

**September 2016**

**Hello from somewhere on the way to the United States.**

I'm writing this from the Guest House in Libreville on the way to Home Assignment in the US. We passed a record 22 police and military checkpoints on the drive here from Bongolo. The heightened security is because of violence, which occurred mostly in the capital city after the election results were announced. Several people were killed and the parliament building and the national radio and television building were burned. My flights start tomorrow. Pray that the rest of my trip would go smoothly and for peace and stability in Gabon.

**Praises and Answers to Prayers**

-We received some HIV medicines came from the national program.  
-We still don't have one of the two medicines for newborn babies, but we have **finally** received authorization to purchase it, as well as some others to ensure a steady supply for the pregnant women.  
-Lekembi returned. Back in June we started treating patients with Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) as part of a research study. Lekembi is a 20 year old man from Lebamba, and is one of the patients we really wanted to treat, but the day he was supposed to start the medicines, he fled. He finally came back and started treatment three months later, clearly much sicker. Evidently, he was afraid that he wouldn't have money for food to stay in the hospital. Last Saturday, I bought 100 lbs (45kg) of rice and some cases of other food to have available for him and the other three MDR TB patients (pictured) while I'm gone. These four patients at Bongolo are the only four patients currently receiving these medicines in all of Gabon. The first patient is doing well, will be ready to leave the hospital soon, and go home to his son. In the past in Gabon, **all** people with MDR TB died. It was sad for me to watch patients die and not be able to help them. I'm thankful we can help these four.



**Prayer Requests**

- Next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, I'll start speaking in churches about the what God is doing at Bongolo. Pray for me as I continue to prepare and start to speak.  
-Pray for the beginning of the Sunday School year at Bongolo. The start of the Sunday School year is usually tied to the start of the school year, but no one knows when school will start this year, because of the political problems in the country. I have tried to prepare materials for the other teachers in my absence.  
-The current wiring at the hospital can't support the load of electricity, especially while using the generator. We will need to replace the wiring before turning on electricity to the new Eye Care building. This will cost around \$300,000. While we don't know where this is coming from, God does and it's not too much for him.  
- Continue to pray for another long-term primary care doctor.  
-Pray for Bongolo while I'm away. We are short staffed for doctors, especially during the month of October.  
Thank you for praying. Blessings,  
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Home Assignment Schedule: This is my speaking schedule so far. There will be more later.

- October 7-9 Arbuckle Alliance
- October 15-16 Allegheny Center Alliance Church
- October 21-23 Norwin Alliance
- October 28-30 Belle Vernon Gospel Alliance
- November 4-6 Murryville Alliance
- November 29 Combined Pediatric Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Penn State University Hospital Hershey