

## RICE



## Kathy & Tim Rice

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### LANGUAGES

French  
Lingala  
Kitub

#### MINISTRY PRIORITY

Health and Wellness

#### BIRTHDAYS

Kathy 8/19  
Tim 7/8



#### LOCATION

Democratic Republic of the Congo



#### ABOUT

Kathy and Tim serve through the Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Their vision is to train the next generation of Congolese doctors and nurses in Christ-centered, whole-person care, empowering them to use the limited resources available to restore life and health across the DRC.

They also seek to facilitate worldwide partnerships, enabling health professionals to participate in mutual exchange of expertise at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital and elsewhere in the DRC.



Photographing our ophthalmologist doing cataract surgery



#### MINISTRY STORY

The 27-year-old man had suffered for nine years with lower abdominal pain and weakness. He had undergone two surgeries in Kinshasa, the capital of the D.R. Congo—one for a hernia and one to remove his appendix—which, not surprisingly, did not relieve his pain and weakness. He was now at Vanga Evangelical Hospital, holding out for any hope we could offer.

The Congolese family practice resident asked for a consultation. We had an American neurologist, Dr. Jenson, visiting here at the time. He helped localize the cause of the problem as a complication of tuberculosis of the spine. What a relief to the patient to know the cause of his difficulties and to move forward on a treatment plan, even though it is unlikely he will return to completely normal.

Not only was the patient given answers, but our resident and medical students were able to learn more about neurological assessment and diagnosis. Dr. Jenson was able to model

compassionate, competent patient care for the staff and students. The doctors also could appreciate that not all abdominal pain needs an appendectomy or a hernia surgery—a lesson needed by many doctors doing surgery here!

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest field of Congo; specifically, a kindergarten teacher, a financial administrator, and health care workers.

Pray that we look at situations through God's eyes and not with our Western-oriented point of view.

Pray for a spiritual renewal and vitality in the region, and in our lives as well.

Pray for our marriage relationships, which can get buffeted by the heavy demands of ministry.

#### SCRIPTURE

*"And he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*

Luke 9:2 (NIV)

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