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Dear friends,

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In the 9 months to September 2015, Nyankunde hospital has cared for 5,243 hospitalised patients, consulted 6,248 outpatients plus a further 2,849 ante-natal consultations. In addition, there were 828 births and 2,437 patients receiving physiotherapy. The most prevalent illnesses are malaria, anemia, diarrhea, respiratory infections and malnutrition. CME also treated 5 women who were the victims of sexual violence. 1,226 of the patients hospitalised were children. There were 1,060 operations performed at Nyankunde in the past 9 months of which 2/3 were major operations. Nearly a third of the operations were emergencies.



The photos show a ward and the maternity at Nyankunde in August this year. The visitors are a Swiss family who used to work at Nyankunde. They are now involved particularly in CEMADEF

We are thankful to God that Nyankunde has been spared further insecurity this past year although the general situation in north-east DRC continues to be volatile. CME's site in Beni has been much less stable with regular looting and shooting by militia. The four buildings we have helped build are well used and in fact are insufficient to meet the demands. For example, the photo below shows the ante-natal room where women come but which, due to the maternity ward being over crowded, has had to be used as an overflow ward. The picture on the right shows the need for steps up to the maternity ward which were left off the original construction!



We received news of two recent challenges for the doctors and nurses at Beni. The first was a pregnant lady with a tumor in her leg. Because of her pregnancy the tumor couldn't be treated until after the labour. The picture on the left shows her with her baby and after the operation on her leg. She is now walking with a stick. The second story was of a motorbike accident during which a young mother's

clothes became entangled in the wheel of the motor bike. She had her first born as well as her baby called Hope on the bike with her. Unfortunately, Hope fell and was dragged for a while behind the bike and lost his leg. The CME staff tried to re-attach the leg but sadly it wouldn't heal. On the right is the mum and her baby



For two years we have mentioned the new micro-credit project at Nyankunde that we have started to partner with Cemadef. This is growing dramatically with 1,300 women now involved. Small loans are provided which enable women to start small scale projects that generate income. For example this year, the women have been able to create a group to hire a lorry to take mangoes to the market where they obtain a better price than when they were sold individually and locally. The income brings them economic independence from which they can pay their children's school fees and medical costs. The debt recovery rate remains at 98%. Cemadef also runs education programs for the women on sanitation, food, women's rights and conflict resolution. The pictures show some results of the project.



During the year, we have continued to support orphans at Nyankunde who reach their final stage of schooling. There are now over 9,500 children in the Nyankunde schools that we helped re-start several years ago. 229 of them were orphan finalists last year and we paid the \$2000 of fees to enable them to take their exams. Without this help, many of the orphans would not have been able to do this since their adoptive parents had no funds to pay the fees. The picture below shows the students waiting to take their exams.



Thank you as ever for your interest in our work and your concern for the people of north eastern DRC.

Sincerely, in Christ's service

Chris Almond
For the Trustees