NILES



Katherine & Wayne Niles

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

LANGUAGES

French Lingala Kituba Kikongo

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Economic Development, Evangelism, Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAYS

Katherine 6/20 Wayne 5/26



LOCATION

Democratic Republic of the Congo





ABOUT

KATHERINE and WAYNE serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Wayne works with IMA World Health assisting in the management of health, development and relief projects. The health projects strive to provide integrated, holistic and sustainable interventions that increase access to quality health care, with an

emphasis on vulnerable people. Katherine is the medical coordinator for the network of rural Baptist hospitals, staffed entirely by Christian Congolese professionals. She assists them in obtaining quality medicines and needed medical equipment such as ultrasound machines. Katherine manages the distribution of much-appreciated White Cross supplies to the member hospitals. Together, Katherine and Wayne also organize the installation of solar power and computerized management systems.





Hospitals in Congo offer physical and spiritual care.



MINISTRY STORY

Struggling for breath after a stab wound in his chest, friends brought "Edgar" to the Sala Hospital on a bamboo stretcher. Dr. Heritier, the medical director, solo physician, and talented servant of God at the Sala hospital, was Edgar's only chance of survival. Transferring this critically ill young man to the Vanga Evangelical Hospital for care meant a 56-mile motorcycle ride on rugged terrain, sandy paths and crossing the mighty Kwilu River by canoe. Dr. Heritier admitted he'd never done chest surgery, but Edgar would not survive a night, or a transfer: "It made me think how Jesus might have felt when friends let their crippled friend down through the roof. Please help! You're our only hope." As the OR team prepped, Dr. Heritier gathered staff prayer warriors, and they took Edgar to surgery. The results were excellent. He ate the next day, and in two weeks, Edgar walked home, his friends rejoicing.

God lavishes returns on the investments of International Ministries in the Congo. Dr. Heritier is fruit of the residency training program at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital. There, residents learn both physical and spiritual care for patients. They perfect skills in surgery, maternity, internal medicine, pediatrics, leadership and prayer. In places like Sala, where they will serve, they are the "only hope". Dr. Heritier heard the call, and now humbly and competently serves the population around Sala where there is no doctor for almost 60 miles. Patients meet Jesus. This hospital thrives today. A lavish return on investment!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Congolese doctors and their teams as they strive to provide excellent care to rural and poor patients in the Congo.

Pray for dedicated Congolese Christians as they strive to be like Jesus in difficult contexts and in a poorly governed land.

Pray that God raises up more workers for the harvest, which is PLENTIFUL, but the laborers are so few.

SCRIPTURE

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

