



Dunn's Do'ins Congo MPH Mission



All Things Made New

Fifty years ago, in 1968, the Methodist Presbyterian Hostel (MPH) was founded to serve the Church by providing room and board for the children whose parents were serving God and the Congolese people in various parts of the country as missionaries. Over the years, MPH has gone through a few transformations, all the while remaining devoted to its original design. MPH has become the only remaining Protestant guesthouse in Kinshasa. For the past eight years, Cindy and I have strived to improve the MPH Guesthouse thereby creating a safe “oasis” amidst the chaos of the grand city of Kinshasa. Many of the improvements have included training the staff to prepare a comfortable place for the guests, with clean rooms, good food, and a relaxing environment so that they can focus on their ministries. Additional improvements have included remodeling many of the rooms, constructing cisterns to ensure sufficient water supply, and maintaining the electrical and generator systems to provide light during the twelve hours of darkness between sundown and sunup.

To support our mission, send funds to:

Appointment Congo
PO Box 98764
Raleigh, NC 27624

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Dunn-MPH Guesthouse
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We are happy to announce that the most recent renovation has been completed! The KITCHEN, in which many, many meals have been prepared for students, parents, and guests, has received a major, and much needed, facelift. Working with block, cement, concrete and even Congo River rock to hide all of the electric and plumbing in the walls, floors and ceilings is not easy! I salute the folks before me who made due with the materials and tools at hand to keep the kitchen running smoothly. What a challenge to do repairs on a room which is being used continually for twelve hours a day. You cannot take a kitchen “offline” as you can a bedroom. You must make provisions to be able to feed your valued guests. So, that is what we did!

Way back in 2015, thanks to a generous donation designated for the kitchen renovation, we began to make purchases. The remodel order included restaurant quality Stainless Steel sinks and work tables, electric and gas ranges, and other supplies from the US. We planned. We waited for the proper timing. The container of supplies arrived in 2016, but the timing was still not right. We waited... Finally, in

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November 2017, the timing was perfect for the “six week” project. We set up a temporary kitchen in the apartment across the dining hall from our apartment. We informed our guests, before arrival, that meals would be limited and few. Then we began the demolition!



OLD! EEEWWW!

First surprise, there were no water shut off valves to the kitchen! The water had to be turned off to the entire building while we traced the pipes to determine where we could install valves. Done! Second surprise, multiple tubes of electrical conduit surrounding, and inhibiting, plumbing lines in the cement floors and walls. Re-routing of plumbing. Done! Third surprise, BUGS!!! Everywhere! Spray, kill, and clean up. Done!



New tiling was installed, by a local tiler to hide all of the plumbing and electrical work in the walls. After many paint samples and consultations, the perfect color was decided upon and the walls were painted. New cabinets were designed by Clay and constructed by a local cabinet maker. Stainless Steel sheeting was applied over the concrete tables, also by a local company. Clean up the dust and Voila!!...Four months later a brand new SPARKLING CLEAN kitchen is birthed!

(More pics can be viewed online by pressing [HERE](#))



NEEWWW!!! OOOO!!



“Here We Come, Walkin’ Down The Street”

It is that time of year again when we prepare to head back to the U.S. for “rest”, family time, and appointments with our doctors. Our travel dates are **7 July – 3 Sep 2018**. Mark your calendars. We hope to have the opportunity to see many of you and share our lives and ministry with you. We are planning on attending the annual Congo Luncheon in Montreat in late Aug. Clay will be needing surgery, so our travel might be restricted this year.

As you know, we are funded solely by donations and much of those have dwindled over the eight years. We are extremely grateful to our loyal and steadfast donors. Your passion and support for our ministry is what allows us to continue serving here at MPH. We are seeking additional funding to assist us with airfare, our monthly expenses and our medical expenses in the U.S. Expenses do not seem to dwindle.

Our round trip fare to the U.S. is \$3200. This is better than some years, but it still puts a burden on our finances. We invite you to become one-time or monthly donors. You can get more information by emailing us, looking at our website or by contacting [Appointment Congo](#). We are looking forward to continuing to serve here in Congo. You can help!