



**WILL YOU JOIN ...**

**A PRESBYTERIAN MUSTARD SEED PROJECT?**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed..." — Matthew 13:31–32*

**Dear Mission Committee Leader,**

On behalf of the Friends of IMCK, I am reaching out to invite your congregation to join a remarkable effort to sustain one of the most impactful medical mission ministries in our Presbyterian heritage.

More than 70 years ago, Presbyterian missionaries planted a mustard seed of faith in the heart of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. From that beginning grew the **Christian Medical Institute of Kasai (IMCK)**, including **Good Shepherd Hospital**—a respected teaching hospital and medical training center that has become a lifeline of healing and hope for countless families. Today, IMCK stands as one of the leading medical institutions in central Africa.

In recent years, IMCK has faced serious challenges, including the loss of government funding, ongoing conflict in the region, and recurring public health emergencies. In response, a dedicated group of Presbyterians—many of whom served in the Congo, or are children and grandchildren of those who did—have established an **Endowment Fund** to ensure that IMCK's ministry continues for generations to come.

By God's grace, **over \$2,000,000 has already been raised**. Our goal is to grow this to **\$4,000,000** in the next ten years.



## Where your Congregation Can Help

We are seeking **just one or two individuals** in each of our **8,000+ (PCUSA)** congregations who feel called to give **\$300 per year**. This truly is a *small* gift.

- If even **500** mission committees or individuals join us at this level, our long-term sustainability goal will be met.
- The Endowment has already distributed **\$413,000** to support IMCK's work—and the results are **visible, measurable, and transformational**.

This is a **gift that continues to give—year after year—strengthening a mission that literally saves lives and provides a strong Christian witness every day.**

## Staying Connected to the Mission

We understand that people want to *see* the ministry they support. We provide:

- Regular updates and stories of impact
- Photos and reports from IMCK staff and medical students
- Presentations for congregations (in person or via Zoom)
- A firsthand travel report in **2026**, when I return to visit IMCK
- An informational website ([www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org))

If you can identify even **one person** in your congregation with a heart for medical mission—someone who wants their giving to be **meaningful, lasting, and accountable**—I would be honored to speak with them personally.

Thank you for your faithful leadership. May God continue to nurture every mustard seed of mission planted in your congregation—and may we continue this work together.

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