

Harvey Holiday Highlights Silver Anniversary Edition June 17, 2014

Dear Friends & Family,

Greetings from Impfondo, Republic of Congo, where mango season is over, rainy season has begun, and the Oubangui River is rising. We consider it a blessing to be serving you and our Lord Jesus Christ as Representatives of Global Outreach Mission to Congo for 19 years now. Thank you for your continued support of our family and the ministry of Pioneer Christian Hospital.



We recently celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary! We have some photos of this past year since our return from home assignment on our 24th anniversary last June that we'd like to share with you...enjoy!

We've enjoyed having Joseph's niece Sarabeth Harvey (Sidney & Susan's daughter) serving with us this past school year as assistant teacher and nanny for the Samoutou and Tenpenny children, and teaching English at the hospital. (For more about our colleagues Henri & Joyce Samoutou and Elliott & Sarah Tenpenny, see NewSiteCongo.org or tenpennyfamily.wordpress.com). Sarabeth's brother Spencer Harvey came for Sarabeth's last month here. For a complete list of the many visitors we've hosted this past year, see the table at the end of this newsletter.

Olivia Grace Harvey graduated in May with honors from Cedarville University with a Bachelor of Arts' degree in Comprehensive Communications. She is currently working in Cedarville as a volunteer firefighter and EMT, home health aide, groundskeeper, and painter. She plans to apply to graduate school to become a Physician Assistant next year.

Claire Elise Harvey is home for the summer, doing physical and occupational therapy with patients at Pioneer Christian Hospital. She is now a junior Studio Art major, and will be helping with MK/International Student orientation at Cedarville University again this August.

Isabelle Anna Harvey graduates from Harvey Christian Academy June 29, 2014. She is planning to attend Word Of Life Bible Institute in Schroon Lake, NY, for one year, then transfer to Cedarville University in the Fall of 2015 to study Accounting.



Noah Allen Harvey will soon be the only child at home. He is going into 8th grade. men his age, he enjoys soccer, fishing, and staying active.

Our trip to Greece for the Christian Medical Association's bi-annual continuucation conference was one highlight of the year. It was the largest ever of like-minded physicians, nurses, and their families. In addition to the academic sessions, we were blessed to be able to walk in the footthe Apostles, see many good friends, and visit archeological sites.

Pioneer Christian Hospital continues to grow. After serving as the only full-time physician for 6 months, it was good to have Dr. Elliott Tenpenny from Samaritan's Purse Post-Residency Program join Dr. Joe in January 2014, and Dr. Stephen Wegner from Marketplace Ministries return from furlough in March. Thankfully, Eamon Rooney came to serve as Dr. Joe's assistant from July - May, which definitely helped him survive and thrive.

We are happy to report that after 9 months in transit, the container with new generators, an ambulance, and other supplies for the hospital finally arrived in and was safely unloaded October 19. The **PCH Power Team** of volunteers came from Montana, and New York to install an all-new electric generation and distribution system which went online November 16.

Last summer, Olivia and a team of fellow students from Cedarville helped train 12 local volunteer EMTs. Together with volunteers from the Congolese Red Cross, Pioneer Christian Hospital's **Ambulance Service** is getting ready to provide emergency care and transportation for the growing town of Impfondo.

Pioneer Christian Hospital partnered with **Mercy Ships** this year during their field service in Congo. A total of 73 of our patients were selected for specialty surgery onboard the **M/V Africa Mercy**, the world's largest civilian hospital ship. Unprecedented cooperation and participation by the Congolese government enabled children like <u>Ravette</u>, a girl with backwards knees, to travel with a family member the 1,500 kms from Impfondo to Pointe Noire by plane to receive the loving specialty care they needed, all at no charge. Pioneer Christian Hospital also served as an inland on-boarding field-service site for new Mercy Ships volunteers, who in turn built a beautiful new playground for our pediatric patients and Sunday School kids. As Mercy Ships got ready to weigh anchor, they donated a ton of supplies and a refurbished GE AMX II portable **X-ray machine**. Please pray for God to make a way for us to get these supplies to Impfondo in His time.

Radio Sango Kitoko (Beautiful News Radio) began broadcasting from the grounds of Pioneer Christian Hospital on January 15, 2014. RSK is on the air 18 hours a day at 106.3 FM. Lives are being transformed by the power of the Beautiful News that we love to proclaim. A 300-foot antenna has been purchased, and will Lord-willing arrive later this year in yet another shipping container. Our partner **Reach Beyond** is planning to once again send a team to come install the antenna, and upgrade our Studio, increasing our listening area to a 100 km radius. **Greg & Donna Jouglard** are on their way to French language school now, and hope to work full-time with RSK when they arrive in Congo September 2015.



Eamon Rooney, Dr. Joseph & Noah Harvey dockside the Africa Mercy in Pointe Noire



RSK interviewing Global Outreach Mission President Brian Albrecht & PCH Board Member Charles Koumba

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Imagine living somewhere for 15 years and never once having driven home after a road trip? One Friday in May, after twilight, we drove into town after a 1,540 mile overland journey from Pointe Noire to Impfondo via Brazzaville, Ollombo, Ouesso, Pokola, Lopola, Enyele, Bisambi, Sambala, and Dongou, and many other towns and villages in between. As you may imagine, the drive involved many miles of dusty bumpy roads, rainforest paths, ponds, broken-plank/log bridges, dead marshes, two ferries, one Tom Sawyer raft, and even some smooth freshly paved highways! Until now, we've only ever come to Impfondo by boat or by plane, never by automobile. Our purpose was not the adventure aplenty, but to get (2) new (to us) Land Rover Defender 110 4-wheel drive trucks loaded with supplies that the hospital has been out of for a long time, from the dock next to the Mercy Ships' M/V Africa Mercy, to Impfondo, by the quickest and most cost-effective means possible. Our average speed was 18 miles per hour because we wanted to make sure the vehicles would still be usable after we arrived! By God's grace we had no flats, next to no mechanical trouble, and no accidents or serious incidents.

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Dinner at David & Teresa Bill's house in Ollombo, with drivers Honoré and Réol



Jungle Roads take us home!



Fording the Ibenga River on a log raft, with help from a motorized dugout canoe



Home at last!



Jennifer Case Noah Allen **Isabelle Anna Rebecca Harvey** Sarabeth Harvey at Alain & Bernadette's Wedding April 19, 2014

Joy was palpable as the head midwife at Pioneer Christian Hospital got married to her husband. Marriage as God intended is an endangered species in Congo, as it is worldwide. After years of Bible teaching and discipleship training, we are finally starting to see some fruit of the labor of love as some of the hospital personnel are making things right with each other and God, and committing to live out a godly example for our patients.

On March 22, 2014, 10 students graduated from Pioneer Christian Hospital's Nurses' Training Program. Please pray for a new Director and students for this program. Applications are being accepted. We are grateful to have Millie Deleon, a nurse from San Diego, join us after her stint with Mercy Ships. She is doing a fantastic job working with our nursing supervisor, doctors, and staff to improve the quality of care we are able to provide.

Please keep praying for Pioneer Christian Hospital's logistical and transportation needs. After 9 months with next to no power problems, we are starting to have some trouble with one of the new generator's oil pressure, and one of the direct buried cables. Please keep the hospital's power supply in your prayers. We still need a full-time missionary maintenance and construction coordinator. If you are handy, please prayerfully consider whether or not God wants you to come over and help us!

Financial Update

For the first time since we joined Global Outreach Mission in 1995, we are experiencing significant deficits in our mission project accounts: Brazzaville guest house and ministry center (\$40,854.40); medicines, supplies and equipment for the hospital (\$40,359.21); and acquisition of a used vehicle from Mercy Ships (\$8,000). Our mission leaders have asked us to make these needs known to our supporters. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Global Outreach Mission also asked us to consider extending our planned trip to the US to take Isabelle to college. We now have tickets to travel to the US August 16 – October 8. Apart from Labor Day weekend with family in Andrews, SC, a few days in Cedarville, OH, to visit Olivia and Claire, and taking Isabelle to Word of Life, we will be in Perry, NY, and Wilkes Barre, PA, ordering supplies and equipment for the hospital; packing and shipping a 40 foot container; contacting supporters; spending time at our mission headquarters; renewing ties, and developing partnerships. We covet your prayers for God's ongoing supernatural provision for our ministry.

What are your needs?

Long-term help is still our greatest need. Pioneer Christian Hospital still has need for the following people:

- ✤ Administrator/Accountant
- Electrician
- ✤ Administrative Assistant Logistics Agent
- ✤ Nurses, Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistant
- Physicians & Surgeons ✤ Pilot/Aircraft Mechanic
- ✤ Motorcycle Driving Instructor
- Grade School Teacher

- Construction Coordinator
- ✤ Maintenance/Repair/Mechanic

Please contact Jenny Case if you are interested at PCHCommunicationsUS@MissionGO.org.

Short-term help is still welcome, as are serious students. Please prayerfully consider coming.

✿ Midwives

Praise! 262 patients and guests made decisions for Christ in 2013, and 102 so far have done the same this year.

Dear Friends & Family,

June 29, 2014

The long anticipated day is finally here. How is it that years that once seemed like an eternity, can have passed by so quickly? We are having a ceremony at Sunday Night Live tonight, and I am officially graduating from High School!

My senior year started with a beautiful trip to Switzerland with my mother for a conference. We called it my "Senior Trip." With many visitors, memories, and miracles in-between, the school year ended with our trip to Greece. But this last trip we did something crazy. Instead of flying, we actually drove to Impfondo in a truck. Driving through the heart of the African Rainforest was truly an incredible experience!

I think I've seen more of this world this year than I ever have before. As I look back at the past year, I feel thankful for all that I have learned. Not only has God provided me with a solid education, He has given me a vast amount of life experience. I have been given a chance to: hear the tinkling of cowbells in the Swiss Alps, show a family friend the country I was born and raised in, be the hospital administrator's intern, learn to be thankful without an older sister during the holidays, volunteer at the hospital twice a week, see where the Apostle Paul preached on Mars Hill, eat a



Greek salad in Greece, meet a huge variety of peoples, and see wild gorillas, monkeys, antelopes and exotic birds while bumping about in a Land Rover on rainforest trails. And that is just the beginning! God's blessings, miracles, and lessons are too numerous to count!

So, I have shared a glimpse of the year past, but what about the upcoming year? After praying and talking with my parents, I've decided to attend Word of Life Bible Institute in New York, this fall. After completing their one-year program, I plan to attend Cedarville University to study Administration. I have seen God's hand guiding my decisions. I feel at peace about my future. I know it won't be easy. I won't always know what is happening. But I <u>do</u> know that "God is the same yesterday, today, and forever." As C.S. Lewis said, "Although you have lost yesterday, God has not." Even though yesterday consists of fading memories, I know that He was with me yesterday; He will be with me today, and forever. Thank you all for your prayer and support! Isabelle Anna Harvey, HCA Class of 2014





Dear Friends & Family,

I graduated this May from Cedarville University with a BA in Comprehensive Communications, and minors in Bible and Psychology. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cedarville, and was blessed with many close friends, excellent professors, and opportunities to learn and grow. God has proved Himself faithful more times than I can count, and as I look back on the past 4 years they are filled with many good memories of times He has provided above and beyond my needs. I am so thankful for His provision and for everyone who has prayed for me, housed me during breaks, while my parents were back in Congo, and sent me encouraging notes.

You may be asking, "What on earth is Olivia doing now that she's graduated from college?!" That is a good question. The funny thing about the future is that we can stress out and make lots of careful plans, but God has a way of turning our plans around. So I am trying to be flexible. Still, it's a good idea to have a basic plan of action, so I'm going to share mine with you. For the next year I will be living in an apartment in the town of Cedarville with some good friends from the Fire

Department. I will continue to serve as a volunteer EMT/Firefighter, as well as working as a home healthcare aide in the surrounding area. I also will be taking the 2 remaining prerequisite classes that I need in order to attend PA (Physician's Assistant) school, hopefully in 2015. I am in the process of applying to PA programs, but will not know for sure where I am going for a while. Currently my top choice is Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, TN. Please be praying for me as I work through this process, that God would give me wisdom and make it clear where He would like me to attend.

I look forward to what God has in store for me. I believe that He has not brought me this far to abandon me now, and I am excited to begin this new part of my story."

Pioneer Christian Hospital Honor Roll

Many thanks to the following folks who volunteered at Pioneer Christian Hospital between June 2013 and July 2014:

- * Dr. Brian Albrecht, GOM President, Williamsville, NY Malia Anderson, Nursing Student, Cedarville University, OH
- * + Siko & Delphine Bambemba, Lab & Nurses' Training, Bandundu, DRC John Barry, CPA, Sugar Grove, NC
- + Kate Barry, CNA, Sugar Grove, NC
- Jasmin Biddell, RN, Mercy Ships, TX
- * David & Teresa Bill, Sunday School Teacher Training, Ollombo, Congo
- + Sarah Kay Bouchard, Nursing Student, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Katie Brandewie, Medical Student, Univ. of Cincinnati, OH Keith Brinkman, Operations Director, Africa Mercy, TX Melissa Brown, RN, Mercy Ships, TX Jessica Bouillon, RN, Rochester, NY Rene Carlson, Power Team Lineman, Stephenson, VA
- + Jennifer Case, Communications, Perry, NY Caleb Cohen, IT Intern, Clemson University, SC
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- + Eamon Rooney, Personal Assistant, Fernandina Beach, FL Melissa Rooney, Mom, Fernandina Beach, FL
- Erich Rupprecht, PCH EC Member, Charlotte, NC
- + Daniel Ryan, Pre-med, Boise, Moscow, ID Don & Margo Rydman, Accounting & Dental Hygiene, Penn Yann, NY Dr. Erik & Kara Scharrer, EM, Rochester, MN Stefan Schmidt, On-Boarding Team Leader, Mercy Ships, Lindale, TX
- Octavie Sengha, Nursing Student, Brazzaville, Congo Rebecca Shantz, RN, Mercy Ships, St. Catharines, ON, Canada Erin Smolders, RN, Mercy Ships, Albion Park, Australia Michael Smucker, Maintenance, Warsaw, NY Kacie Sulak, RN, Mercy Ships, TX Tracy Swope, Operations Director, Mercy Ships, TX Julia Thompson, Pre-med, Cedarville University, OH Maryse Tsamba Mbou, Translator, Mercy Ships, Pointe Noire Matthew Tveite, Security, Mercy Ships, TX
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Currently in Impfondo:

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ACCREDITED

- Miles Byworth, Medical Student, McGill University, Quebec, Canada
- + Mildred Deleon, RN, Pacific Grove, CA
- *+Dr. Joseph & Rebecca Harvey, Isabelle & Noah, FP, RN, Perry, NY Dr. Kiong Liao, FP, Toronto, ON, Canada
- + Samuel & Lauren Lunsford, CPA & RN, Glen Allen, VA
- * + Henri & Dr. Joyce Samoutou, Cherissa, Ezra & Karis, Ophth, FM, England
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- ⁺ Dr. Elliott & Sarah Tenpenny, Elias & Hudson, EM, RN, Samaritan's Purse, TN
- + Christina Warkentin, Teacher's Aide, Kitchener, ON, Canada
- *+Dr. Stephen & Anna Wegner, Ian, Isabelle & Caleb, Peds/ER, Cut Bank, MT

* 2 or more visits + 2 months to 2 years + more than 2 years

Thanks again for your help!





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