



## Paul Carlson Partnership

TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS IN AFRICA AND BEYOND, JOURNEYING FAITHFULLY FORWARD  
IN CREATING SOLUTIONS THAT ENDURE OVER TIME AND THROUGHOUT GENERATIONS

### 2023–2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- **September 2023**—PCP welcomed Phil Ditto as director of international medical and health programs.
- **September 2023**—Paul Carlson Partnership Medical Ambassadors traveled to Congo with a Indigenous People’s Technology and Education Center (ITEC) dental team to bring training.
- **October 2023**—Biking for Congo raised over \$39,126 for the Covenant Church of Congo medical ministry.
- **November 2023**—President Tammy Swanson-Draheim traveled to Congo with Renée Hale, Grace Shim, and other Serve Globally personnel for the 100th anniversary of gospel engagement in Karawa.
- **November 2023**—Paul Carlson Partnership’s Childhood Malnutrition Fund was the featured gift for the Covenant’s Giving Tuesday Campaign. Our goal was \$5,000. Donors gave over \$18,500!
- **January 2024**—Paul Carlson Partnership held a luncheon at Midwinter featuring guest speaker and Medical Ambassador Julie Malyon, RN.
- **February 2024**—Phil Ditto led Medical Ambassadors in three online modules to share, explain, and update attendees on Medical Ambassadors’ approach to ministry and activities.
- **March 2024**—Renée Hale, executive director, presented Paul Carlson Partnership report at Covenant Executive Board.
- **April 2024**—Medical Ambassadors held in-person retreat at Covenant Harbor.
- **May 2024**—Paul Carlson Partnership semiannual Board of Directors meeting in Chicago. Rev. President Théophile Duale and wife, Josephine, of the Covenant Church of Congo were in attendance.



**Trip to DR Congo with President Tammy Swason-Draheim for the 100th celebration of gospel ministry in Karawa**

November 14–22, 2023, was a great adventure, celebration, and partnership affirmation as President Tammy Swason-Draheim traveled to DR Congo along with other Serve Globally personnel to participate in this grand celebration. Writings in the *Companion*, *CovChurch Now*, and Tammy’s in-person address at Midwinter 2024 communicated many elements of this trip.



**Stabilization Center in Loko under Construction**

A second malnutrition center is currently being constructed in Loko. Funding for this project was secured by a grant issued from the Protein Foundation in Maine. PCP, with the help of Dr. Eric Gunnoe, submitted its 2024 grant application to the Protein Foundation in April.



**PCP Midwinter Luncheon with Julie Malyon, RN**

PCP’s Midwinter luncheon included keynote speaker Julie Malyon, RN. Julie shared her experiences in DR Congo as a Medical Ambassador and long-term volunteer with PCP. Her detailed and passionate presentation inspired us all! Our Chicago coffee partners, Everybody’s Coffee, were present and brought fresh brewed coffee and sample bags of Karawa Coffee for everyone.



### **Container Shipment of Durable Medical Equipment Arrived in Karawa**

PCP has persevered since 2018 in securing funds, durable medical equipment, a reputable shipping company, a container, and a feasible process to provide a major shipment of modern medical diagnostic equipment to the CEUM hospitals. The container was shipped in November 2023 and finally arrived in Karawa on April 13, 2024. The medical equipment will now be distributed among the CEUM health zones. Because the equipment draws significant power, current plans are underway to help bolster the solar power at each facility. Thank you to many generous donors who made this shipment possible!



### **Join the 2024 Biking for Congo Challenge this October!**

The Biking for Congo Challenge is Paul Carlson Partnership's annual peer-to-peer fundraising event to support healthcare in DR Congo. Join our collective effort to raise \$50,000 to train healthcare workers, improve access to clean water in remote villages, provide regular medicines and supplies, and care for those who can't afford medical care. Learn more about how to join today by scanning the QR code or visiting [paulcarlson.org/biking4congo](http://paulcarlson.org/biking4congo).





### **FUPROCAF Coffee Cooperative: Hope for Families**

In economic development, FUPROCAF (formerly the Karawa Coffee Project) is poised to enter the global economy in coffee trade within 24 months. Café Africa and Sopagri (global trade education, processes, and export) have re-engaged with FUPROCAF's 2,000-plus coffee producers to work toward that end. Everybody's Coffee in Chicago distributes Karawa Coffee directly to you! Order at [roaster.everybodyscoffee.com/karawa.html](http://roaster.everybodyscoffee.com/karawa.html).



### **Bridges—Celebration and Strategic Plans**

Bridge building and repair continue with our partner Hope International Development Agency. This year the focus is on evaluating and repairing bridges along the Gemena–Karawa route. There is a list of priority locations to continue bridge building over the next several years.

### **PCP TEAM**

Renée Hale, Executive Director

Phil Ditto, Director  
of International Medical  
and Health Programs

Rebecca Dangel, Director of Partner  
Communications

Robert Anderson, Partner Engagement  
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