

or the health center staff at Kintambo (here in Kinshasa) called "Safe, low-risk delivery". The maternity at Kintambo, built with funds given by Bill and Ann Clemmer in 2005, provides an important service to women living in the surrounding urban slum community. 20 - 25 babies are delivered there each month.

With the new maternity facility at Kintambo, the number of deliveries increased, and the staff recognized their need for specific up-grading of their skills. When we organized this training session, with the medical director of the Kintambo health zone, they all attended with diligence and enthusiasm, and would NEVER have had the opportunity to do so without funds from White Cross.

Dr. Frieda Mbuse, the medical director of the Kintambo Health Zone, who works for the Ministry of Public Health and struggles daily with the reality that DRC has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world, went out of her way to thank me for caring enough to provide funding so a few more practitioners could receive this training.

Thank you again for keeping White Cross alive and well amongst our churches so it continues to touch the lives of people in Congo in significant ways.

Blessings,

Katherine



Kintambo health center. In the photo of the staff and acilitators, pictured left to right are: Roger Maludi (the administrator), Mrs. Adrienne (a nurse), Mrs. Yvonne (a nurse and head of the maternity), Miss Juli (seated - a nurse), Dr. Frieda Mbuse (the medical director of the Kintambo Health Zone), Dr. Ingila (supervising physician of the Kintambo Hospital maternity and principal trainer at our seminar), Mr. Luzolo (standing behind - a nurse), Mr. Andre (blue shirt in front, nurse and acting pharmacist), Mr. Mushabah (supervising nurse for the Health Zone), Miss. Ruth (orange shirt - a nurse), Mr. Jean and Mr. Corneille (both nurses behind me).

The last 2 days of the training seminar we spent at the Kintambo Hospital maternity. Dr. Ingila and Dr. Mbuse review charts with the health center staff while they witnessed the functioning of that maternity. Twins, born while we were in training at the Kintambo Maternity!

