



# Friends of IMCK

**Holiday Greetings and Reflections  
from the IMCK Director, Dr. Serge Makolo**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year is coming to an end and a new year is about to begin. Families are joyously preparing to celebrate Christmas. Homes, streets and public squares are illuminated and decorated with twinkling lights and shiny ornaments.

Even as we enjoy the festivity of Christmas and New Year, these holidays are an ideal occasion to step back, slow down our pace, make an assessment and remember that life is a path we share with fellow travelers.

For many of us the holidays are a time of happiness. Others are struggling with heavy burdens of loneliness, illness, stress, or loss of a loved one and the presence and listening of a neighbor, friend or family member is priceless.

This year, as last, celebrations are constrained by the Covid-19 epidemic, forcing us to keep our distance to protect those we love and care about. We may celebrate Christmas in our homes with a few family members or alone. Nevertheless, these precious moments brighten our days with comfort and warmth.

The events of the last three years have created uncertainty and doubt throughout the world. In Africa, Europe and many other countries elsewhere in the world, many people are worried about their jobs, their income and security. But the Holy Scriptures give us hope. Even in the darkest night, there is hope. (Psalm 42:12, Isaiah 40:31).

I am grateful to the many churches and individuals who have supported the Christian Medical Institute of Kasai (IMCK) either through financial donations or gifts of badly needed supplies. I am amazed at the ingenuity of so many in getting critical parts for broken equipment or Covid-19 supplies directed our way.

How are your donations used? I am listing a few examples below. I think you will understand how critical your donations are.

- We bought a water pump, a compressor for the dental clinic, new batteries and lamps for the solar lamps at PAX, new tires for our vehicle, a colposcope, a hematocrit machine, PPE for Covid protection and new gowns for nurses.
- We received donated N95 masks and a controller for the oxygen generator.
- Needy students received scholarships for their studies.
- Donations provided care for indigent patients.
- We have been able to maintain the hydroelectric facility.

We continue to find comfort and hope inspired by your kindness and generosity. The challenges are immense but we will remain steadfast through this crisis.

We are hopeful we will be able to see each other again soon without constraints. This festive period is an opportunity for special attention to the most fragile in our society and for those who surround them with care and dedication so they can live with dignity.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. May God bless you and fill you with hope.

Dr. Serge Makolo  
Director of IMCK

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Please consider supporting the IMCK Endowment Fund which provides vital supplies to IMCK and changes the lives of the patients being served. Your generous gift will be a blessing to others and yourself. Thank you!

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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, and both high school and college level schools for training nurses, midwives, lab techs and other healthcare roles. Find out more about IMCK at: [www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org)**



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