

May 15, 2026

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

In April Champions for Congo connected with various churches and organizations.

- **Roberts Wesleyan University**
- **Jericho Road Community Health Center, Buffalo NY**
- **Community of the Savior FMC, Rochester NY**
- **Spring Arbor University School of Nursing**
- **CAHO annual meeting:** CFC sponsored an awareness event in the home of Joel and Janette Miller, Spring Arbor MI
- **Holland OH FMC**
- **Midland MI FMC**
- **Main Street FMC, St. Charles IL**



CFC Awareness Event was held in the home of the Millers.

NUNDU SCHOOL OF NURSING EXPANSION COMPLETION DATE – JULY1

Despite the frequent interruptions of war, Paul Ikocho, our Congolese contractor, reports the following good progress:

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The Nundu School of Nursing building project is progressing well. We are now finalizing the wall elevation, which we expect to complete next week. (this should be at the time of this publication) I have also received the funds for phases 4 and 5, which has helped us launch other works in parallel with the wall elevation (roof, windows, and ceilings). We have already started the preparation of the roof structure, including the trusses, and we have also started the preparation of the windows.

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I am currently in Uvira where I came to source some items for the project. The remainder of the wall elevation will be completed by Saturday, May 16. All the roof trusses are ready, and we are planning to begin mounting the roof structure next week.



Trusses are now ready to be mounted.

Though improvements and expansion of the School of Nursing infrastructure are important, improving clinical instruction of midwives is equally important. For this reason, Dr. Luc, OB/GYN, has been visiting Nundu on a more regular basis which is making a significant difference.

STAFF HOUSING PROJECT

The leadership of Nundu Deaconess Hospital has determined that there is an urgent need for staff housing. Doctors in specialty training are scheduled to return to Nundu this year. Dr. Morgan will complete a pediatrics residency in July. Dr. Byamungu will complete a pediatric surgery fellowship in December. Dr. Baron will complete an OB/GYN residency in 2028.

Paul Ikocho, engineer, architect, and builder, has prepared a plan for a quadraplex which is projected to cost \$166,000. These plans have been approved by the CFC Advisory Council. We have received approval to use \$74,350 in our Melvin Spencer fund. An anonymous donor has given \$90,000, which will allow us to proceed with this project when the School of Nursing project is completed.



Staff housing will provide homes for four families.

There will be opportunities to assist in the purchase of appliances and furnishings.

THE GENEROSITY AND PRAYER SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

Hospital Equipment & Medications

At NDH, the shelves meant to hold life-saving medications are often bare. Essential supplies run out far too frequently, leaving doctors helpless and patients vulnerable. Much of the hospital's equipment—once a lifeline—is now broken or dangerously outdated. Every day, medical staff must make impossible choices with the few tools they have left.

Your support can help restore dignity, safety, and hope where healing should never be out of reach.

- Suture set \$25
- Minor surgery instrument set \$100
- General surgery instrument set \$1000-2000
- Anesthesia machine \$20,000
- Pharmaceuticals per month \$2000



Fuel prices: Diesel fuel is now available and the price is normalizing, after rising to greater than three times the price prior to the war. We need \$1400 per month to cover this cost.

Starlink: Is now making internet more reliable, but the demand is exceeding the capacity of the service to which the hospital subscribed. Can we increase the capacity by providing more than \$100 per month?

Butterfield Sponsorship

Champions for Congo is now a fiscally sponsored project of Butterfield Foundation. All contributions to support healthcare ministries in the DRC will be received by the Butterfield Foundation. To donate, you can go to our website: www.congohealth.org or mail checks to Butterfield Foundation, 8308 N May, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.



You may also use this QR Code.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Tim Kratzer. Champions for Congo

Our Mission:

We champion equitable, holistic healthcare in rural Eastern Congo by:

- Delivering compassionate, trauma informed treatment and healing.
- Empowering communities to take charge of their health and economic futures.
- Building a resilient and sustainable healthcare system for generations to come.



Our Vision: Healthy, thriving, and resilient communities in Eastern Congo where every life is cherished and uplifted.

