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Dear Friends ,

### CME 2009 Annual Report

In this letter we summarize the 2009 Annual Report which CME recently issued together with an update on our building fund and schools project.

CME has as its core the following values: love and compassion; truth; unity; the desire to learn. Its objectives are: to show the love of Jesus Christ through its work; to provide quality medical care; to train medical personnel; to provide community development projects.

285 people work at CME of which 223 are in the 3 hospitals: 75 at Beni, 72 at Nyankunde and 76 at Bunia.



The CME 2009 audit has been completed and showed gross receipts of \$1.3M and a small surplus of \$14,000. The DRC remains among the worlds' poorest countries and so many patients are unable to pay for their medical care. Many of the nursing students cannot afford the modest fees for their training. CME receives no DRC government support and so remains heavily dependent on overseas support. Of the \$1.3M of receipts, \$267,000 came from overseas donations and of this \$25,000 came from Friends of CME Trust to support the poorest patients and malnourished children such as this little girl in Nyankunde (photo left).

The major donor to CME is Tearfund Holland – supporting poor patients and HIV/AIDs work. In addition to the \$25,000 Friends of CME Trust gave to support the poorest patients, we also gave \$38,000 for the construction of the intensive care unit in Beni, \$5,000 for orphans in Beni, \$17,000 for the Nyankunde schools and various other gifts in excess of \$10,000.

In terms of its objectives, during the year:

- there were over 15,000 requests for prayer, 888 people who became Christians and 101 miraculous healings. 4,000 people received free medical care as a result of overseas donations including the \$25,000 from Friends of CME Trust.
- The hospital provided 256 beds (80 at Beni, 103 at Nyankunde and 73 at Bunia); consulted 14,000 pregnant women and saw 2,700 children born; consulted 12,000 other patients; hospitalized 12,000 and performed 6,700 operations. Dental, physio and various other services were also provided. This photo (right) shows Chris Philips, a British physiotherapist, treated a badly burned patient.



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- 78 students attended the nursing school at Nyankunde (IEM) of which 45 received financial help from overseas. The pass rate in exams was 90%. 288 students attended the CME University (ISTM) and 95% of the final year students graduated (shown, right, at their ceremony).
- In community development and primary health care, HIV/AIDs is a main focus: CME has run seminars for 30,000 people; taken part in nearly 200 radio broadcasts and 25 film showings and also run music concerts.



## Hospital Site Rebuilding

CME has continued to rebuild its 3 hospital sites. In Nyankunde (photo right), Samaritans Purse are helping with the renovations.



In Bunia (photo left) this maternity is under construction.

At Beni (photo bottom right), we have funded the construction of new operating theatre and intensive care buildings, shown here. We need another £15,000 to complete the maternity and then allow the re-location of the

hospital. In July, about 100 people are doing a Triathlon to raise money for the maternity. If you would like to sponsor this fundraiser, please get in touch. Thank you to those who have helped already with giving towards these buildings.



## Nyankunde Schools

The schools at Nyankunde continue to function. In March, the 232 teachers received nearly \$9,880 between them - an average salary of \$43 each. This was a combination of money from the DRC government and funds from us. As mentioned last time, we can continue this funding at least until the end of this year thanks to our supporters.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in our work. More information is on our website at [www.friendsofcme.com](http://www.friendsofcme.com). We hope you find this quarterly update useful, but should you wish to unsubscribe, please email to tell us so at: [info@friendsofcme.com](mailto:info@friendsofcme.com).

Best wishes,

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(On behalf of the Trustees)