



DR. MARX TOURS THE U.S.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Nundu Deaconess Hospital and the School of Nursing. Dr. Marx will be touring the US March 28 to May 7.

Dr. Marx is a Senior Atlantic Fellow for Health Equity, a program offered by George Washington University that develops leaders with the knowledge, skills, and courage to build more equitable health systems, organizations, and communities. In 2025, he served on the Senior Fellow Advisory Board. As a senior fellow, he will attend the **Social Mission Alliance Conference** in Los Angeles, March 30–31, 2026.



Dr. Lwabanya Marx

Marx is also an Obama Leader Africa Fellow, part of the Obama Foundation’s ongoing fellowship program that nurtures emerging leaders across the continent who are committed to driving positive change in their communities. As an Obama Fellow, he has been invited to participate in the **Unite for Sight Global Health & Innovation Conference** in New Haven, Connecticut. He is the co-founder and Executive Director of JALI AFYA (Swahili meaning Care for Health), a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing social determinants of health and building healthier communities in Eastern DRC. These international conferences provide valuable opportunities to build networks and raise awareness of Jali Afya’s work. (go to www.jaliafya.org)

CAHO CONFERENCE INVITATION April 25

Registration: It is time to register for the 2026 CAHO Spring Conference! Don’t miss this opportunity for encouragement, challenge, fellowship and fresh reports from Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda; Nundu Deaconess Hospital, Democratic Republic of Congo; and Dessalines Claire Heureuse Hospital and Violet Clinic in Haiti. Hear from our guest speaker, Dierdre McCool, Executive Vice President Butterfield Foundation, as she speaks about the importance of global chaplaincy.

THEME: Past, Present and Future. Hebrews 13:8: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Each group – DR Congo, Rwanda, Haiti, CAHO as an organization and global chaplaincy - will present their past history (focused on origins), what is happening now, and what a future vision looks like. Learn about our shared vision for the future.

SCHEDULE: Saturday, April 25: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Arbor Church (fellowship hall and chapel), with breaks and lunch provided.

LODGING: The hotels closest to Spring Arbor are in the Jackson, Michigan area. Anyone needing overnight accommodation should make reservations directly with the hotel of their choice as there is no conference block of rooms.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sharon Fryman at sharonfryman@comcast.net

REGISTRATION: Go to the www.gocaho.org, the **CAHO website to register.** There is no cost to participate in the conference, but a nominal fee will be requested to assist with meal and facility expenses.

U.S. ITINERARY:

- **Social Mission Alliance Conference in Los Angeles, March 30–31.**
- **Meet with church leaders in Southern California, April 1-6**
- **Meeting with Mastercard Foundation, Utah, April 7-8**
- **MyChurch presentation, Sahuarita AZ, Home of Tim and Connie Kratzer, April 12**
- **Roberts Wesleyan University and Community of the Savior April 14-16**
- **Unite for Sight Global Health & Innovation Conference, New Haven, CT, April 18-19**
- **Champions for Congo awareness event April 24 and CAHO Annual Meeting April 25, Spring Arbor, MI**
- **Holland OH FMC April 26**
- **Des Moines Iowa April 27-May 5 (Urbandale FMC May 3)**

CHAMPIONS FOR CONGO AWARENESS EVENT:

Friday evening, April 24, before the annual CAHO conference in Spring Arbor, Michigan, Champions for Congo will meet. You are invited to participate in this awareness event in the home of Drs. Joel and Janette Miller. Dr. Marx will be present to flesh out our mission and vision.

Our Mission:

We champion equitable, holistic healthcare in rural Eastern Congo by:

- **Delivering** compassionate, trauma-informed treatment and healing.
- **Empowering** communities to take charge of their health and economic futures.
- **Building** a resilient and sustainable healthcare system for generations to come.

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

CFC has completed the onboarding process with Butterfield Foundation as a fiscally sponsored project. Dierdre McCool will review the mission and vision of Butterfield Foundation and how their sponsorship will enable Champions for Congo to live out its mission.

Let us know if you plan to attend the CFC Awareness Event. Call Tim Kratzer at 520-390-3402 or email me at timothykratzer@hotmail.com.

SURGERY MISSION RETURNS TO NUNDU

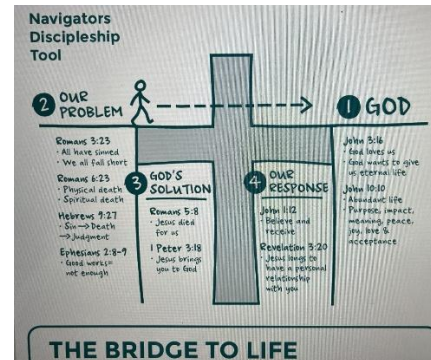
Dr. Mike McGee has remained faithful in preparing our doctors and staff for the future. In January and July of 2025, he went to Nundu with a surgery team, promising that he would return. His missions have been covered with prayer. Even though the borders had been closed in December because of increased conflict in Uvira, he had a vision for returning in March of this year with his wife Leann. When the borders opened in February, it was full speed ahead.

Dr. McGee arrived at Nundu March 8 with Dr. Byamungu, who is on a short break from his pediatric surgery fellowship in Tanzania. **The first order of business was a two-day chaplain and staff conference on evangelism, using the Navigator Bridge Model of Discipleship.**

- *God created us with purpose, to be in relationship with Him and to enjoy all the fullness of life with Him.*
- *We have a problem we can't fix on our own.*
- *Our sin separates us from God.*
- *God sees the hopeless situation we're in and provides a way forward, a bridge.*

- *We can't build a bridge to God, but Jesus Christ is God's bridge to us.*
- *Each of us needs to respond to what God is offering us.*

THIS IS GOOD NEWS!



The team is now fully engaged in sharing this Good News as they provide urgently needed surgical care. There is hope and healing at Nundu Deaconess Hospital, even during this time of conflict.



The Lord is preparing our doctors and staff for the future. We are also thankful that access to Uvira has been reestablished and that the border with Burundi is open. The hospital is now able to purchase medications and supplies from a pharmacy in Uvira.

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.



Tim Kratzer