

Paul Carlson Partnership

ADVANCING IN HOLISTIC GOSPEL MINISTRY

2021-2022 Highlights of the Year

- Fall 2021—Malnutrition initiative launched
- September 2021—Paul Carlson Partnership returned to DR Congo after a 2-year absence due to COVID-19
- October 2021—Medical Ambassadors conducted training with Congolese medical professionals in DR Congo
- October 2021—Biking for Congo raised nearly \$40K for medical ministry
- November 2021—Medical Ambassadors held virtual retreat with Congolese partners
- December 2021—Karawa Coffee Project completed first 4 years, celebrated establishment of official coffee cooperative business, FUPROCAF
- December 2021—Ten bridges completed and opened for safe vehicle passage between Bogose
 Nubea and Karawa
- March 2022—Medical Ambassadors attended in-person retreat in Chicago
- March 2022—FUPROCAF held inaugural General Assembly
- Spring 2022—Malnutrition Stabilization Center built
- Spring 2022—Nearly \$100K raised for Karawa Pharmacy Fire Relief

UCARE4CONGO: PARTNERING IN HOLISTIC HEALTHCARE

The medical ministry of the Covenant Church of Congo includes 5 hospitals, over 120 clinics, clean water sources near clinics, two nursing schools, and the PCP Medical Ambassadors program.

- Virtual Medical Ambassador Retreat in November 2021 broadened the interest and involvement of health care professionals with the Medical Ambassadors by an additional 7 professionals.
- Two Medical Ambassador Resource Groups, which include Congolese medical professionals, are creating new curriculum for the growing problems of Malnutrition and Diabetes/Hypertension. An estimated 2,000 children per year arrive at Karawa Hospital in the most severe category of

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malnutrition. New cases of Diabetes have grown by nearly 100% in past 5 years and Hypertension has grown by over 50% in the same time span.

- Karawa Hospital Malnutrition Stabilization Center was built in conjunction with funding from The Protein Foundation of Maine.
- As of March 2022, \$98,632 has been raised (goal: \$100,000) to restore the Karawa Hospital Pharmacy after a devastating lightning strike fire in July 2021.



Malnutrition Stabilization Center under construction in Karawa

BIKING FOR CONGO! JOIN THE CHALLENGE TO RAISE SUPPORT FOR UCARE4CONGO!

Do you know that some people in DR Congo travel over 50 kilometers (31 miles) on a bicycle to a hospital, while sick or injured? And what's even harder to believe is that when they arrive at the hospital, limited medicines, clean water, and medical training often prevent a person from getting better. People in DR Congo face many challenges when they need medical care, but there is a way you can help. **Paul Carlson Partnership invites you to join the October 2022 Biking for Congo Challenge** as a fun way for you to use your bike or stationary bike to raise support for the Covenant Church of Congo healthcare system: <u>UCare4Congo.</u> The 2021 goal was \$50,000 and the total raised was \$37,163.



Highrock Acton Covenant Church - Biking for Congo Challenge 2021

KARAWA COFFEE PROJECT

Paul Carlson Partnership (PCP), the Covenant Church of Congo, and Café Africa are grateful to share with our ministry partners that since 2017, this three-way partnership—<u>the Karawa Coffee Project</u>—has succeeded by the grace and provision of God and that an official ceremony was held on December 20, 2021 celebrating the completion of the 4-year foundational project. Now, it's on to next steps! This year coffee producers are developing the newly formed cooperative: FUPROCAF—Federation de l'Ubangi des Producteurs de Café (the Ubangi Federation of Coffee Producers). This is the official coffee cooperative business registered in DR Congo. Harvest is 250-300 metric tons in 2022 and will grow exponentially with each consecutive year. When 1,000 metric tons is reached (projected 2024/25), FUPROCAF will be among the top 10% of coffee producing entities in DR Congo. Everybody's Coffee in Chicago is storing, roasting, and shipping Karawa coffee directly to you. This year's 2022 shipment should be available in early summer. Thank you for investing in DR Congo!



FUPROCAF Leaders

BRIDGES

PCP works alongside Congolese engineers and Hope International Development Agency for the crucial infrastructure component of bridge building and repair. The ten bridges crossing over the Nguya River near Bogose Nubea Hospital were opened to vehicle traffic in December 2021, re-establishing connection to the Karawa area after 30 years of separation. PCP is working alongside our Congolese partners in strategic planning to prioritize next bridge building and repair projects to start in 2022.



Completed bridges (walkway will be removed)

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