

Giving Project- Congo - Revitalizing hospitals



Menno-Santé is a major MCC effort to support hospital staff members in the Democratic Republic of the Congo who are courageously caring for patients despite aging facilities and few resources. The effort, which originally focused on building the capacity of hospitals in Mukedi and Kajiji, has grown to include two additional hospitals, Kanzombi in Kikwit and Nyanga in Western Kasai province. MCC provides funding to support staff and to buy and transport shipments of medication. The shipments allow the hospitals to sell medications at a low cost, help them attract more patients and, in doing so, assist them in earning money to pay staff more fairly. In Kajiji, proceeds from Menno-Santé led to a modest pay increase, which helps keep nurses from emigrating to neighboring Angola to look for work. “We thank everyone who has helped make this happen,” says Dr. Gaspard Mahouma.

10¢ pays for one quinine tablet to treat malaria.

\$500 helps maintain stable salaries for hospital management staff for one month.