



Kathy & Tim
Rice

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO

LANGUAGES

French
Lingala
Kituba

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAYS

Kathy 8/19
Tim 7/8



LOCATION

Democratic Republic of the Congo



ABOUT

As associate global servants, KATHY and TIM are jointly appointed by International Ministries and New City Fellowship in St. Louis, Missouri, to serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Tim is the medical director of Vanga Evangelical Hospital. Kathy is a registered nurse and educator and teaches the Congolese doctors' children.

Together, they aim to train the next generation of Congolese doctors, nurses and health administrators in Christ-centered, whole-person care, empowering them to use the limited resources available to restore life and health across the Democratic Republic of the Congo.





MINISTRY STORY

At the Vanga Evangelical Hospital, a 7-year-old boy recently faced a serious heart condition, and our hospital, though adept at treating many issues, lacked the capability for open-heart surgery. Determined to help, a doctor in training on the pediatric ward reached out to colleagues in Kinshasa. Surprisingly, a team of pediatric cardiac surgeons were just finishing their mission there.

Without hesitation, the doctor traveled to Kinshasa to support the transportation of the child and his mother. The mother, unfamiliar with travel beyond the local area, found great assistance in the doctor accompanying them. By God's grace, they arrived in Kinshasa in time for the child to receive free surgical treatment. The surgery was successful, and the child is now on the road to recovery.

This experience provided valuable firsthand learning for our resident, who gained insights into pediatric cardiac care and returned to brief his colleagues on what he had learned. The journey and stay were made possible by the support of our financial partners, who play a crucial role in facilitating both the medical training of the doctors and necessary patient care. We're immensely grateful for the collaboration that allowed this doctor's training and ensured essential care for the young patient.



Construction on the building projects at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for God to send co-laborers to sustain the collaboration with our Congolese partners, particularly individuals equipped for roles such as training medical doctors, early childhood education, financial administration and project management.

Pray that the transforming power of the gospel continues to be the central theme and bears fruit within our community and partnerships.

Pray for a spiritual renewal and vitality in both our lives and in this region that results in lasting, practical transformation.

SCRIPTURE

"And he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Luke 9:2 (NIV)