

## RICE



## Kathy & Tim Rice

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### LANGUAGES

French  
Lingala  
Kituba

#### MINISTRY PRIORITY

Health and Wellness

#### BIRTHDAYS

Kathy 8/19  
Tim 7/8



#### LOCATION

Democratic Republic of the Congo



#### ABOUT

KATHY and TIM are jointly appointed by both International Ministries and New City Fellowship in St. Louis, Missouri, to serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Tim is the medical director of Vanga Evangelical Hospital. Kathy is a registered nurse and educator who teaches doctors' children and coordinates

training physicians in hospital administration. The Rices aim to train the next generation of Congolese doctors, nurses, and health administrators in Christ-centered, whole-person care, empowering them to use the limited resources available to restore life and health across the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Mechack Ngombe, one of the Vanga Evangelical Hospital administrators, visits patients and their families in the newly opened malnutrition ward.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

Malnutrition is real. Too real. One widow, Mrs. M., told us of her husband's death in a diamond mine accident in the neighboring country of Angola where he went to earn money to support his family. Now she and her three children are destitute and suffering malnutrition.

In our region in DR Congo, 50 percent of children are suffering from malnutrition. The hospital has had a major influx of severely malnourished children. At this moment, our 74-bed pediatric ward has 140 patients, most of whom are suffering from acute malnutrition.

The causes of malnutrition are as varied as the families who are suffering. One woman recounted that her husband left her for another woman, resulting in severe malnutrition in the family. Many of those seeking treatment for malnutrition are moms raising children alone. Some are homeless and living with relatives.

At Vanga Evangelical Hospital we have converted one of the maternity wards to a malnutrition treatment ward. Here

we stabilize the children with nutritional food and supplements to move them out of immediate danger of death. Then we educate the mamas on how to prevent reoccurrence, utilizing the network of resources available in the community.

Thanks for being a part of this process.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would send co-laborers to work alongside our Congolese partners: specifically, a kindergarten teacher, a financial administrator, and health care workers.

Pray that we would live gracefully with each other and those we partner with.

Pray for a spiritual renewal and vitality in the region, and in our lives as well. Pray that this renewal would have a long lasting, practical impact on the lives of those in this region.

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## SCRIPTURE

*“And he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”*

Luke 9:2 (NIV)