

# Volunteers in Mission Teams

## To North Katanga—Information Sheet

# 2014

*"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill... By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven." —Matthew 5: 14-16 (The Message)*

### February 12 – 22, 2014—Mission Team to the Kamina Children's Home

Go and make a difference in a child's life! Are you called to serve and share the love of Jesus Christ with others? A team is forming to serve the Kamina Children's Home. Arriving in the DRC, you will fly on the Wings of the Morning Cessna Caravan with pilot Gaston Ntambo into Kamina. Once you arrive in Kamina, get ready to spend time with orphaned children and youth who live at the Kamina Children's Home. The team will lead enrichment activities; have fun playing and interacting with them; work alongside of them to improve their own living quarters; worship with them at their United Methodist congregation; and work with the staff at the Kamina Children's Home.

**Team Leader:** Nancy Grandstaff (member at Powell UMC) [gobridge@mac.com](mailto:gobridge@mac.com)

**Cost:** \$3800, includes airfare, in-country arrangements and insurance.

\$1200 due November 30, 2013; \$1500 due December 31, 2013; \$1100 due January 30, 2014

**Registration Deadline:** November 30, 2013

### June 7 – 21, 2014—Medical Mission Team to Kamina and Kabulo

Be a part of West Ohio's first medical team to the North Katanga Conference! We are specifically looking for family doctors, pediatricians, OB/GYNs, surgeons and nurses interested in working alongside of medical personnel in the North Katanga Conference. The team will work with North Katanga medical personnel to provide medical care in the community. We have also been invited by the doctors to lead training in order to increase their skill in providing ongoing medical care. The team is also open to 2 clergy who would have an opportunity to pray with people and provide a pastoral presence alongside North Katanga clergy.

**Team Leader:** Kevin Bowers (member at Christ UMC, Kettering) 937-848-6804 or [ktboo7hiker@yahoo.com](mailto:ktboo7hiker@yahoo.com)

**Cost:** \$3800, includes airfare, in country arrangements and insurance. \$1200, is due with registration

**Registration Deadline:** March 30, 2014

### August 4-18, 2014—Training Team to Kamina and Kabongo

We have been invited to provide training in the areas of clergy leadership and spiritual formation for children (particularly as it relates to youth at the Kamina Children's Home). Team members will not only have an opportunity to lead training, but also be a part of a learning community with North Katanga leaders. Because this is a training team, we will develop a process that insures we have a strong team of people who can develop and lead quality training. If you are interested in being a member of this team, please contact the team leader. An informational meeting will be scheduled during the month of January to learn what our partners expect and the process for developing the training sessions.

**Team Leader:** The Rev. David Hoffman (pastor at Epworth UMC, Marion) 614-949-7570 or [dhoffman@epworthumc.org](mailto:dhoffman@epworthumc.org)

**Cost:** \$3800, includes airfare, in country arrangements and insurance.

**Registration Deadline:** March 30, 2014



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## North Katanga—Registration Form



Name as it appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Congregation and District: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Issue Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Please check which mission team you would like to participate on:

☐ February 2014 Orphanage Team

☐ June 2014 Medical Team

Please indicate your area of medical practice: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ August 2014 Training Team

*I understand that I am responsible for submitting the remaining payments in a timely manner and will take responsibility for obtaining required and necessary vaccinations. I also understand that I will be representing the West Ohio Conference and agree to generously share the light of Jesus Christ with all.*

Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Send registration form with a \$1200 check made payable to West Ohio to:**

**West Ohio Conference, c/o Dee Stickley-Miner,  
32 Wesley Blvd,  
Worthington OH 43085**

*For more information—[dstickley@WOCUMC.org](mailto:dstickley@WOCUMC.org) or (614) 844-6400*

### General Information for all North Katanga Mission Teams:

- A passport is required for each team member and must not expire less than six months from your return date.
- Vaccinations and anti-malarial medication will be required.  
**Go to the CDC to learn more:** <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/democratic-republic-of-congo>
- People participating on VIM teams to the Congo should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances. Housing will be provided in United Methodist guest houses that do not always have access to electricity or running water, but are clean and comfortable. North Katanga leaders take the safety and well-being of VIM teams very seriously.
- High temperatures will range from the low 80's to the upper 90's during the day and cools down considerably during the evenings.
- In addition to personal costs, team members will be responsible for raising supplies and/or funds to support the specific mission of their team.