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Praises and Thanks

- **Shekina-** Shekina is a Bible word for God's attribute of inhabiting or dwelling with us. God was certainly with this baby named Shekina, who came almost 2 months early because his mother was very sick. Shekina's lungs weren't ready to breathe yet, and he needed a lot of help, but God was with him, and he went home the day after this picture.



- **Fatima's baby-** One night there were a lot of emergencies in Maternity- a woman was having seizures, another had low blood pressure from a serious infection, Shekina was having trouble breathing, and another baby was having problems all at once. So, I went down to help. Between the patients, I saw that Fatima was in labor. She is from Benin, and follows the majority religion there. I had previously gone to the celebration after the birth of her first son. Fatima seemed to be acting strangely. She was staring at the ceiling with her arms outstretched, saying, "Oh my God." I asked her if something was different than her other delivery, and she said, "Doctor, Pray for me." I was surprised that she wanted me to pray for her, so I confirmed that's what she wanted and prayed in the name of Jesus. Then, I went off to take care of other patients. The next morning, I went to congratulate her on the birth of her son. She was smiling, and was very thankful because the baby came right away after I prayed. I'm thankful that she gives credit to prayer for her safe delivery and that God brought me down to maternity that night.
- **HIV Conference Presentation-** Last week, I was in Libreville where I attended meetings for the national HIV treatment program with other doctors from Gabon and representatives from the World Health Organization and UNAIDS. I gave a presentation, about the activities of our center for 2014. I was nervous about the presentation but thankfully, it went well, and I had safe travel back to Bongolo.
- **Siko and Delphine** have arrived. Siko is lab specialist from Congo who will train lab technicians here for Bongolo, and Delphine, his wife, is a nurse. The lab has been a week spot for hospital, and I am very thankful they are here.

Prayer Requests

- Next week I will attend the national meeting of Alliance Sunday school teachers. I will drive the local delegation to a region of Gabon where I have never been before. Pray for us at the meeting and also for the staff at the hospital during my absence. It's unusual for me to be gone 2 weeks.

Thank you for praying. Blessings,
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