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Growing the Miriam Fountain Nursing School in Vanga



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In the remote, rural villages of Congo, having a midwife deliver a baby can be the difference between a healthy birth or Death.... death of the baby, the mother, or both. That's why we admitted our first class of students last year to the new 3-year midwife training program at the Miriam Fountain nursing school in Vanga.

That's also why we find ourselves in need of raising funds for 2 additional classrooms. We are currently using all 7 of our classrooms the entire school day for the 6045 teaching hours we provide each year. By the time we admit our 3rd year of midwife students a year from

now, we won't have a classroom for them. We'll have to get creative, but the permanent solution is to build more classrooms.

The cost to build one concrete block classroom for 40 students is \$34,000; to add the second will take an additional \$25,000 for a total of \$59,000. Nothing fancy.... plain concrete floor, no restrooms (we have outhouses). But in these humble halls, students can be trained to make a distinct difference in the lives of families in DR Congo.

We have a master site plan which includes the placement of the next two buildings. You can help to make one or both of those buildings a reality.... hopefully soon! A sac of cement costs \$30...and we need lots of them! How many sacs can you buy for this project? Or you can "sponsor a desk" for just \$1000. Please click the "Give" button to buy one or several bags of cement or sponsor a desk, and we'll get the site prepared for construction!

Thanks from the faculty and students of ISTM-Miriam Fountain! — Kathy Rice, RN, MS, Vanga, DR Congo