

March 2014

Thanks/Praise!

- There were lots of small things to be thankful for this month, which aren't necessarily exciting to write in a letter, but it's fun to see things to be thankful for. One example, when ordering HIV medicines from the national program, what we actually receive is always a surprise. This time I'm thankful that we received some liquid medicine for children under three, which we didn't have before, along with the other medicines we needed.
- Yann, the patient who I wrote about last month, was able to leave the hospital. He is walking with crutches and is doing well without the special medicine!
- Elizabeth (right), a 17 year-old friend from North Carolina, was here with me for 2 months. I'm thankful that she had a good experience, and had an uneventful trip home after a difficult journey here.

- The Sunday School building is progressing. During a storm, a long, heavy piece of metal, which marked the level on the water tower, fell on the building. We've ordered the metal roofing, and I'm very thankful that we haven't put up the roof yet, as there would have been major damage. (It doesn't look like much in the picture, but it's so big and heavy I don't know how we are going to move it.)

- I have my tickets to come to the US for home assignment in June, July and August. Home base will be upstate New York.

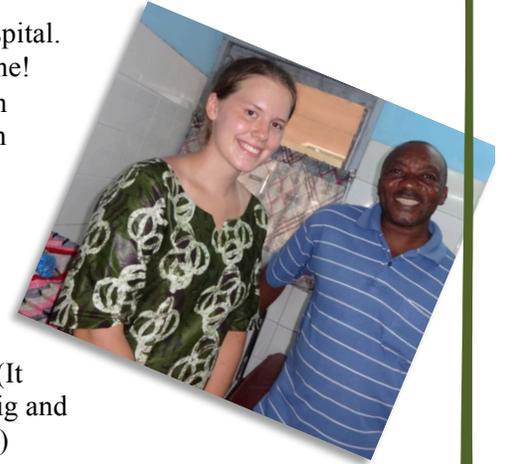
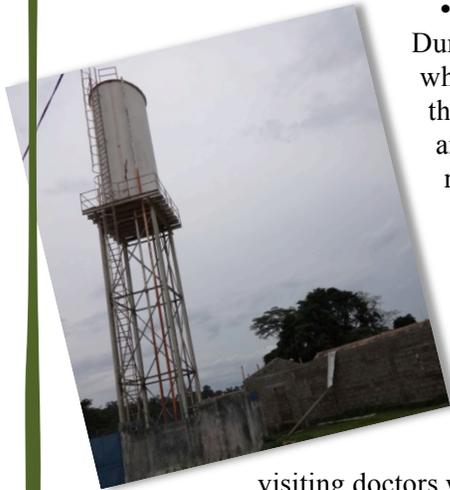
Prayer Requests

Some Home Assignment related prayer requests.

- Pray for the other doctors doing my jobs while I'm gone. One or two visiting doctors would help a lot.
- Transportation while I'm in the US.
- I will take my Pediatric re-certification exam while I'm in the US. Pray for the test and study opportunity. I'm going to wait to take the Internal Medicine exam, hopefully in 2015.
- Continue to pray for help for the lab.
- Pray about at medicine residency program to train African doctors in Internal Medicine. The PAACS program trains African doctors to be much needed surgeons who will stay in Africa. Most African doctors only have 6 months of training after medical school, which really isn't enough. Some other missions hospitals have started a training program for Internal Medicine, but to participate, we would need another doctor to teach with me.
- On April 1, 2014, there will be a special matching gift opportunity sponsored by Fairhaven Church in Ohio. Fairhaven Church will match gifts to Bongolo up to \$100,000. Click on the link below to find out more and to see a short video about the what's going on here at Bongolo.

<http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2014/03/31/bongolo-hospital-matching-gift-challenge/>

Thank you for your prayers.
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