



We're Excited to Announce a New Partnership!

Champions for Congo is now a project of Butterfield Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization! This partnership is rooted in shared faith, alignment of mission, and a desire to see God's work flourish through our collaboration. This relationship will allow Champions for Congo to focus more fully on its mission while benefitting from administrative and governance support. All contributions to support this work will be received by Butterfield Foundation and used to further our God-given vision of *Healthy, thriving, and resilient communities in Eastern Congo where every life is cherished and uplifted.*

To make a donation, please go by link or QR Code to https://butterfieldfoundation.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1046.



Checks may be made payable to **Butterfield Foundation** with "Champions for Congo" in the memo line and mailed to 8308 N. May, Suite 200, OKC OK 73120.

You will also be able to access this giving portal from our website, www.congohealth.org.

What does the Butterfield Foundation's fiscal sponsorship mean? The Foundation has a long history of stewarding charitable resources with excellence and integrity. **Nothing about our mission is changing.** Champions for Congo continues to lead, advocate, and support Nundu Deaconess Nundu and holistic healthcare ministries in Eastern Congo. This partnership strengthens how gifts are received, managed, and stewarded for long-term impact.

We want you to know that we have changed the giving portal on our website, www.congohealth.org. If you have mailed gifts to GuideStream Charitable Gift Fund for Champions for Congo or to the Nundu CAHO account, these gifts will be receipted and processed. However, we ask that you now direct your gifts to our Butterfield Foundation account included on our website as noted.

Please contact me by phone (520) 390-3402 or by email, timothykratzer@hotmail.com for more information or if you have questions. As always, we are honored to walk this journey with you.

What is Champions for Congo?

For decades, the people of Eastern Congo have endured the heavy burdens of conflict, poverty, and preventable disease. Yet amid adversity, God's healing work has continued through Nundu Deaconess Hospital and its community partners. I had the privilege of serving as a missionary physician at Nundu and witnessed firsthand the resilience, faith, and courage of families determined to survive—and to thrive.

How we were formed? The weekend of September 21-

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.

23, 2012, the Free Methodist Healthcare Fellowship met at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY. Mathewsons, Hadducks, Linda Stryker, Paula Gettys, Wetteraus and Kratzers were all there. Tim and Connie Kratzer had just returned from DR Congo, filled with news and vision. We all shared, prayed and discussed what God had done there to sustain vitally important healthcare ministries under difficult circumstances, including eight years of war.

Today, the needs are as urgent as ever. Mothers still walk miles for safe childbirth. Children still suffer from malnutrition and treatable illnesses. Communities still long for peace and stability. And yet, there is hope. Through [Champions for Congo](#), [Nundu Deaconess Hospital](#), and [Jali Afya](#), we are building a future where health, dignity, and resilience replace despair.

You have responded with generous support of Champions for Congo. Together we can equip doctors and nurses, strengthen rural health systems, and ensure that no child dies for lack of basic care. Your prayers and support will make a difference in lives and communities for generations.

Thank you for your generosity! Your faithful support is saving lives and strengthening healthcare in Eastern Congo.

With deep thanks, Tim Kratzer, Retired Missionary
Champions for Congo, February 5, 2026