

Challenges Facing IMCK

Running a successful medical and educational facility is a challenging proposition in any country. Several factors in the Democratic Republic of Congo make it seem almost insurmountable:

- economic instability
- charitable/unpaid treatment provided
- influx of refugees due to regional disputes and violence
- health crises such as measles, AIDS, Ebola and the Covid-19 pandemic



The dedication and faith of the IMCK employees, and the commitment of the students, are making a big difference to the underserved population in this region.

You Can Help

You can assist IMCK in meeting their challenges through prayer, spreading the word about the good work being done there, or providing financial support. Consider a short-term visit if you have skills in medical, technical or educational areas. Any support you can provide is an encouragement to everyone at IMCK!

The Friends of IMCK

The Friends of IMCK is an organization in the United States composed of people who have a history with, or a passion for, the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo. We raise awareness of the vital work being done at IMCK and are building an Endowment Fund with a goal of \$2,000,000. Proceeds from this fund will help sustain the Institute in a difficult economic environment.

More Information/Donate

To receive periodic email updates or donate to IMCK, you can contact us at the email address listed below. If you prefer, you can donate online using your credit card or PayPal account by visiting the “Support” page of our website.

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Thank you for your interest in IMCK.
We look forward to hearing from you!



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Christian Medical Institute of Kasai



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services for the people of the
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since 1954*

What is IMCK?

IMCK (Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai) was founded in 1954 by Presbyterian missionaries as a training institute for nurses. Over the years it has grown into a robust health care center in Tshikaji, comprising the 160-bed Good Shepherd Hospital, nursing and medical technology schools, nutrition center, continuing medical education facility, rural health services and – in nearby Kananga – the PAX outpatient clinic. The Institute is recognized as one of the leading health care facilities in the country.



Medical Training

The two schools, ITM (lower level) and ISTM (upper level), provide education for nurses and medical technicians and training in specialty areas such as nutrition, midwifery, pediatric nursing, lab technology

and health care management. Students can do their practicum activities at the nearby Good Shepherd Hospital. The IMCK schools provide a steady flow of medical workers who are enhancing the quality of health care throughout DR Congo.

The hospital also serves as a base for doctors doing their required residency programs. Continuing education courses take place at the Centre d'Etudes, a study center adjacent to the hospital.

PAX Polytechnic Clinic

Located in the nearby city of Kananga, the PAX clinic provides a valuable source of medical care for this city of 2 million people. In addition to outpatient care, the people of Kananga and surrounding areas can find quality dental and vision services at PAX. A newly remodeled Women's Center provides gynecological care and a birthing facility.



Mother and Child at the Nutrition Center

Nutrition Center

Adjacent to the Good Shepherd Hospital, the IMCK Nutrition Center provides meals and, more importantly, nutrition education to mothers experiencing problems with feeding their family. Economic conditions often limit families to one meal a day.

Spiritual Life

Each day at IMCK begins with prayer and reflection on Bible passages. Anchored in the Word of God and the healing model of Jesus Christ, the students, doctors, nurses, and patients are spiritually nourished for the work to be done.



IMCK Staff at Morning Prayer

Power and Water at IMCK

The hydroelectric facility on the Lubi River, near Tshikaji, was constructed in 1987 to provide a constant flow of electricity and water to the Good Shepherd Hospital, the nursing schools, and staff housing. The “équipe de l'hydro” or hydro team of technicians maintains 24/7 vigilance on the operation of equipment and performs the necessary maintenance to keep things running in good form. Water and light: symbols of our faith and vital elements for the operational success at IMCK.



Hydroelectric Facility at Lubi River