The Democratic Republic of Congo, a country with a population of over 70 million people, straddles the equator in Africa and has a per capita income of about $704/year (IMF). The average literacy rate is 61.2%, although disproportionately male over female (UNICEF). The child mortality rate (under age 5) is over 14.6% (UNICEF report). The high rate is attributed to many factors such as disease, food insecurity, malnutrition and war.

IMCK is a leading referral hospital for the Kasai region in central Congo. IMCK also holds the reputation as one of the best institutions for training physicians, nurses, lab techs and other health leaders in DR Congo.

**For more information** about IMCK, visit [www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org) or [http://youtu.be/1WkZ0fDzI](http://youtu.be/1WkZ0fDzI).

**To give on line** to the IMCK Endowment, go to [https://mbfoundation.org/friends-imck-endowment-fund/](https://mbfoundation.org/friends-imck-endowment-fund/).

**To give by mail**, make checks payable to MBF/FIMCK. Mail to: MBF/FIMCK, PO Box 96877, Washington, DC 20090. Write “Friends of IMCK Endowment” on memo line.

### Public Health Services:
- The Good Shepherd Hospital at Tshikaji serves as the referral center for the government administered public health zone surrounding Tshikaji.
- In the past year, the hospital and PAX clinic together tested 742 people for HIV/AIDS. 2% were positive and 2% were inconclusive, requiring later re-testing. Positive cases are under treatment.

### Nutrition and Rehabilitation Center:
- In all IMCK child service programs, children are screened for malnutrition. At risk children are referred to this center.
- This rehabilitation service requires a family member to attend the program, learn about nutrition, and participate in gardening and food preparation.
- The moringa tree project teaches how to use this fast growing tree as a protein supplement.

### Christian Services:
- Evangelism witness.
- Tshikaji Station Church has campus worship services & active membership.
- Pastors care for and counsel students, staff and patients.
- A new IMCK Chapel, The Founders Chapel, was recently dedicated.
- Chapel services include weekday services for students, weekday services for staff, and services for patients.
The Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai (IMCK) is a medical complex in south-central Congo sponsored by the Congo Presbyterian Community (CPC), the Congo Mennonite Community (CMCO), the Presbyterian Church of the USA (PCUSA), and Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF). They also partner with Christoffel Blinden Mission, Germany (CBM); Friends of IMCK (FIMCK); IMA World Health; Medics Without Vacations, Belgium; Rivers of the World (ROW); SANRU, DCR; St Louis University; and many individual churches.

IMCK serves the people of Kananga, a city with over one million people, emphasizing professional excellence and Christian witness.

**IMCK HAS THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES:**

**Good Shepherd Hospital:**
- 144 bed capacity.
- Physicians provide services in family practice, internal medicine, surgery, OB/GYN and pediatrics.
- Diagnostic lab, X-Ray, ultrasound, and pharmacy provided.
- Provides cervical cancer radium treatments, surgeries to repair vesico-vaginal fistulas, and family planning services.
- 317 maternity admissions and 6,077 outpatient registrations in past year.
- Emergency room and outpatient service.
- Needy patients are served.

**PAX Clinic in downtown Kananga:**
- 21,465 patient registrations seen in past year.
- 31-bed maternity unit served 599 women.
- Multiple clinics and services include internal medicine, ophthalmology, dentistry, OB/GYN, diabetes, well baby clinic, ENT, pediatrics, HIV/AIDS, surgery, & emergency room.
- Diagnostic lab, x-ray, ultrasound, and pharmacy.

**Training in four different programs:**
- **ITM-Nursing and Lab:** This four year high school, offering training for men and women as nurses or lab technicians, is ranked as one of the best in the country. The nursing curriculum has a public health emphasis and graduates about 15 students/year. The lab technician program is one of only a few in the country & graduates about 5 students/year.
- **ISTM College Degree Program:** This is a new college with three majors: midwifery, pediatric nursing and health administration. The student body has quickly exploded to over 360 students enrolled annually. Dorms, books, scholarships and an information technology lab are greatly needed.
- **Medical students** from three medical schools live on campus and serve their last year of study at IMCK. The 30 plus students per year need housing and teaching supplies.
- **Physician residency program in Family Practice:** This program is coordinated with the medical schools of the Protestant University of Congo, Kinshasa, & the University of Limpopo in Medunsa, South Africa. Three to five residents are annually in this program and conduct research.

**To help support the medical services and education programs of IMCK, an endowment program has been established by Friends of IMCK, working though the Medical Benevolence Foundation, located in Houston, Texas. Donations welcome!**