

CONGO CONNECT

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MCGEE'S MARCH MISSION TO NUNDU

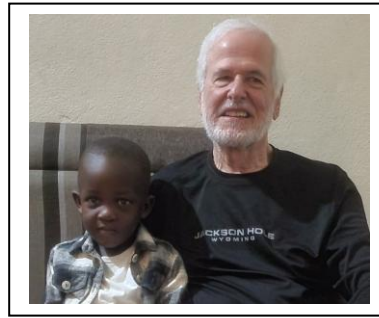
Dr. McGee, an ENT surgeon from Oklahoma City, and Dr. ByaMungu, a general surgeon now in a pediatric surgery fellowship, traveled to Nundu the second week of March. After arriving at Nundu March 9, Dr. McGee presented a two-day seminar for healthcare staff and chaplains on sharing Christ using the Navigator Bridge Model. As a follow up to this seminar, McGee visited patients in the hospital, instructing the staff in addressing the spiritual needs of patients. While the team gave priority to their spiritual ministry, they did 46 surgeries during their three weeks at Nundu. The first case which came to their attention immediately after the team's arrival was an emergency with a gastric perforation.

After the two days of training the staff in sharing the Gospel, McGee met in the morning with a young man named Jaque and anyone else who wanted to explore more how to share their faith. Jaque is also trained in IT and serves the hospital in this capacity. McGee reports, "I had a good time meeting one on one in Bible study and training in how to share the Good News."

According to Dr. McGee, Dr. ByaMungu continues to demonstrate not only a high level of surgical competency, but also a passion for evangelism. He cares about children's ministry and has a gift for proclaiming the Word.



McGee and ByaMungu ended the March mission to the DRC with a two-day conference for pastors and their wives, with 700 in attendance the first day and more on the second day. How do Christians deal with genocide, tribal conflict, and violence toward women? How should the church minister to women who are victims of spousal abuse?



Dr. McGee arrived back in Oklahoma City April 6, ready to get back to his ENT practice. He gives testimony that his heart is in Africa and Nundu. He plans to return soon.

2026 CAHO ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

"Remembering Our Past, Embracing Our Present, and Looking Forward to Our Future"
The Arbor Church, Spring Arbor, Michigan
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
Hebrews 13:8 NIV

Program: SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

9:00 am Registration and fellowship
9:30 am Opening: Dave Fryman, John Lane, Roy Winslow
10:00 am CAHO – History and Vision: Glenn Snyder, Dave Fryman
10:45 am Break
11:15 am Nundu Deaconess Hospital, Democratic Republic of Congo: Tim Kratzer, Marx Lwabanya
12:00 pm Free Methodist Chaplains – Globalization of Chaplaincy: Dierdre McCool
12:45 pm Lunch and fellowship
2:00 pm Dessalines Claire Heureuse Hospital & Vialet Clinic, Haiti : Jim Rowan, Dan Snyder
2:45 pm Wunders: Emily Freed
3:00 pm Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda: Roy Winslow, Joel Green, Dave Fryman

Join us in reflecting on our shared history, hearing news of current activities, and participating in casting a vision for the future.

Register now by going to www.gocaho.org. There is no registration fee, but there will be nominal donation for the meal which will be provided.

CHAMPIONS FOR CONGO AWARENESS EVENT

Friday evening, April 24, we are meeting at the home of Drs. Joel and Janette Miller at 6 pm. Dr. Marx will provide DR Congo updates. Dierdre McCool will give a history of Butterfield Foundation and describe their partnership with Champions for Congo.

Let us know if you plan to attend. Snacks, pizza, and beverages will be provided. You may call or text me, Tim Kratzer, at (520) 390-3402 or email me at timothykratzer@hotmail.com.

MARX TOURS THE U.S. WITH A MESSAGE OF GOD'S PROVISION AND HOPE

If you have followed our newsletter throughout 2025 and now into 2026, you will know that this has been a year of conflict in Eastern Congo. Dr. Marx reports that the Lord has provided Nundu in many ways. The staff have remained faithful, even as the conflict got as close as 20 miles. They have found ways to keep the hospital supplied with essential medications. The staff have been encouraged with supplements to their monthly salaries. The hospital is giving thanks for the resumption of funds for purchase of porridge, which is provided to patients in need of nutritional support. This support is only possible because of your generous gifts.

The Lord has provided in other ways. World Vision in partnership with the government has covered the gap created by the USAID shut down by providing HIV/AIDS and TB treatments. However, antimalarial meds have been in short supply. Another organization is assisting with the provision of nutritional supplements. Another source of medication has been the contribution of pharmaceuticals by the refugee program (RFPDE) based in nearby Lusenda.

Though the Nundu School of Nursing has been impacted, for the most part classes have remained in session. Yes, the building project to provide dedicated classrooms for the nurse midwife students has been on hold from time to time. Now construction has resumed and funds for the next phases, 3 and 4, have arrived. We have requested that the final report date be reset from April 1 to June 1, but more realistically we are looking at a completion date of July 1.



Phase 3 of the Nundu School of Nursing expansion project.



Dr. Marx

While the war has consumed our attention, there are doctors and support staff in training outside of the DR Congo: a surgeon in a pediatric surgery fellowship, another doctor in the fourth year of Ob/Gyn training, a doctor in his final year of a pediatric residency, a physical therapy student, a

radiology technician student, and a nurse training in anesthesia. Praise God that he is preparing us for the future.

THANK YOU

Champions for Congo is now a project of Butterfield Foundation! All contributions to support healthcare ministries in the DRC will



be received by the Butterfield Foundation. To donate, you may use this QR Code or go to our website: www.congohealth.org. **Thank you for your prayers and generous support.** Blessings, *Tim Kratzer*

Our Mission: We champion equitable, holistic healthcare in rural Eastern Congo

Our Vision: Healthy, thriving, and resilient communities in Eastern Congo where every life is cherished and uplifted.

Your gifts directly sustain and grow this ministry. Current priorities include:

- **Hospital Equipment & Medications** – urgent needs include surgical instruments and an anesthesia machine \$32,000
- **Patient Care Fund** \$12,000
- **Nutrition Supplements** \$12,000
- **Nursing School Curriculum Improvement and Scholarships** \$40,000
- **Staff Support & Training**
Salary supplements based on performance and qualifications, internet by Star Link, CME, and scholarships \$50,000
- **Housing for staff** \$20,000

Each gift strengthens the foundation of health and hope in Eastern Congo. Gifts may be designated for specific projects or given toward the greatest need.