

# BONGOLO HOSPITAL: LEBAMBA, GABON 2011

We once again want to thank you for partnering with us in the endeavor to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to the people of Gabon. There have been many times when one of your packages had an item in it that was needed.

As many of you know, the US Postal Service no longer sends packages boat mail. We have been researching and trying to find a way to get packages to us at a reasonable cost to you. The following are a couple of ways to send packages:

The US Postal System has what is called International Priority flat-rate boxes. The rate on these boxes is \$43.45, and you can send up to 20 lbs. for that. The sizes of the boxes they have available now are (1) 13.75" x 11.75" x 3.5", and (2) 11" x 8.5" x 5.75". The boxes can be obtained at your local post office. They aren't very large, so it would be good for heavier items like multivitamins or antacids. There is now a larger box that costs \$55.95 to send. Please put only 3 different types of items in each box, for example, toothbrushes, cotton balls, and multivitamins. For now, we ask you to send the packages to the mission address in the capital city, Libreville. The address is: Bongolo Hospital, B.P. 13.021, Libreville, Gabon. Please send \$10/box to the C&MA headquarters to the following account: Bongolo Medical Supplies/ Shipping/Customs. This will pay to get it down country to Bongolo. (C&MA, PO Box 35000, Colorado Springs, CO. 80935-3500).

## 2011 SHIPMENTS TO GABON

There is a shipment going out in **mid-June** that is almost full. However, there may be room for some packages if you get them there soon. There is another shipment going out in **Sept.**, and we have received the OK to have you send them to ARK Transportation now. They have room at this time to keep them until Sept. (that isn't always the case). We appreciate all your hard work to help us with the current needs at the hospital and realize it is complicated (and expensive) getting the items there.

### Items Needed for 2011:

- NO pill bottles** this year.
- Rolled sheet bandages
- Centrum-like multi-vitamins, adult and children
- Cold and cough medicine
- Masking tape
- Scrub pants (sizes medium to 2Xlarge)
- Cotton balls

### Shipping Instructions:

1. The packages should be no larger than a total of 72 inches (length + width + height), unless you have special permission. Please limit different types of items to 3-4 per box. Please put each type of item in its own plastic bag for easier sorting at the hospital. The boxes should be sent to:

ARK Transportation  
%Gabon Shipment: Bongolo Hospital  
17830 Englewood Drive  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

\*If you are sending a package for a certain mission or department, add: "Attn." and the name.

Please pack items as compactly as possible since we are charged per cubic foot.

2. Please e-mail Gabon’s shipment coordinator, Linda Chae ([linda.chae@att.net](mailto:linda.chae@att.net)) and a copy to me, Coleen Lofgren ([coliemark@northlc.com](mailto:coliemark@northlc.com)) with the following information:

Church and address

Contact’s name and phone number

Contact’s e-mail address

Total number of boxes sent (Please label each box by letter and numbers; for example, if your church is in Plain View, Iowa, and you’re sending 2 boxes, might choose PVIA#1, PVIA#2. Please include the two-letter state abbreviation in your label as there are a lot of churches with the same name, ex. First Alliance Church.)

The cubic space (in feet) of each package

The priority level of each package: urgent or non-urgent \*\*

Category of item as one of the following: personal effect, medicine, medical equipment, or food

The insurance value of each item (cost to replace the item)

The resale value of each item (the “yard sale” value of the item)

\*\*Priority would be, for example, an item that the missionaries have asked you to send and is needed now or medicine that will expire in 3-4 months.

Here is an example to follow:

Balsam C&MA Church, 240 Hwy 4, Balsam, MN 55666

Contact : Sara Brown, Phone: 245-257-8889

Contact’s e-mail: [sarabr@northlc.com](mailto:sarabr@northlc.com)

Total boxes: 1 (BMN#1)

Package BMN#1 Non-priority Size 12” x 12’ x 12” (1 cubic foot)

Quantity	Item	Category	Insurance Value	Resale Value
30	rolled bandages	med. equip.	NA	\$ .50
10	toothbrushes	med. equip.	\$15.00	\$2.50
1 bottle	multi-vitamin	medicine	\$8.00	\$2.00

Insurance total = \$23.00

Resale total = \$5.00

3. The Gabon field has determined that the cost of the shipment overseas and down to the Bongolo Hospital is now \$10 per cubic foot. We would ask you to send that amount for your packages to the Finance Department of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (PO Box 35000, Colorado Springs, CO. 80935-3500). On the check memo write: “Bongolo Hospital Medical Supp./Shipping.” If you can’t afford to send this amount, we would ask you to wait to send your package until such time as you are able to afford it.

In order to determine the cost per box, you multiply the length x width x height in inches. Then divide that by 1728 (one cubic foot). Then multiply that times \$10. If you have a hard time figuring it out, e-mail me with the dimensions and I’ll figure it out for you.

Any questions? Do you have items that you think might be useful that is not on the list? Please e-mail me or call me (218-245-2706). Please let others know about this shipment.

**A prayer request:** Please pray for a 5-year-old Gabonese girl, named Grace, who has been approved to have heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Pray that her mother and she will get their visas in time to travel with a missionary to the States. It is tentatively scheduled for July 15. I will be going down there to translate for her.

Bongolo Hospital Donations Coordinator,

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