lives and work of Dr. John and Mrs. Aurie Miller. We invite others to add to this fund at any time.

**The Henry and Katie Nelson Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$5,610.04**, composed of \$4,570.00 in donations, \$47.40 in dividends and \$992.64 in capital gains. We thank Ms. Patricia Phillips, Drs. Henry & Katie Nelson, Mr. John Nelson & the Nelson-Coughlin Philanthropy Fund for their generous donations to this named fund honoring the lives and work of Drs. Henry & Katie Nelson. We invite others to add to this fund at any time.

**The Birch and Peggy Rambo Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$14,114.18**, composed of \$10,300.00 in donations, \$210.54 in dividends and \$3,603.64 in capital gains. The purpose of this fund is to commemorate and perpetuate the years of service rendered by Dr. & Mrs. Rambo at IMCK from the 1960s until the early 1990s. We thank anonymous donors, familiar with IMCK, who made this fund possible, and we invite others to add to it in the same spirit.

**The Bill and Effie Rule Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$39,991.58**, composed of \$29,708.59 in donations, \$557.48 in dividends and \$9,725.51 in capital gains. We thank Mr. Bill & Mrs. Beth Rule, Dr. Steve & Mrs. Charlotte White, Mr. Jim & Mrs. Elizabeth Woodruff, Mr. John & Mrs. Kay Rule, Mr. Noel & Mrs. Barbara Sugue, Dr. Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja, Dr. William & Mrs. Julia-Lake Dudley, Rev. Eugene & Mrs. Frances Lovell, Dr. Lamar & Mrs. Ruthmary Williamson, Ms. Adrienne Scott, Drs. Richard & Judith Brown, Dr. Mary Sue Makin, Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Dr. & Mrs. Randolph Smith, Angela & Howard Misthal, Mr. Paul & Mrs. Sara Gay Stranahan, Rev. John Lown & Mrs. Toya O'Hora, Mr. Joe & Mrs. Amelia Sudderth, Mrs. Peggy Reinhold, Ms. Anne Crane & Ms. Sarah Perreault, and Stephen Butter & Sybil Stuart for their generous donations to this named fund honoring the lives and work of Dr. William & Mrs. Effie Rule. We invite others to add to this fund at any time.

**The Ruth Worth and William and Martha Worth Fund** -- As of Sept. 30, 2013 this fund stood at **\$1,416.35**, composed of \$1,100.00 in donations, \$13.58 in dividends and \$302.77 in capital gains. We thank Mr. William Worth Jr., Ms. Julia Worth and Ms. Lucy Worth for their generous donations to this named fund honoring the lives and many years of work in Congo by Ms. Ruth Worth and Mr. William & Mrs. Martha Worth. We invite others to add to this fund at any time.

All the IMCK Endowment funds have been invested to date in the New Covenant Balanced Growth Fund (NCBGX), but diversification to other mutual funds is planned. The Friends of IMCK Board, which, with Medical Benevolence Foundation of Houston, TX, controls the Endowment, has set goals of \$500,000 by 2015 and \$2 million by 2020. Initial disbursements to IMCK at an annual rate of 4%-5% of principal (depending on market conditions) may begin when the Endowment reaches \$2 million, but more will eventually be needed to substantially underwrite the IMCK operating budget and sustain the principal. Submitted by Bill Rule

**IMCK Partners meet in Texas:**

Immediately prior to the initial Congo Mission Network session in October in San Antonio, a group of partners who provide support to IMCK met to discuss strategies for the future. Represented were PC/USA, Friends of IMCK, MBF, Rivers of the World, and Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Also in attendance was Rev. Mboyamba of the Congolese Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Joseph Ntambue Kazadi of First United Methodist, N. Richland Hills, TX. Each organization reported on significant activities in the past year. All agreed to communicate plans and activities throughout the year. Myers Park volunteered to convene a conference call every quarter for partners to stay in touch. If your organization would like to join these calls, please contact C. White. (see last page)

Submitted by Tom Cox

**The picture below** was sent recently by Gibende Hippolyte, Director of Nurses at the Good Shepherd Hospital. Two days after this photo, the tumor was removed in the OR of the Good Shepherd Hospital. We will tell you more about this story in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Gibende Hippolyte

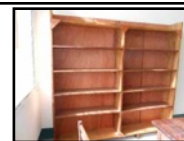


Tumor on leg removed 2 days later.



### Missouri to Congo, Bucks for Books. Medical books, that is.

Medical books are expensive. The IMCK schools have been operating with some outdated materials, when they had any textbooks at all. (See bookcase at right, built & waiting for books!) Vacation Bible School (VBS) kids of Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO. adopted a project to buy medical texts (mostly French) & send them to IMCK as their VBS mission project. On Tuesday of the week-long school, they brought \$24 worth of nickels (a lot of nickels!), Wednesday dimes, Thursday quarters, & Friday dollars. That added up to \$1,070 & bought books that were rank-ordered by the IMCK physicians & staff.



The kids in the VBS were excited to learn of their contribution & the appreciation in Congo. Most telling perhaps was showing the video "Glimpses of Grace", produced by Kim Brattain, about IMCK's medical work. After seeing part of the video, the 4th & 5th graders asked Shannon Jung, "Why do they go to such terrible hospitals?" "Why don't they all have beds?" "Why aren't they wearing shoes?" The Loving Our Neighbors ministry team of Parkville Church was responsible for organizing this mission project & that group has decided to designate 25% of the Peacemaking Offering for the FIMCK project. Way to go, Parkville kids and adults! Submitted by Shannon Jung

### Christmas is Coming...

... And the Goose is Getting Fat! Well, maybe someone's goose, but not IMCK's. Oh, folks in Washington are back to playing marbles again, and the Bull still



paws at the dirt while the Bear still hides, so the Endowment Fund for IMCK has managed to make a little money on its own (about 18% in the third quarter), but donations are down and we have a long way to go to get to Tipperary.



So, its time to think about ALTERNATIVE GIVING. While making up those lists for people at the church to choose from for their alternative gifts, please add THE IMCK ENDOWMENT FUND! Here are some reasons:

- It is the gift that keeps on giving for health in Congo.
- It lends dignity, rather than stripping it away, by giving IMCK choices. Thus, it avoids TOXIC CHARITY.
- It fills needed gaps that other gifts leave unfunded.
- It heals/teaches bodies (the hospitals), minds (the nursing/medical students), and the spirit (the Church)!

Don't know what IMCK is? Click here ([www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org)), download and print a brochure to put on the gift table. Or use the slide show from that site. Put up a poster saying "IMCK -- Presbyterian Legacy Hospital and Nursing School still operating in The Democratic Republic of Congo!" The hospital was built in 1975 with the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. The Endowment Fund, established in 2011, is at **\$184,000** but is striving for a target of \$2 million. Please Help!

Need gift cards that people can send to those they have "gifted" with an IMCK endowment donation? Click here (<http://www.imck.org/Cards-index.html>) and scroll down to "Sample Cards." Read the instructions and proceed.

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### Harvard Project partners with IMCK:

In July this year, IMCK partnered with a new organization to conduct research. Harvard University of Massachusetts, in the US, established a project with IMCK through their Department of Economics. Jonathan Weigel and Sara Lowes, Harvard students under the supervision of their teachers James Robinson of the Department of Political Science and Nathan Nuun, Department of Economics, worked with Mr. Bernard Kabibu, IMCK Administrator, Dr. Jean - Jacques Mulalu, Medical Director of the Polyclinic of Pax IMCK, and Mr. Maurice Mubiayi, Administrative Coordinator of Pax.

Initially both partners were engaged in a research project to analyze the DNA ( Deoxyribonucleic Nucleic Acid ) in saliva taken from 230 people randomly selected in the city of Kananga. The primary objective was to know where these people lived before coming to Kananga and if they had connection with the Kuba tribe. This is to better understand the phenomena of internal migration, the urbanization and economic development of the DRC in general, and of the city Kananga in particular.

The project was completed with funding from Harvard University for hardware kits to conduct this investigation, for consultation forms, and for payment to investigators. IMCK Pax provided local project facilitation, consultation, and equipment to weigh and measure the 230 participants.

We believe this partnership started well and will be durable and fruitful. We believe that this type of research project will be very beneficial to the IMCK educational system. Within this context of partnership, representatives of our new partner donated \$1,317 to help pay for indigent medical care. We thank them with all our hearts. Submitted by Bernard Kabibu

**Alternative Giving:** And now that you are thinking about Alternative Christmas Giving for December, what about those Thanksgiving Bags and turkeys that you are collecting? Suggest that everyone who brings in the contents of a Thanksgiving bag, ALSO donate \$5, \$10 or \$20 to the IMCK Endowment? A sort of tithe within a tithe!

I For all the above, collect the donations in a separate box and either go to the online payment site by clicking here (<https://mbfoundation.secure-donor.com/fimck?>) or mail a check with "IMCK Endowment Fund" on the memo line to Medical Benevolence Foundation/ Friends of IMCK, PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 20090. With the Endowment Fund, the Blessings will be in perpetuity -- for you, your congregation, IMCK and the people of Congo. Submitted by Bill Rule

**IMCK Board Meeting Cont'd:**

The following IMCK staff will be available to the board for consultation: Mr Bernard Kabibu, Rev Medard Shamuimba, Mr Moses Ngalamulume, Rev Trudon Kabasele and a staff representative.

The agenda will include the following:

- The IMCK 2014 budget.
- The IMCK 2014 action plan.
- The results of studies and projects implemented.
- Report on activities of the previous year.
- Report on the current economic/financial situation
- Evaluation of the implementation of decisions of the May 2013 Board Meeting
- The election of the President of the next term

Submitted by Bernard Kabibu

The IMCK website is a great resource. Go to [www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org) or type it into your browser. Write [FriendsofIMCK@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofIMCK@gmail.com), if you want to advise or help us with this newsletter or any other projects in partnership with IMCK service.

**Keep up with USA/Congo Partnerships & News:**

[www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org) & <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/global/democratic-republic-congo/> & [www.mbfoundation.org](http://www.mbfoundation.org) & <http://www.congopartners.org/> and [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) (search IMCK Congo) & <http://congohelpinghands.org/> & <http://www.row.org/congo-kasai-2009-update/>. IMCK, PCUSA and MBF sites have lots of information about Congo and IMCK. Learn about the Congo Mission Network meeting, the next groups going to Congo, Helping Hands work, ROW work. To join Congo Connections, write Annette [anwash@centurylink.net](mailto:anwash@centurylink.net). Go to <http://www.enoughproject.org/> to learn about conflict minerals in Congo and the need for certification. Learn about Congo at [www.wikipedia.org/](http://www.wikipedia.org/). Learn; read; get involved.

**Board Members of IMCK at the April 2013 meeting:**

Dr. Larry Sthreshley - PCUSA Rep; Chairman of Board  
Mr. Jeff Boyd - PCUSA Representative  
Dr. Mulumba Edmond - State Medical Inspector  
Rev. Birakara Ilowa - CMCO Representative (Mennonite)  
Mr. Tshishimbi Kasonga -CMCO Representative  
Mr. Laurent Kamizelo Kianza - CMCO Representative  
Rev. Tshidinda Mamba - CPC Representative  
Rev. Dr. Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi- CPC Rep.  
Ms. Josephine Stewart- PCUSA Representative  
Dr. Patrick Kebeya Tshibemba - CPC Representative  
Mr. Ntumba Tshitenge- CPC Representative  
Rev. Mboyamba Kabala- IMCK Representative  
Mr. Alexis Myamba Nzamba - IMCK Representative  
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IMCK Director - Mr. Alexis Mayambi Zambia  
Administrator - Mr. Bernard Kabibu Bimvulu

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 almost 60 years.

**How to make a donation to IMCK:**

To give to **IMCK endowment**, go to <https://mbfoundation.secure-donor.com/fimck?> & follow the directions. Or write a check to Friends of IMCK & write For Endowment. Send to Medical Benevolence Foundation, PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 20090. (Friends of IMCK is part of MBF.)

To give through the **Medical Benevolence Foundation**, a validated mission support group of PCUSA, go to <http://www.mbfoundation.org/index.php>. Designate on line "For IMCK Congo." Or send a check to Medical Benevolence Foundation, PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 2009. Write IMCK, Congo on the memo line.

To give **directly to IMCK**, make check to IMCK. Send to Wells Fargo Bank ([www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com)): Account number: 2000008628398; Account Owner: Institut Medical Chretien du Kasai. Send an email to Bernard Kabibu at IMCK (above address) informing him of the amount and designation, so IMCK can manage it appropriately and also so they can acknowledge the gift.

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

To give through **Rivers of the World-Kasai Chapter**, make checks payable to ROW & write FOR IMCK. Send to 3640 Hewatt Court, Snellville, GA 30039. Or go to [www.row.org](http://www.row.org) & donate. Follow instructions to designate the gift to Congo-Kasai / IMCK. Give in honor of someone, if desired.

**Newsletter Matters:** Contributors this month: Tom Cox, Gibende Hypolyte, Shannon Jung, Bernard Kabibu, Marcia Murray, Bill Rule, Charlotte White. To add/remove a name from the mailing list, write Charlotte White at [CRuleWhite@gmail.com](mailto:CRuleWhite@gmail.com). We welcome your contributions!