

*A New Ministry
To the families of Kapanga DRC and Samuteb United Methodist Hospital
Begins in July 2012!*

You can help!

Samuteb Hospital in SW DRC was a thriving mission post for medical care as an expression of God's love in Christ through our church until the 1970's. Then wave upon wave of armed conflict destroyed much of the infrastructure of the hospital and community as well as destroying the railroad and roads in and out. Isolated and gutted by war, it has continued to serve for the past 40 years as best it could the several hundred thousand people of this area.

In 2009, Jan and Kurt Kaiser (UM lay people from the East side) were in Lubumbashi to get the boys' orphanage built when they were approached by our missionaries in Lubumbashi, the Hoovers, with encouragement of the local Bishop. They asked if the Kaisers might be willing to bring a medical team to Samuteb Hospital for care and training of staff and to begin to break down the isolation the community had experienced for so many years.

In 2010, the Kaisers returned with a team and spent two weeks in Kapanga doing medical care and trying out a new nutritional supplement made of peanut butter and vitamins called *plumpy nut* with severely undernourished children and their families. They came home with a new mission dream.

The New Mission Dream

To make a significant difference to the people of the Kapanga region by establishing an on-going long-term presence for medical care, training and the establishment of a self-sustaining nutrition program run by the people themselves.

Half Way Home!

Through performances of "Play Something I Can Dance To," a one-man storytelling program by retired pastor, Rody Rowe, we have raised a little over half of the funds needed to run the first three years of this new mission program. This means that plans are now being made to return to Kapanga in July 2012 and begin this important work.

You can give to this new ministry using this web site. Just mark your gifts: "FEED CONGO KIDS." You can also sponsor a storytelling evening that will involve your community in this exciting new venture in creating a new way, a different world, a fresh new hope for many people and literally saving and changing countless lives. See how below.

"Play Something I Can Dance To"

Storytelling-Mission Vision evening with Rev. Rody Rowe

What about the event would be a plus for the sponsoring church?

The program provides:

- An excellent fellowship experience.
- An opportunity to think about one's life and how it is entwined with the life of God.
- Gives the community an opportunity to participate in a new UM mission to the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Rody provides:

- The program – includes musician and visuals. (about an hour and one half with a brief intermission)
- All advertising materials, programs, books and giving envelopes.
- Person to sell books. All proceeds goes toward this new mission.

The Church is responsible for:

- Promoting the event.
- Ushers/greeters – pass out programs and take a free will offering.
- Sound technician.
- Refreshments served during a brief intermission.
- A book selling table near area where event takes place.

Sponsorship

This new mission venture is sponsored by:

Hope for the Children of Africa – task force of the PNW conference.
Our missionaries and Bishop of the area in the DRC
Our Family Africa, (formerly Our family Adoption)

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WHAT "DOCTOR'S WITHOUT BORDERS" ARE SAYING:

Doctor's Without Borders are calling this peanut butter-vitamin mix a miracle food. If you would like to learn more about this new miracle food at the heart of this project, here is a YouTube link to a fine piece done by 60-Minutes:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4201082n&tag=related;photovideo>