

Dear Friends,

April 15, 2018

Look what we received a few weeks ago! Doctors in six Baptist hospitals have anxiously awaited this shipment ordered last October. By Amazon standards, that's a long wait – but not for Congo, NOTHING in Congo is easy.

The shipment contains six brand new ultrasound machines and six high frequency probes. Increasingly, in the US, ultrasounds are being used in emergency rooms for FAST Exams (Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma) and in doctors' offices for Point of Care exams. For hospitals in Congo, it is the only affordable imagery equipment available, and more importantly, these machines can run on a solar panel and car battery.

Medical director Dr. Yvon, from the isolated Baptist hospital in Nselo, was the first to receive one of these machines. While awaiting its arrival, he spent three months training in Vanga, with Dr. Friedhelm, and the ultrasound technicians there. What a blessing to have this expertise and collaboration for our hospitals! Dr. Yvon gained skills, and lots of new ideas for running a hospital while there.

Once Dr. Yvon returned to Nselo, Katherine made a "quick weekend trip" (5 hours, stuck in sand only twice) to deliver the new unit.



Unpacking the ultrasound machine was a time of celebration and ceremony! A large crowd gathered to sing, pray, and witness the unpacking.



Already four patients waited, so Dr. Yvon set right to work as soon as the festivities subsided.

She also delivered bulging sacs of 'White Cross' rolled bandages. Katherine never visits a hospital without bringing a supply of these greatly-appreciated 'free' bandages.

These ultrasounds cost \$4000 each, pricy but inexpensive relative to an x-ray machine (and generator and fuel). THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the Congo medical equipment fund to make this purchase possible. Five more hospitals will benefit from these machines as soon as their medical directors can receive training at Vanga. We also want to thank our support staff at International Ministries who eagerly assisted with setting up fund transfers to the supplier in Holland.

These units will increase the quality of care for thousands of patients in Congo, and save the lives of pregnant women who come for prenatal care. On behalf of our medical directors and their patients, we say "Thank you!"



Wayne Niles

NEW ADDRESS!

Donate on line at <https://portal.internationalministries.org/global-servant-support?sfcampaign=7011N000000U0b3RQAS>

Or send a check to

American Baptist International Ministries

1003 W. 9th Avenue, Ste A

King of Prussia, PA 19406

Put "on-going support for Wayne & Katherine Niles" on the memo line