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*Harvey Holiday Highlights  
Resurrection Day Edition  
April-May 2012*

*Dear Friends & Family,*

Greetings from Impfondo, Republic of Congo, where we are still enjoying Easter and May Day Holiday weekends! Jesus Christ is still risen! He defeated death to become our champion. When we're tempted to be overwhelmed, let's just think of His "to do" list that first Easter morn:

1. Rise from the dead.
2. Make my bed.
3. Walk past a big stone.
4. Meet disciples at home.
5. Ascend to the throne!

Thank you for your continued support of our family and the ministry that God has given us to do here in Congo. We want to encourage you to keep up the good work, encouraging us. We hope that our lives can bless you and yours.

Pioneer Christian Hospital continues to receive hundreds of patients every month. And so far a hundred or so patients and family members have made decisions for Christ in 2012. On Easter Sunday another 5 people got baptized, bringing the total to 10 so far this year.



*After Morning Worship on New Year's Day 2012*



*Noah with Pastor Paul and his baptismal brothers and sisters, January 2012*

### *Public Enemy Number One strikes too close to home*

When we moved to the Town of Impfondo in 1999, the population was around 10,000. There are now 90,000 people living in Impfondo! The motorcycle taxi is quickly overtaking the machete and mango tree as the number one cause of trauma in this boom town. For merely 500 francs (about a dollar) you can be conveyed across town in a matter of minutes, laid up for a few weeks, or ushered into eternity! It all depends on the care and skill of your driver and the condition of his motorbike. The vast majority of the hundreds of motorcycle taxis in town are not registered, don't have insurance, and their drivers may have never ridden a bicycle, let alone taken the time to get a driver's license. Add to that the fact that people here have not been brought up being taught about the dangers of drinking and driving, or even to look both ways before they cross the street—there was no street when they grew up. The result: at Pioneer Christian Hospital we treat 2-3 motorcycle-pedestrian collision victims every day with a huge variety of injuries.



*Sarah & Joe's Mom around Christmas time*

One Tuesday a few weeks ago, our beloved Sarah Speer became one of the many victims. While riding her bicycle home from the new leprosy center that she is building on the outskirts of town, she was turning in to the entrance of the mission when she was struck from behind by a

motorcycle taxi whose driver and passenger had both been drinking. As she was thrown with her bike to the asphalt, her left arm and right rib broke and she suffered a big cut on her finger. Dr. Wegner was on call. He got her patched up at Pioneer Christian Hospital in short order. After a few days of nursing care, and plenty of rest, we thought she was on the mend, but when her cast got soft an x-ray revealed that her ulna was not healing as quickly or as straight as we would like. The current plan is for her to travel home to Canada to have a plate put in. This experience and many other close calls has strengthened our resolve to lead a public health campaign to encourage rational use of modern conveniences through road safety education, traffic law enforcement, driving standards, and helmets.

### *Radio Sango Kitoko*

In March we received government authorization to start an FM radio station on the hospital compound. Why have a community radio station hosted by a hospital? Our main objective is to promote health and healing. True healing begins with spiritual healing. We seek to treat the whole person: body, soul, and spirit. For a long time we've noticed that we keep treating the same problems over and over and over again (like malaria and motorcycle accidents). Since God first gave us the vision for starting Pioneer Christian Hospital, one of our goals has been to have a Christian radio station to facilitate the spiritual care of our patients, follow-up discharged patients, and primary public health programs to combat preventable disease and injury. Now we have a green light from the government, but once again, we lack personnel. We would dearly like to have someone come and champion this effort. For now our interim chaplain, Pastor Paul Mboumba is coordinating the launch of this station. Stay tuned!



### *Power to the People*

Saving premature babies and critically ill patients is often easier to do if electricity is available. It's also easier to treat broken bones when you have X-ray or ultrasound, both of which depend on electricity. The PCH Power Project is well underway. Two new 25 kilowatt generators have been ordered. We are preparing to order panels and batteries to double our solar capacity. An awesome team from Christ Chapel in N. Madison, Connecticut, was here for 3 weeks to begin construction of a new power house for the hospital. It is exciting to see well-thought-out plans materialize.

This project is probably going to cost more than we thought, and is taking longer than we hoped. Our main hold up is lack of qualified personnel to do ongoing maintenance and construction at the hospital. Please pray for this project to successfully provide a stable, low maintenance, automated source of green power for the hospital.



*Joyce, Karis, Cherissa, Ezra, & Henri*

### *The Samoutou family*

has arrived safely in Impfondo from their home in Leeds, England. After in-country assessment meetings with the Christian Blind Mission in Brazzaville, they are due to arrive in Impfondo April 17. We rejoice for this welcome addition to our team. Please pray for the Samoutous as they adjust to life in Congo, and get started building an eye clinic [www.NewSightCongo.com](http://www.NewSightCongo.com), to be located at Pioneer Christian Hospital. Henri is an eye surgeon, and Joyce is a family medicine doctor. They have a lot of equipment, medicines, and supplies that should be arriving in Brazzaville soon. Pray the government honors our exemption from customs and import taxes.

## Harvey Family News

On the family front, we have been enjoying ourselves! Becky & Joe had a good trip to Kenya in February. We completed 80 hours of continuing medical and nursing education. It wasn't all work though...we skipped a few lectures to attend a Dinner at a Tea Plantation on Valentines' Day, and went on a walking safari on the weekend. Claire, Isabelle, and Noah did a great job holding down the fort while we were gone.

In March it was Claire & Isabelle's turn to travel. They spent Spring Break in Brazzaville, and the villages of Olombo, Oyo, and Ngo. They attended the Congo MK Senior-Sophomore Banquet (there are no juniors), reconnected with friends, visited President Sassou's ostrich farm, and went camping on the Teke Plateau.



*Isabelle Harvey - Class of '14; Claire Harvey, Joshua Howell, Lauren Bellamy, Leticia Julian, & Chandra Bill - Class of '12*

Congratulations Claire for being the valedictorian of her homeschool class (of one)! Claire plans to join her sister Olivia and attend Cedarville University in Ohio in the Fall.



*Praising God on the Teke Plateau*

*Harvey Christian Academy  
is pleased to announce that  
Claire Elise Harvey  
will be graduating from high school  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

Other honor roll students include Isabelle Anna Harvey (going into 11<sup>th</sup> grade), and Noah Allen Harvey (going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade). Alumna Olivia Grace Harvey '09 is a rising junior Comprehensive Communications Major at Cedarville. She has a ministry job lined up this summer, assisting with MK-International Student Orientation, and is going to be an RA in Willet's Hall next year.

## *Furlough Fears ! ?*

So many people have helped us since we first came to Congo in 1992. You pray for us, encourage us, and give generously to support our ministry. Many have come all the way to Congo to help for a week, a month, a year. Our second volume guest book is almost full. You would think we'd get used to comings and goings. Congo is a harsh place to live and work. We are looking forward to seeing you in person; to thank you for your support, report on what God has done, and catch up with what's been happening in your life. So why are we anxious about our rapidly approaching departure for home assignment? Because before we go, we want to leave things in as good a shape as possible for those who will carry on. We don't want them to be overloaded. We have been barely able to keep our heads above water, and we don't know who to hand over some of our responsibilities to.

We must just trust. Pray for reinforcements to come. God will provide. Inevitably, the end of June will come, and we will be in the United States for 1 year of home assignment. If you would like to have us share with you, your family, church or other group some of what we've seen God do in Congo these last 5 years, please contact us at the furlough address below.



*"Kamiya"  
our Congo Clawless Otter*

## *Upcoming Events*

<b>June 24-28</b>	"Occupy Till I Come" Global Outreach Mission Annual Conference	Niagara Bible Conference and Adventure Camp 6419 Lake Road, Appleton, NY
<b>July 23-27</b>	Stephen R. Harvey Family Reunion	Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat N. Myrtle Beach, SC
<b>Oct. 11-14</b>	"Prescription For Renewal" World Medical Mission, Medical Missions Conference	Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove Ashville, NC
<b>Oct. 15-21</b>	Annual Global Missions Conference	Loudonville Community Church Loudonville, NY
<b>Nov. 3-4</b>	Harvest Dinner and Sunday Services	Hillcrest Baptist Church Jamestown, NY
<b>Nov. 8-10</b>	Global Health Missions Conference	Southeast Christian Church Louisville, KY
<b>Dec. 27-31</b>	Urbana '12	St. Louis, MO

### *Help ~~Wanted~~ Desperately Needed*



*Claire, Isabelle, Josh Howell, Gary Howell, Hannah & Ruth Julian, Sharon Howell, Leticia Julian*

Pioneer Christian Hospital has urgent immediate need to fill the following vacant positions:

- ✝ Administrative Assistant
- ✝ Logistics Agent
- ✝ Construction Coordinator
- ✝ Maintenance Director
- ✝ Nurses
- ✝ Pharmacist
- ✝ Physicians
- ✝ Surgeon
- ✝ Radio Station Manager
- ✝ Motorcycle Driving Instructor

We need people short-term and long-term. We also have openings for 2 healthcare students, residents, and interns every month.

If you know where a missing piece to this puzzle might be, please let us know. Please pray with us for this critical personnel shortage to be solved. Pray that those who are here don't burn out or feel sorry for ourselves. Please pray for the hospital's logistical needs to be met. It is getting more and more difficult to keep the hospital supplied. Please come and help us if you can. Please give as God leads. Thank you.

**For Health & Hope,**

*Joseph & Rebecca Harvey  
Olivia, Claire, Isabelle, & Noah*

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