

February 2020 Urgent Needs List

BONGOLO HOSPITAL: LEBAMBA, GABON

Must arrive at ARK Transportation between Feb. 1 and Feb. 29

1. 3" or 4" wide rolled sheet bandages. Please use a narrow length of sheet to secure them. They are almost out of these, so please put them as a PRIORITY.
2. Dr. Wendy Hofman needs lubricant eye drops, like Artificial Tears, Systane, Soothe, Theratears, and Moisture Eyes. Please, no drops that have naphazoline or "red out" in them.
3. Blue OR towels
4. Centrum (or similar with all the trace minerals) multivitamins for children and adults. Please don't send the round or gumball Centrum children, but the chewable ones for kids under 4 years old.
5. Benadryl (generic is OK) pills. Make sure that the expiration date is a year out.
6. Tums or Roloids antacids (with calcium)
7. Delivery table and operating table covers made out of flat sheets (instructions on General Needs list)
8. Sterilization wraps - especially 36" x 36" and 48" x 48", made out of cotton or cotton/polyester (instructions on General Needs list)
9. Washable, reusable sanitary napkins (patterns available on Pinterest)
10. Money for Coleen Lofgren to buy dependable watches for the nursing students. (DO NOT SEND MONEY TO OHIO.) The cost for 15 students would be \$525. To help with this project, make checks payable to "Coleen Lofgren" and send to her at 41366 Scenic Highway, Bovey, MN 55709.
11. If you have items that are not on this list or on the General Needs list, contact Coleen Lofgren at coliemark@gmail.com or 218-245-2706.

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January 2020

Greetings friends! We so appreciate your help in the ministry at Bongolo Hospital. Not only the items that you send, but your prayers. The Bongolo Hospital is a shining light in the country of Gabon, but that means the enemy is also at work! I thought I would give you some **prayer and praise items**:

1. Pray for wisdom for the new Oversight Committee for Bongolo Hospital, composed of some former medical missionaries, American and Gabonese pastors, and others. Their role is to guide the medical work at Bongolo Hospital.
2. Pray that the head of the Gabon pharmacy will allow medicine orders from Europe to enter the country. She wants them to only use non-generic medications, which are cost-prohibitive.
3. Pray for a project manager to coordinate construction and infrastructure projects.
4. Pray for the health of Meladee Davis. Paul (the director of maintenance for the hospital and mission station) has had to resign due to his wife's health. Pray that another person would be found to replace Paul.
5. Praise the Lord that Steven and Alace Straw have returned to Gabon to restart the aviation ministry, which was on hold for 3 years. They are living at Bongolo.

6. Praise the Lord that Renee Valach has recovered from her repeat bout with Dengue Fever, which necessitated her being sent to Rochester, NY, in mid-December. She is back at Bongolo. Pray that she won't have any more bouts with this tropical disease and that she'll gain strength.
7. Praise the Lord that Dr. Deborah Walker (pediatrician at Bongolo Hospital) will be speaking in the Toledo, OH, area in March. For those of you in this area, try to go and hear her.
8. Pray for the PAACS program, the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons. It is a 5-year program that is accredited in Africa and the States. Look it up on the web to get more information about his program that trains Christian surgeons. One of the new residents, Dr. Abraham, is from the Hope Medical Center in Guinea, West Africa (missionaries Jon & Anja Erickson serve there).
9. Prayer/Praise that there are new medical missionaries coming to help in the work at Bongolo Hospital, some through Samaritan's Purse for 2 years. Pray that they may continue on as missionaries after that.
10. Pray for the hospital's finances. The Gabonese health insurance hasn't paid for a long time (\$500,000), and it was decided by the Oversight Committee that if they didn't pay by the end of the year, the hospital wouldn't accept the insurance. A corrupt official from the health insurance office has stolen a large sum of money, so now Bongolo is not accepting their insurance. Pray that the government will pay their debt.
11. Praise the Lord that people are hearing the Word of God and accepting Him as their Savior.
12. Pray for another missionary nurse to come as an instructor in the Bongolo Nursing School. There was no school this year, but one will start next fall. Pray that just the right students will be accepted into the school. As some of the existing nurses retire, there is a need to replace them.