



Dear Co-laborers in the White Cross ministry,

This Friday, at the CBCO (Baptist Community of Congo) our partner church headquarters here in Kinshasa, we hold the annual medical meetings for the medical directors of the eleven CBCO hospitals scattered around the Bandundu and Bas Congo provinces of Congo. It's a once a year opportunity to see faces from each one of our Baptist hospitals, in the same place at the same time - no

small feat in Congo. The purpose of the meetings is to bring the team together, to give reports of the year's work, share needs, commend and encourage one another in our roles in the healing mission of the church.

We also discuss White Cross, and its impact on the hospitals and the patients they have served this year. I lobby to have all the medical directors bring an inventory of their stock from which to report back to International Ministries, and on the basis which we make next years requests. In addition to providing rolled bandages and supplies through White Cross this year, because of your faithfulness, we've had other much appreciated opportunities. We've been able to facilitate safe blood transfusions at our all the hospitals though providing HIV tests, in some hospitals we provided NEW mattresses for dilapidated or absent ones, and at Kintambo, we held a staff re-training on assuring safer deliveries. I'm going to show the doctors pictures of White Cross in their hospitals as I've shown all over NY, MI, PA and Florida!

As we approach these meetings, we are mindful of and thankful for your part in supporting the health work of CBCO. Please share this word with all you know who are involved in the White Cross ministry with us. Do pray for us on Friday. Pray that God's Holy Spirit will be present in our midst, providing encouragement and vision for the year ahead that can only come from God.

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