

Friends of IMCK

Meet the Team at IMCK



Evariste Nkashama Ngandu
Certified Nurse Anesthetist

One of the many success stories at the Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai involves Nurse Anesthetist Evariste Nkashama Ngandu.

Evariste was born in 1992 in Kamuarndo, 27 miles from Kananga in the Central Kasai province. He is the eldest son of Nkashama Ngandu and Ngalula Kenga of the Dibaya territory. Evariste attended primary school at Tshikaji, where IMCK is located. After secondary school, he followed his dream to help people with medical needs by attending the nursing school at IMCK.

Following his graduation in 2013, Evariste served for a year as head nurse at the Carriere de Nganza Health Center, followed by a year in Tshikapa at the Buende Health Center. In 2015, Evariste applied to IMCK to work at the Good Shepherd Hospital. He worked in various departments before being assigned to work in the surgery department as a nurse.

After a year in surgery, he was motivated to advance his career and applied to for a scholarship to attend the anesthetist program at ISTM in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo. This scholarship was funded by the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2020, Evariste graduated as a Certified Nurse Anesthetist and Resuscitator.

When IMCK provides scholarships to people who apply to advance their medical skills, the contracts include both the opportunity and the requirement for the applicant to return to work at IMCK. Evariste gladly returned and now works at the PAX clinic in Kananga. He completed an assigned internship under Anesthetist Joseph Tshimanga, who had previously been his mentor.

Today, Evariste provides vital anesthetist services in the newly built operating room at PAX, supporting the surgical teams who perform such cases as Caesarean sections, appendectomies, herniorrhaphies, and hysterectomies. IMCK Administrator Kastin Katawa reports that Evariste is very gifted and capable of providing anesthesia for small and large cases.



Evariste's successful career is a wonderful example of how IMCK personnel can be promoted to a specialty that brings better service to IMCK. To provide these opportunities, IMCK needs to stabilize the Institute's financial position which is tenuous due to the economic conditions that exist in the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as the inability of many patients to pay for treatment.

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The Friends of IMCK was organized to help sustain the work of the Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai (IMCK) located in Tshikaji, Democratic Republic of Congo. IMCK runs Good Shepherd Hospital, clinics, nutrition centers, and both high school and college-level schools for training nurses, midwives, lab techs, and other health care roles.