

Dear Friends,

June 25, 2018

You may have heard it is World Cup soccer season; not a good time to be crossing rivers by ferry in Congo.

Case in point, during the Africa Cup games, returning from Mulolo Katherine and her team arrived at the Inzia River at 2 pm, just as an important match started. The ferry crew would NOT miss the game, so she was made to wait THREE HOURS until it ended, to get across. As a result she and her team dragged into Kipata Katika at TEN O'CLOCK that night. Dr. Frank's wife still graciously fed them supper and offered them beds for the night.



Happily, no big soccer matches were in play on May 21, when the medical coordination team accompanied Dr. Hertier Ngandu, a young doctor, across the Bulungu ferry to take over direction of the Baptist hospital at Sala. Dr. Ngandu is fruit of the medical residency program at the Vanga hospital. Truly God raised him up for the void left at the Sala Hospital when the former medical director transferred to the Baptist Hospital at Moanza.

The trip required the usual road building adventures. Thank God again for the stamina of a land cruiser!



An enormous crowd welcomed the new Dr. Ngandu. There was more rejoicing, singing, and dancing than at any soccer match.

The next day, our team presented the new doctor to the whole Sala community in a packed church. With prayer, the pastor dedicated him to the work among them there.



Several days of meetings followed; community leaders, village chiefs, and the hospital staff. It was important for everyone to get to know Dr. Ngandu and for him to get acquainted with his new team.

Dr. Ngandu, standing proudly with his team, is now hard at work – surgeries, deliveries, diabetes, figuring out how to get supplies to this remote location, and taking on the challenges of rural hospital medicine – a new enthusiastic laborer in God’s fields! Pray with us for young Dr. Ngandu, beginning his carrier serving the people of Sala. May God surround him, guard his steps, and prosper his service.



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