Partnership with Adventist Health International
by Barry Mosier

Three years ago, Edward Perry, then a medical student at Loma Linda University, traveled to the Democratic Republic of Congo. While visiting the Songa Mission Hospital deep in the jungle, Edward saved the life of a 16 year old girl who almost died when she failed to give birth after her baby died inside. In this condition she rode 150km sitting in a chair strapped to the back of a bicycle. When she arrived at the mission hospital, Edward preformed a c-section, and saved the woman’s life. This was just one of the many experiences that convinced Edward of the desperate need for better medical care in DRC. During his trip to the DRC, Keith Mosier invited him to visit Congo Frontline Missions in Kisangani. Like Keith, Edward was raised as a missionary kid in Tanzania. They quickly realized their shared passion for reaching those most in need with the light of the Gospel, using medical care to break down barriers.

In the intervening years, God has opened the doors for Edward and his wife Carolina (also a physician) to return to the Congo. The
idea slowly developed to establish a health center in Kisangani. This last April, Edward and Carolina performed a thorough analysis of the healthcare needs in Kisangani and the surrounding areas. A month of investigation confirmed to the Perry’s that a health center offering quality medical care was desperately needed in this city of nearly one million people.

The Kisangani Life Hope Center will be established around a financially self-supporting 44 bed hospital offering medical, surgical and dental care. However, the goal of the health center will be to use medicine as an aid in the spread of the Gospel by offering integrated care for healing of both body and soul. In the future, the health center will serve as a base for operating mobile medical and surgical clinics to support the evangelistic work of CFM.

In August, after obtaining the support of the CFM board, Keith traveled with Barry Mosier to meet with Drs. Perry and Adventist Health International to explore a partnership between CFM and AHI. After hearing Keith and Edward share their passion for soul winning and their dedication to God’s work, AHI enthusiastically supported this partnership. In this partnership, both organizations will assist in the construction while AHI will use their hospital administration experience to manage the Kisangani Life Hope Center.

This is a large undertaking and all parties involved are advancing step by step as the Lord leads. The East Central Africa Division is eager to see the Kisangani Life Hope Center become a major center of influence in the Congo. Early donors have provided $25,000 for the purchase of 25 acres of land along a Congo River tributary in Kisangani. Drs. Perry, with engineering and architectural support, have developed plans for three phases of construction and a detailed capital development and operational budget.

More project details can be found on the AHI website at www.ahiglobal.org/kisangani.

Congo Frontline Missions is inspired by young people who pour out their lives in service for Jesus in difficult areas. As we seek funds for the hospital, may the Lord speak to your heart about making this health center a reality. People die each day in the DRC without a knowledge of Jesus from a lack of basic medical care. Won’t you partner with us on this life-saving and life-changing project?

Pumps and Drilling Rig

"Mommy," Zawadi said slowly, "My tummy hurts again and the diarrhea made me get up three times last night. I wish the pump at the well was still working. As soon as we started getting water from the river again it is just like the old days when we got sick all the time. Do you think someone will fix the pump soon?"

"I’m afraid not," Mama replied. "The people who drilled the well in our village left three years ago and no one here knows how to fix the pump. We pump and pump, but no water comes anymore. Maybe, someday….."

Broken hand pumps are familiar problem to Nathan Rittenour, our well driller. While drilling wells for villagers, he often stopped along the way to make repairs to broken hand pumps that others had installed in wells in the past. The pumps that are available across Africa are usually of poor quality. Although none of the 36 wells Nathan has drilled so far have had a pump fail, they are not of a high quality or long life. Nathan has dreamed of designing a simple, high quality pump with a long life and easy to repair.
Today, that dream is coming true! For the past year Nathan and his father in law, Merwin Stigge have been working on a simple, but durable design. Then, Brad Shrank, who owns a high tech machine shop in southeast Minnesota, heard about the project. Brad was thrilled with the chance to help develop a pump that would bring clean water to tens of thousands of people for years to come.

Brad has worked night and day on the project together with Nathan and Merwin. Now, the first prototype is ready. Nathan was amazed to find that he could work the pump and draw water with only two fingers! Although a few more tests will be needed, the new design looks like a dream come true.

We plan to manufacture at least 50 pumps and ship them to Congo to install in new wells there. In July of this year, CFM purchased a used, full size well drilling rig that soon be exported to our mission station in Congo. Glen Frachiseur, a well driller from Idaho, is currently working with Nathan to drill two test wells in Minnesota to improve Nathan’s skills with the new rig. Glen is the one responsible for helping us to locate and evaluate this drilling rig. We are excited about the future of our well drilling ministry!

We are looking for donors to help with this life changing project! Already, a generous donor has agreed to donate the steel. We estimate that the specially designed pump bladder, machining costs, and shipping to Africa will come to about $1,000. This will be much less than the $1,800 we pay for low quality pumps in Congo. Won’t you sponsor a pump for $1,000? Or a full well for $6,000? Your gift will change the lives of thousands! We have found that after we drill a well in a village, people are much more open to studying the Bible with our church planters. May the Lord bless you for your generosity this holiday season.

Current Needs

- Water well pumps: $1,000 each
- Church planter support - $95 per month
- Bibles - $11 each
- Radio station operating - $1,500 per month
- Sponsor evangelism or agriculture students- $120 each
- Phase 1 construction of Life Hope Clinic- $350,000
- Water Wells- $6,000 each

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