

On Call June 2010

Dave & Becki Thompson are finishing their 6 month home assignment in Redding, California. They serve as career medical workers with the Alliance at the Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, Africa

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- Heading Back
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Relaxing on a beach in Hawaii !

Dear Friends,

WE'RE HEADING BACK!

Becki and I are winding down our home assignment ministries and packing for our return to Gabon in 3 weeks. Becki's knee surgery went well and she is walking normally again (thank you for praying!). Our speaking ministries went well at Neighborhood Church in Chico, in Redding at The Stirring, at the Cecile and Butler Alliance churches near Pittsburgh, at The Grove Community Church in Riverside, CA, and at Parkside Chapel in Visalia, CA. Thank you all for welcoming us so warmly and praying for us!

If you are from one of those churches, welcome to your first "On Call" newsletter!



Becki with Ron & Suzanne Sutherland, our hosts in Hawaii

Becki and I were able to fly to Hawaii and spend five days there resting and relaxing, thanks to Ron & Suzanne Sutherland. They were wonderful!





RACHAEL UPDATE

Rachael has received approval from the Alliance to return to Bongolo with us for one to two years. She will continue to receive her allowance and health coverage for one more year. The Thelanders have asked Rachael to help home school their two children after they return from home assignment in November, and Rachael plans to work several days a week in the surgical warehouse and help with visitors. She is doing well and recently sent out a newsletter to her supporters explaining her plans.

PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

We are heading back with plans for several new projects, some of which we have been praying about for some time. Will you ask the Father to help us with these needs? In John 16:23, Jesus said to his disciples, "At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name."

- **Backhoe** – Hillside Chapel in Dayton donated \$15,000 for the hospital to purchase a good, used backhoe to maintain its roads and prepare construction sites. Since then, volunteers from Ellensburg and Redding have been scanning auctions online throughout the country. What they've found is that we can only get a 15-20-year-old machine for that price. We continue to pray but have decided to wait for God's leading before purchasing something. Pray that God will provide a 4wd backhoe that's less than 10 years old, has good tires, is made by Caterpillar, (Gabon has a Caterpillar dealer), and funds to ship it.
- **Duplex apartments** – Construction started in April on two new apartments for our residents. Praise God that this project has been fully funded! Pray that work will move forward quickly. It has taken months to dig the foundations by hand.
- **Engineering Ministries International (EMI)** – 12 to 14 engineers, architects, and surveyors will be coming in September to help us develop a 10-year master plan for Bongolo Hospital's development. We will be responsible for the team's in-country travel, food and lodging expenses, and have received half of what that will cost. Pray that God will provide the rest before September.
- **Tearing Down Buildings** – Within the next few months we will be tearing down the original dispensary building to make way for a new outpatient building and emergency department that EMI will be designing.
- **Hospital Radio Programming with TWR** – Trans-World Radio is working with us to provide Christian radio programming in French for the hospital. The project

includes an in-house intercom system for all of the patient rooms and waiting areas. A donor has already provided the \$4,000 needed.

- **PAACS Graduation – (our 6th & 7th graduate surgeons) – Dr. Jean Yaradouno** will graduate next month after five years of surgical training at the PAACS general surgery training program at Bongolo Hospital. His wife Jackie graduated from the Bongolo Nursing School in May, and gave birth to their second daughter, Grace (not pictured) in June. The couple is headed to Hope Clinic, in Guinea, where they will both serve with a multi-national Alliance team. **Dr. Yali Bin Ramazani** will graduate at the same time. He and his wife Eveline are planning to serve at the Kalukembe SIM Hospital in Lubango, Angola.



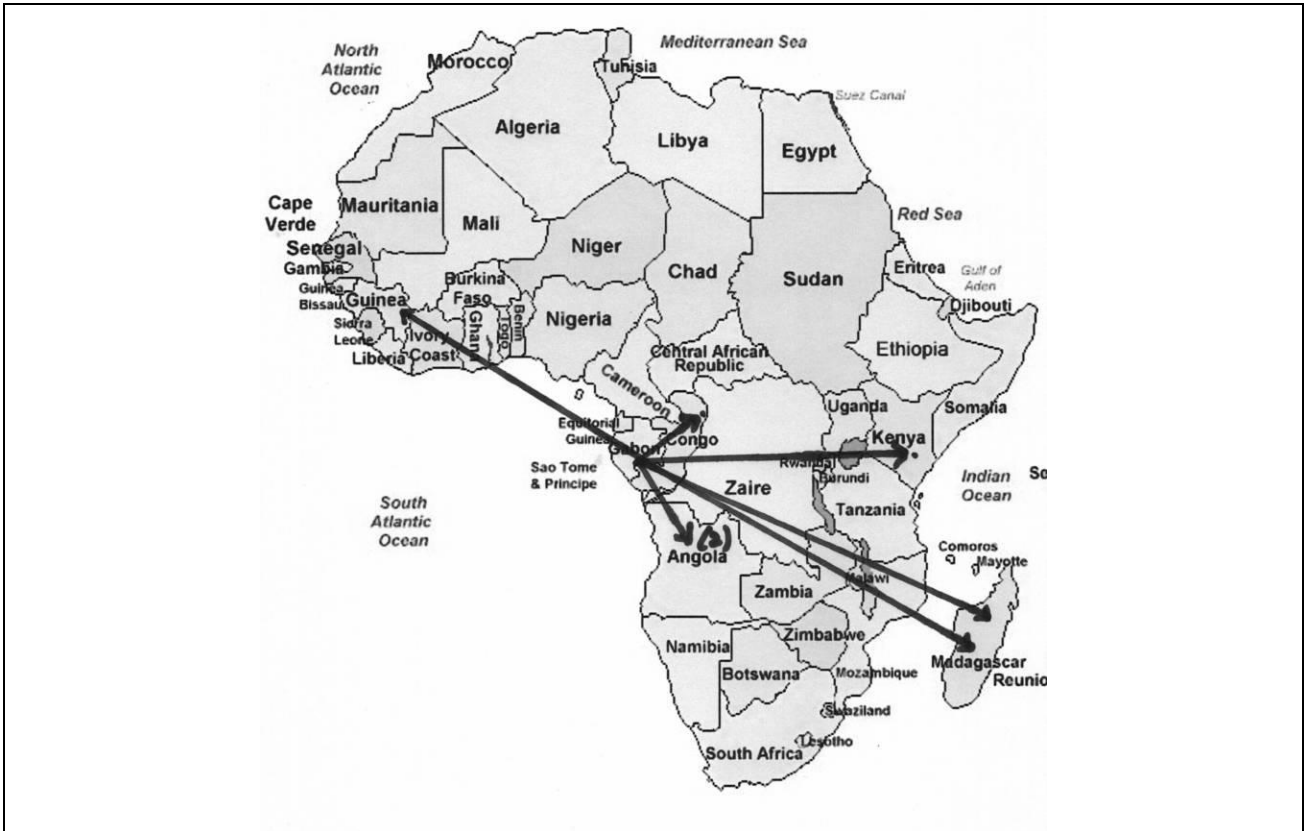
Dr. Jean and Jackie Yaradouno, with Cecile.



Yali and Eveline Ramazani, with Blanche, are heading to Lubango, Angola

- **Our Newest PAACS resident** (not shown) is Dr. Anatole Kipata Nzanzu, from Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will begin his training as a first year resident in August. Pray that God will help him get a passport and a visa to Gabon quickly.

WHERE BONGOLO HOSPITAL'S 7 PAACS GRADUATE SURGEONS ARE SERVING:



OUR DALAT CLASS REUNION



**Ralph & Dorothy Bressler
(TEACHERS AT DALAT)**



DALAT SCHOOL CLASSES OF '66 & '67 – Reunion was June 11-13

Front, L to R: Jane Quick, Faith (Boese) Tieszen, Darlene (Gustafson) Witmer, Bonnie (Persons) Kooy, Phyllis (Shoblem) Nutzman
Back row, L to R: Darrel Wood, Mark Overgaard, Carol (Smalley) Hanna, Dave Thompson, Becki (Mitchell) Thompson, Dan Kerr, Ken Chapman

The Bresslers had a huge impact on our two classes, especially in Dave's life. Their arrival at Dalat School when he was failing 7th grade changed his life.

Our thanks to Mark & Bonnie Overgaard for hosting us at their home in Scotts Valley, CA.!

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- June 23 – 24 – C&MA Board of Directors meeting, Colorado Springs (Dave)
- July 6-10 – Speak at LIFE Conference, Louisville, KY (Dave)
- July 1-12 – Pack up our things and clean house
- July 14 – Arrival in Libreville, Gabon
- July 15 – Shop for food and supplies in Libreville
- July 16 – Drive to Bongolo
- July 17 – Attend the PAACS graduation of two surgeons from Bongolo Hospital
- July 18 – Resume our duties and take over for Keir & Joanna Thelander as they leave for home assignment on July 20.

Thank you, good friends, for supporting us through your giving to the Great Commission Fund of the Alliance, and for your faithful prayers for us and the people we serve! Your prayers make our ministries succeed and open doors for the gospel. Your financial support allows us to serve and take full advantage of the doors God opens. Your love helps us experience the reality of Christ's love and faithfulness and pass it on to others.

Until Jesus Comes,

Dave & Becki Thompson