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Harvey Holiday Highlights
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Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings from Pioneer Christian Hospital, Impfondo, Republic of Congo! If you haven't heard from us in a long time, it's not because we don't need your prayers, but because God has been so busy answering them! What a privilege to serve God in this place, and watch him operate miracles daily in the life of Congo's first Christian hospital! Today is a national holiday, so we're finally able to take some time to share some of the highlights of the past 9 months with you.



Congo's First Lady, Madame Antoinette Sassou-Nguesso visits Pioneer Christian Hospital, August 2005

In August 2005, our normally humble town of Impfondo was proud to host Congo's 45th **Independence Day Festivities**. In preparation for this major event, 70 government development projects were launched. Some were completed. Impfondo now boasts a new airport terminal and runway, a 4-lane Boulevard, streetlights, and city water pipes! We got to attend a Presidential Ball, held in a huge carpeted, air-conditioned tent, with chandeliers, gold place settings, and floral centerpieces. Rebecca & I were awestruck as we watched three Heads of State and their wives (from Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Democratic Republic of Congo) dance to live music performed by a Cuban orchestra! But the highlight for us came a few days earlier when Congo's First Lady graced Pioneer Christian Hospital with an official visit.

In September we were honored to receive **Global Outreach Mission President Brian Albrecht**, and **Global Health Services Director John Look**. Joe got to wear his tie all around Congo, introducing them to various government leaders.



At the Surgeon General's Office in Brazzaville



Global Outreach Mission President Brian Albrecht addresses guests at the Hospital Dedication Service

If you're a regular reader of Harvey Holiday Highlights, you know why Brian Albrecht and John Look were in town...they came for the hospital's **Dedication Service**, held on **October 3, 2005**. The highlight of the service was when 8 people came to Christ, and heartfelt prayers of consecration were offered for the hospital staff.

In November we were blessed to have **deep water wells** drilled at the hospital & mission compound. After so many years, it feels so good to drink straight from the tap! The water has been tested, is safe, and tastes good! Clean running water is so essential for promoting health and a good surgical scrub!

In December we enjoyed a visit from the **U.S. Embassy** in Brazzaville. The embassy has been instrumental in helping us get authorization to open the hospital, and we are very grateful.



Inspecting water from the new well at the hospital compound



US Embassy Staff outside Surgery, December 2005

And now for the really big news...After five years of hard work, diplomacy & preparation, on **January 13, 2006**, we received **Official Authorization** to start hospitalizing patients.

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Bringing in a New Year and a New Era with Congo's Minister of Health, January 13, 2006

Dr. Warren Cooper, a World Medical Mission/Samaritan's Purse surgeon kept his promise 9 years in the making, and was on hand to help us start our surgical program. We are so grateful to all of you, our prayer partners and supporters for making this possible:

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Operating on one of our first surgical patients with Dr. Warren Cooper from Samaritan's Purse

In February, Joseph & Rebecca were able to attend the **CMA Continuing Medical Education Conference** in Kenya, thanks to Warren Cooper and senior UB medical student **Lynne Learned** who covered the hospital for us and the Julians & Winters (CMA & SIL missionary colleagues in Brazzaville) who got to watch Olivia, Claire, Isabelle, and Noah. Thank you guys! The conference was excellent, but we'd have to confess the highlight of our time was a weekend **safari on the Masai Mara**.

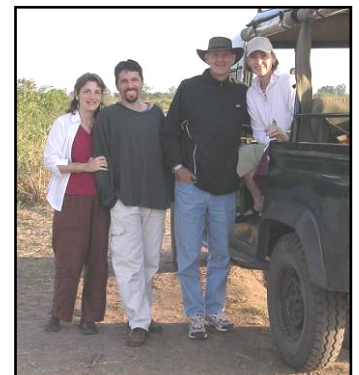


- Safari Checklist:**
- ✓ Giraffes
 - ✓ Elephants
 - ✓ Baboons
 - ✓ Big Cats
 - ✓ Wildebeest
 - ✓ Dinner Buffet

The Darling Kids!



The Happy Couple



With Safari Partners Dave & Becki Thompson

The fun didn't stop in Kenya! The Governor of the Likouala Region, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Women, and the World Health Organization Representative to Republic of Congo stopped by for an official inspection on **World Health Day**, April 7, 2006.



Inspecting the Troops in Preparation for the Ministers' Arrival



Dr. Alphonse Gando with baby Alphonse, aka "Bébé Ministre" born during his visit.



One of the Governor's Bodyguards inspects Pediatrics



These people truly are a joy to work with!



After the ministers' visit, **Rob Eisbrenner** made a splash with the whole family when he set up the **swimming pool** donated by LaGrange Baptist Church, and took us **camping** on a grassy plain! Then **David, Brenda, Elisha & Tabitha Marsh** joined us for a 2-week visit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the Eisbrenners and Marshes as they both plan to return to Congo. The Marshes' house sold in December! Now they just need God to provide living arrangements for Brenda's mother so they can start French Language School.

In our last newsletter we also asked you to pray for Paperwork, Possession, and Personnel. As you can see, we've witnessed substantial progress on all fronts, but we still need you to pray for the following requests:

Paperwork: Praise God that we have received official authorization to open the hospital. Please pray as we continue the process of adopting the bylaws and statutes that will govern the hospital for the foreseeable future. Also, we are still waiting for the Mayor's office to issue our Occupancy Permit, and the President's Office to give us the Title for the land the hospital is on.

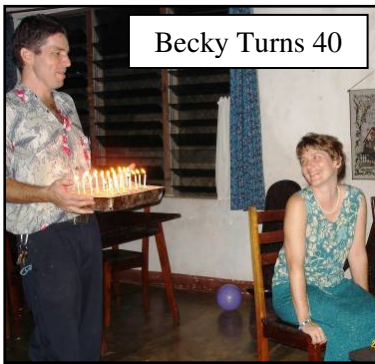
Possession: Praise God that following Madame Sassou's visit, we were given possession of the house that the Government Youth Office was using. Gottfried & Marie Michel moved in soon afterwards, allowing us to set up the maternity ward. Please continue to pray that the 8 buildings still being used by the trade school will be turned over to us soon.



Personnel: Praise God that we have found and hired 19 healthcare personnel. Training our staff to improve the quality of care remains a significant concern. Please continue to pray for God to provide the following personnel needs:

- † General Surgeon
- † Primary Care Physician
- † Missionary Nurses (RN, NP, or PA)
- † Obstetric Nurses/Midwives
- † Purchasing/Business Agent
- † Pharmacist or Pharmacy Assistant
- † Construction/Maintenance Director

French and/or Lingala proficiency is essential. Candidates must be committed Christians, willing to make a long-term commitment. All should plan to train their replacements right from the start. We need people who have completed their training and already have relevant experience. Must be willing to raise their own support, speak French and/or Lingala, and work closely & patiently with co-workers from diverse backgrounds.



Coming Soon to a Church Near You! Please pray for us as we travel to the US on "Home Assignment" July 2006-2007. While we are looking forward to touching base with many of you, our faithful prayer partners and supporters, going "home" is not going to be the same this time. Please pray for us as we continue to grieve the loss of Becky's father, **Delbert Allen Jones** who died on August 25, 2005. We really miss him!



Thank you for your support and prayers. We know that without them we would not, could not, should not be here, and PCH would never have seen the light of day!

PCH Stats to date:

- 46 beds, 12 cribs
- 50 % occupancy rate
- 130 major surgeries
- 4,283 patients treated
- 1,485 lab and X-ray exams
- 208 prayed to receive Christ

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