## In recent years U.S. partners have raised funds to:

- support trauma healing programs in the Eastern Congo,
- support mission co-workers in the Congo,
- bring Congolese visitors to the U.S. and Americans to the Congo,
- help Congolese educators travel to work together and attend conferences,
- build a girls' school and several other schools,
- repair and improve school, church and hospital buildings,
- buy textbooks for children,
- provide scholarships for children, university and medical students,
- create an internet cafe,
- provide medical and administrative support and an endowment for the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai (IMCK) and other hospitals,
- buy mattresses and other supplies for hospitals,
- support programs for women, orphans and vulnerable children
- buy machines for sewing cooperatives,
- operate a sewing school for single mothers.



Members of the Advocacy Committee of LOPC's Congo Team who met with Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA) and a member of Sen. Kamala Harris's staff.

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## A Brief History of Presbyterians in the Congo

In 1891 the American Presbyterian Congo Mission was established in the Congo by the Revs. William Sheppard and Samuel Lapsley. At that time the country was brutally ruled by Belgium's King Leopold II, but later it became a colony of the Belgian state. In 1959 the Presbyterian churches in the Congo became autonomous, and the country gained independence from Belgium in 1960. Since 1891 Congolese and American Presbyterians have established many churches, schools, hospitals and community development projects in the country.



The Presbyterian Community in the Congo (CPC) is located in the south central part of the country around the cities of Mbuji Mayi and Kananga. The Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) is located in and around the capital city, Kinshasa. The CPC and CPK partner with the PCUSA.

## PARTNERS IN MISSION

The Congo Mission Network is made up of individuals, local congregations, presbyteries, and other U.S. groups who are working with the PC(USA)'s three Congo partners, the CPC, the CPK and the Church of Christ in the Congo, an ecumenical organization comprised of 62 Protestant churches in the Congo, including the CPC and CPK.

Congo Mission Network partners engage in action through prayer, advocacy for the Congo within the church, the U.S. and Congolese governments and the U.N., and fundraising for evangelism, education, trauma healing, development and health care.







Through its annual meetings and regular interactions with Congolese partners, the CMN provides opportunities to learn about partnership in mission: how to listen to each other, work together and hold each other accountable, and how to tell the story of the Congo effectively.



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