

NILES



Katherine & Wayne Niles

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

LANGUAGES

French
Lingala
Kituba
Kikongo

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Economic Development,
Evangelism,
Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAYS

Katherine 6/20
Wayne 5/26



LOCATION

Democratic Republic of the Congo



ABOUT



KATHERINE and WAYNE serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Wayne works with IMA World Health assisting in the management of health, development, and relief projects. The health projects strive to provide integrated, holistic, and sustainable interventions that increase access to quality health care, with an

emphasis on vulnerable people. Katherine is the medical coordinator for the network of rural Baptist hospitals staffed entirely by Christian Congolese professionals. They appreciate her efforts to assist them in obtaining quality medicines and needed medical equipment, such as ultrasound machines. Katherine manages the distribution of much-appreciated White Cross supplies to the member hospitals. Together, Katherine and Wayne organize the installation of solar power and computerized management systems.



MINISTRY STORY

What's in a rolled bandage, or infant blanket supplies called "White Cross"? Some are cotton, others polyester, some white, others are flowered, most come in sizes for swaddling or wrapping. In a maternity, pediatrics, or orthopedic ward of a Baptist hospital in Congo, these priceless items sent overseas and across muddy roads, freely given, freely received, and freely given again, are a legacy of faithfulness and God's glory. Throughout the thirty-three years of missionary service of Katherine and Wayne Niles, White Cross and Katherine's mission have crisscrossed. Stories shared with seamstresses and "holy rollers" in one hemisphere become swaddling clothes for a fragile newborn in another hemisphere, gifted by a nurse after a safe delivery. The circumstances of giver and receiver are so different, yet blanket and bandage radiate God's glory in each place.

Nurses, doctors, seamstresses, holy rollers, and White Cross meet in a traction device for a busy toddler, subdued by surgery, yet now with hope to walk again. Blankets and nightgowns, after the drama of emergency surgery, bring joy out of panic, and God's glory is in tiny details. I (Katherine) am so thankful for White Cross, for lives touched because of bandages and blankets. Love reaches out across hemispheres; these gifts draw courage and hope through people caring.



At a remote Moanza hospital, Katherine holds a newborn, wrapped in a soft warm blanket provided by American Baptist women through White Cross.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Wayne and Katherine Niles as, together with colleagues in Congo, they seek strategies for sustainability in the Christ-centered health care done in mission hospitals.

Please pray for God to raise up Congolese men and women with a desire to be well trained and a heart to serve. Please pray that God will provide the medical professionals needed to further train Congolese doctors and nurses.

SCRIPTURE

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)