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“The Lord is far from the wicked,  
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.”

**Proverbs 15:29 (ESV)**



**March 19th, 2025**



PAACS residents with their new books

## Swords with Their Scalpels

Thanks to our donors, a new group of future missionary surgeons in Africa received book sets at the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons' 2025 training conference in Kenya. **Eleven francophone first-year surgical residents were "very excited"** about these resources, which include the French translations of the *Africa Study Bible*, *African Christian Ethics*, *How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?*, *The Illustrated Guide to World Religions*, and an SD card of **130 books**. Please pray for these rising community leaders as they undergo intensive professional and spiritual training in preparation for a life of ministry.

[Read More about Our "More Than Surgery" Project Here!](#)



*UCD distributing food to 54 women survivors of crimes against humanity who are beneficiaries of a psychosocial assistance program, February 2025*

### Bibles for Women Survivors

SF partner Olivier Byamungu of the Union des Chrétiens pour le Développement (UCD) requested Bibles from SF. The Bibles are for the women he is helping through trauma suffered during the militia group M23's takeover of Goma, DRC. The Bibles have not been delivered yet because of continued unrest. Please pray that the Bibles reach the hands of these women and that they experience healing, especially through the Word of God.

**Read More about Our “Bible Distribution” Project Here!**



*David Langford's colleague Pastor Lomago preaching at a village church*

## No Longer Under a Curse

SF partner David Langford finished his classes with theological students in Dungu, then flew to Bunia with Mission Aviation Fellowship last Thursday for two weeks of seminars and meetings. He returns home from the DRC March 22nd. David interviewed each of his students to hear their stories. Jean Paul had an alcoholic mother who died when he was a teenager. A family member pronounced that no one would finish high school; believing this curse, Jean Paul left before completing his education. **In 2013, he heard the Gospel and realized he no longer needed to live under the curse.** He earned his high school diploma, received evangelism training from Samaritan's Purse, and wanted to be on a missions team to help renew churches. Please pray for David, students like Jean Paul, and for the DRC as a whole in the midst of recent upheaval.

**Catch a Glimpse of One Church's Musical Welcome!**



*Former board president Lynn Lockwood making a presentation to retiring board president Tom Rice at the SF board conference, August 2022*

### Cancer Diagnosis

Tom Rice, former long-time president of the SF board, was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He is hopeful of a good outcome. Tom asks us to pray that throughout this new phase of his life's journey, he will bear a strong testimony to his Lord who is his beacon of hope, and that he will be a strong witness to God's past and future faithfulness. Please also pray for strength and boldness for his wife, Sue. We invite you to uphold these servants of God in prayer.

**Thank you for your prayers. May you take heart knowing God hears!**



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