



CHRISTIAN SURGICAL NETWORK

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Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter. We're excited to share some of our most recent achievements and updates with you

The Container Saga Ends Well!

Praise God that our shipping container filled with medical supplies and surgical equipment finally arrived in Bunia, DRC on January 6. Our container left Ark Transportation in Cleveland, Ohio back in August of 2023 and arrived in Mombasa, Kenya a month later. Unfortunately, a paperwork discrepancy requiring correction caused the container to remain in Mombasa for 3 months requiring us to pay demurrage fees of \$10,900. Thanks to our faithful donors, we were able to pay this, and two weeks later the container arrived in Bunia. However, the journey was not over!

Tragically, during the offloading of the container at the home I rent in Bunia, the crane toppled over crushing the fence wall around the compound and significantly damaging the roof of my rented home. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the ordeal. However, even though the responsibility for offloading the container from the truck fell to the owner of the crane, an unfair trial was pronounced against me which forced me to repair the house at a total cost of \$5,358. Thankfully, once again the Lord provided through our generous donors.

Not surprising, these two unexpected and unplanned costs impeded our momentum to start our hospital in a timely fashion. We thank God for His provision for the construction needs and His protection from the power of darkness. Thank you for going above and beyond to help me get the container out of port and repair the house. Your generosity is truly remarkable. Through it all, the most important lesson I am learning is to trust in Jesus always and depend upon His words especially in challenging times. I thank God that both the mountains and valleys of my life are good teachers.



Outer Wall - Fence Repaired



House Repaired



MSP Building Nears Completion!

I want to take a moment to thank all our ministry supporters. Your generosity has allowed us to build Mercy Surgical Polyclinic (MSP). Words cannot express our gratitude for your support to our ministry.

The MSP project is nearing its completion. We still need funds to construct a patient ramp and install a radiology door – both items were placed on hold due to the additional container costs incurred and detailed above.

An additional \$10,000 will need to be raised.

We also praise God for volunteers who are cleaning the building on a regular basis and preparing the building for its new equipment and grand opening.

Our Current Ministry Needs....

- **Installing our equipment:** Please pray that a team of volunteers from Dalton Foundation can come to Bunia to install our equipment from the container.
- **Electricity to launch clinic:** A 30KVA electric generator is needed to supply the building with reliable electricity for both installation and running the hospital. The purchasing, transportation, and customs costs for such a generator would total **\$15,500**.
- **Raising our operational budget:** Our monthly operational budget is **\$6,000**.



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