



Congo Health Connection

Down to the last drop

Dear Donna,

Frequently when we are serving, we feel that we don't have enough. Not enough time. Not enough money. Not enough emotional energy. This is similar to the response of Jesus' disciples to the needs around them. "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, **but how far will they go among so many?" John 6:9**

Yesterday I saw our partners at MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) willingly share their limited resources, and we saw God bless and provide for many. MAF has been having delays getting their Avgas cleared through the Congolese customs so they are down to the last drop of fuel needed to fly their planes.

However, the willingness of MAF to share their meager resources brought these blessings.... Our long-term partner and friend, Heiner Oppliger was able to fly back for a few weeks to help with maintenance here in Vanga. A young child with albinism who was just diagnosed with acute leukemia was able to be transported at no charge to Kinshasa for chemotherapy. An ophthalmology nurse practitioner was flown to our sister hospital in Kikongo to provide eye care and prepare for a cataract surgery campaign at their hospital. (More on that project in a future newsletter.)

Thank you all for your willingness to share your limited resources. I continue to remind myself that this sense of limit is only from the human point of view. God has limitless resources and will continue to provide despite inflation, pandemic and other things that make us feel like our world is shaking.

Lastly, we are also happy to report that so far our rural hospital has not

been impacted by Covid-19. We thank God for this blessing as we continue to serve here in Vanga.



MAF pilot Rod Hochstetler hand pumping out the last of the AV gas to fly the airplane back to Kinshasa.



Tata Kiayi, a MAF worker, filling the airplane one bucket at a time.



Heiner Oppliger was joyfully received with armloads of flowers.



Getting ready to board the flight for Kinshasa to start chemotherapy in Kinshasa.



The ophthalmology nurse getting ready to fly to Kikongo.

From the banks of the Kwilku River,
Tim and Kathy Rice