



"...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4

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Dear MBF Mission Partner,

Ngalula Kasonga Ruth is a lot of things. She is an orphan. She is a sister to two younger siblings. She is supported by her aunt, who sells bread for a living. She is a student at MBF-supported Institut Superieur des Techniques Medicales (ISTM) in DR Congo. She is studying pediatric nursing. She is a resident of an old dorm where nine girls sleep on pallets in one room with her and where 78 girls share four toilets and two showers.

And she is thrilled to be there.

Ngalula is driven to succeed in school so she can help her aunt support the rest of the family. Her aunt urgently needs more help. As Ngalula says simply, "I go to school for all of them." She is also determined to help the other children in her community. Her degree as a pediatric nurse will provide a way to do both for the rest of her life.

Virtually all the students have similar stories of need and pursuit of this dream. We would like to help Ngalula – and others like her - to achieve this dream and serve Congolese communities.



Scholarships Providing New Life for Deserving Congolese Students

ISTM is part of the Institute Medical Chretien du Kasai (IMCK), which was originally founded almost 60 years ago, in 1954. This medical center is a sweeping campus of stone and brick buildings with a large hospital complex, classrooms, dorms and faculty homes. It also includes a high school program (ITM), which has long been rated as one of the best programs of its kind in the entire country.

God is blessing this nursing school with growth. God's presence is evident in daily chapel times and in the application of the gospel to everyday life: They treat their students with integrity. Unlike other schools in the area, which all too often require students to pay extra to pass classes, ISTM stands out as trustworthy. As Ngalula said, "They are fair here, not the corruption of other schools."

The ISTM College has enrolled 181 students in midwifery, pediatric nursing or health administration since its inception just three short years ago. It too is recognized throughout the country as a superior program.

Congo's youth population is exploding, and these young people need to be trained to help the dire health care needs of their fellow Congolese. They can't get the training because they have no way to get the money for schooling.



Please help us train more students. **One year of schooling costs only \$2,500; that translates into about \$200/month. Could you contribute at least one month to help give new life to one person?** This year MBF was able to sponsor 11 ISTM students. Our goal is to sponsor 20 this year. By doing so, we will not only give the students new life, but will also impact the lives of the patients they will take care of as skilled practitioners.

One New Nurse Can Make the Difference

One person like Ngalula will make a difference for the rest of her life as a pediatric nurse. **One person like you will make a difference to change a life forever when you give to the scholarships.**

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, thank you for celebrating our Savior's resurrection by giving new life and hope in DR Congo.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "E. Andrew Mayo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

E. Andrew Mayo
Executive Director
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P.S. Our thanks to Charlotte White who recently visited IMCK and shared Ngalula's story with MBF. Charlotte noted that "the hunger for education and the desire to study and learn is palpable in this community." This is a great model of MBF building sustainable medical care in developing countries.