

How You Can Help

- ✓ **Give** as an individual or a group. Consider giving with your family, Sunday school class, or home school group.
- ✓ **Pray** for missionary surgeons as they seek to heal bodies and hearts through Christ.

Books Make a Difference

Books are very difficult to find in francophone Africa, and those available are expensive. Internet access is generally scarce and unaffordable. Having books in French would help surgeons like Drs. Nigo and Ebhele in their own spiritual enrichment and discipling activities. Right now, when they read a resource in English, they must relay the content to their students in French. The provision of biblical books in French would greatly enhance the ministry of these and other surgeons, empowering them to more effectively reach their communities. They look forward with gratitude to what God will do in their own ministries and through this SF project.



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More Than Surgery

Provide biblical tools for African missionary surgeons



Unsung Heros

The Need

About the Project

Missionary surgeons are not rich, especially in Africa! SF partner, the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS), trains surgeons to perform surgery *and* to become missionaries and spiritual leaders of character.

But they lack books. Provide the spiritual “sword” to go with the scalpel by giving each French-speaking surgeon a biblical resource pack. SF is looking to raise \$10,000 to equip 30 French-speaking African missionary surgeons and residents.



Many servants of God faithfully toil without much recognition, praise, or earthly support. Surgeons **Dr. Jacques Ebhele** (right) and **Dr. Samy Nigo** (left), both working at a mission hospital in Bunia, DRC, are two such unsung heroes. Their journeys to their current place of service are long and filled with examples of God’s guiding hand. Both doctors were raised in devout Christian homes and were involved in their local churches from childhood.

They exemplify Christlike behavior and service to their colleagues and are frequently approached for spiritual advice. Both give devotional messages at the daily hospital service. Dr. Ebhele preaches once or twice a month in his church. Dr. Nigo serves as administrator of his church’s choir. Both lecture at a local Christian medical school and are involved in discipling students.

Working at a mission hospital in the DRC presents many challenges. Civil unrest surrounds Bunia. The two operating rooms lack surgical lighting and anesthesia machines. They struggle to get basic supplies such as sutures and bandages. Sometimes they must cancel surgeries due to the lack of equipment. The hospital workers need more training. Drs. Nigo and Ebhele teach skills as they can, on top of their tremendous workloads. **Only four surgeons in their area serve a population of about 1 million, a 1:250,000 ratio compared to a 1:1,800 ratio in the US.** They are overwhelmed and chronically overworked. Dr. Nigo is paid a very modest salary and can only arrange occasional financial compensation for Dr. Ebhele whose family is living on savings. When the funds run out, Dr. Ebhele says he looks to the Lord to provide.

Despite many obstacles, both men are committed to staying in the DRC to provide good surgical care. They see their work as a mission field. Every encounter with a patient is an opportunity to share the Gospel because patients bring their spiritual needs to the hospital, too.

For the full story read “[Unsung Heroes: The Sacrifices Made by African Missionary Surgeons](#)” on our website.



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