

# LANE NEWS

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.” - Psalm 37:5

## New Format

We are trying a new format with our newsletter—something a little cleaner and simplified. Hope you like it. If you haven't already, please join our mailing list by clicking below. Feel free to pass along to others who may have interest.

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## Year-End Giving

Your prayers and financial gifts make our work at Bongolo Hospital possible.

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## Water, Water Everywhere...

Here at Bongolo we have water all around us. This is one of the most humid places on earth. Look up the meteorologic term “dew point” some time. Here we are almost always in the “oppressive category.” When we walk around campus, some days it feels like we are trekking under water. In addition, it's the rainy season now so it pours most days. On top of this, we have a roaring river just adjacent to our property which provides our electricity and water supply.

But just as the poem goes, “Water Water everywhere, nor any drop to drink,” last week our normally stable water system ceased to function. We ran into eight separate problems over five days. It's not a complex system conceptually, moving water from the river to our homes and hospital, but it has many moving parts, each with critical functions. You begin to take for granted having water arrive at your apartment each morning and then all the sudden for a couple days it was off.

With the help of our Gabonese maintenance guys and a lot of perseverance, we pressed on and figured out all the problems. In





## Our Plane Has Returned!!

Just last week we had our first in-country flight in over three years. Praise God for the return of Steve and Alace Straw, teammates who started the aviation program in 2009. With the return of the airplane we can transport visitors, supplies, and patients to and from the capital city and other areas of Gabon. It shortens the trip tremendously.

## Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for our children (Sarah/Adam, Aaron) and grandchildren (Eloise, Lincoln) back in the States. Pray for God's continued hand in their lives.
- Pray for our upcoming conference for mission team leaders in the Alliance. It should be a good time of catching the vision for this next year, gathering information and fellowship.
- Pray for Paul and Meladee, former teammates who left earlier this year due to health reasons. They will be returning in mid December to close out their house and say goodbye to teammates and friends.

James 1, it states to "count it all joy when you face trials." I can't say I counted all the frustrations last week as joy, but what they did provide was an opportunity to learn all the ins and outs of our water system. When we have issues in the future, we will be much better prepared. God used this few days of trial and frustration as a teaching experience.

## Next Round of Training

It is often quoted that five out of the eight billion people in our world lack access to basic surgical services. People are dying because they have no access to functioning operating rooms with proper equipment and skilled personnel including properly trained anesthesia providers.



In September, three students began the second round of nurse anesthesia training at Bongolo Hospital. This two year program includes both clinical and didactic teaching as well as professional and spiritual development. The motivated and dedicated trainees spend over 40 hours a week in the operating room learning hands on clinical anesthesia skills. In addition they have classroom lectures and simulation sessions rounding out their experience. Of note, one student came from a nearby city without reliable access to surgery services due to poor or missing anesthesia. His desire is to return to his hometown to improve the situation.

