

**Ebola is on their doorstep.
Because of you, they are not facing it alone.**



Healing and Hope
MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION



Your gifts strengthened infection prevention systems, expanded emergency screening and triage capacity, and equipped healthcare workers with both the tools to respond safely to any suspected case.



Your support fully funded the training needed to prepare its staff to recognize symptoms early and manage suspected cases safely, should that moment come.



This year's Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is spreading faster than any on record, reaching 1,000 deaths in just over two months, nearly three times the pace of the devastating 2014–2016 epidemic. According to the Associated Press, **it is the fastest outbreak of the disease ever recorded.**

While the outbreak remains centered in eastern Congo, it has reached across the border into Uganda, the same region where our partner hospitals in the Diocese of Kabale continue to prepare.

This is exactly why the work of our Mission Doctors and our Ugandan hospital partners matters right now, **even as the headlines move on to other things.**

Because of your generosity, three Catholic mission hospitals are meeting that risk with beds ready, staff trained, and protective equipment on hand.

“Beyond the material support, your kindness has encouraged and inspired our staff. Knowing that partners and friends across the world stand with us during challenging times has renewed our commitment to providing compassionate, safe, and high-quality healthcare.”

What Your Generosity Made Possible

Your support is reaching all three of our Ugandan hospital partners. At Karoli Lwanga Hospital, it funded new patient beds, advanced monitors, an isolation ward, protective equipment, and screening stations at every entrance, along with a trained ambulance team on standby daily. At Our Lady of Good Health Hospital in Rushoroza, it strengthened infection prevention and triage capacity and equipped staff with the tools and training to respond safely, the hospital reports no active cases and a stable situation today. And at St. Francis Hospital, which sits along an active border with the Democratic Republic of Congo and regularly sees patients cross over for care, your support fully funded the staff training needed to recognize and manage suspected cases early.

In Their Own Words

The hospitals wanted you to know what your response meant to them. From Our Lady of Good Health Hospital: “It means a great

deal to know that, even though the news has shifted to other global events, you have not forgotten about us.” The hospital’s leadership shared that beyond the equipment and training, your support reassured their healthcare workers that they were not standing alone. They asked us to pass along their gratitude to you “for your prompt response, compassion ate partnership, and continued prayers,” **closing with a blessing for you and your family: “May Almighty God richly bless you, your families, and your work.”**

From Karoli Lwanga Hospital, the message was equally clear: even with prior experience managing Ebola outbreaks, the hospital faced real financial strain in preparing for this one. **Your support arrived at exactly the moment it was needed most, allowing staff to focus on saving lives instead of searching for resources.**

St. Francis Hospital’s leadership described their situation plainly: given their location, “we know any time we shall get Ebola cases.” **Rather than wait for that moment, they turned to training and preparation now, grateful for the partners who made it possible.**

The outbreak in Congo is not over, and neither is the risk to the communities our hospital partners serve. But because of you, that risk is being met with readiness rather than uncertainty: trained staff, functioning isolation wards, and supplies on hand instead of empty shelves.

The patients of Rushoroza, Karoli Lwanga, and St. Francis may never know your name. **But the hospitals caring for them do, and they wanted us to make sure you knew: your partnership made all of the difference.** Please keep our Mission Doctors, our hospital partners, and all those affected by this outbreak in your prayers.

All Souls Day

LET US PRAY WITH YOU



On All Souls’ Day, November 2, the Church pauses to remember those who have gone before us in faith, entrusting their souls to God’s eternal mercy. Each of us carries the memory of someone, a parent, a friend, a mentor, a colleague, whose life of faith and grace left a lasting mark on our own.

This year, we invite you to share that name with us, so that our community can hold them in prayer alongside you: <https://bit.ly/FeastSoulsDay>

Every name you share will be placed in a basket near the altar in our Mission House chapel on All Souls’ Day, remaining there throughout the month of November as we continue to remember them in prayer.

Thank you for trusting us with their memory, and for letting us walk this season of remembrance with you.





*Before I formed you
in the womb,
I knew you.
Jeremiah 1:5*

Because of you, a tiny,
precious life in Uganda
has a doctor at
her bedside.

**Thank you for making
this care possible.**

Upcoming Events

February 19-21, 2027

Spring Retreat/Seminar

For Catholic Healthcare Professionals; Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians, this can be the first step on your journey to Mission! The annual Retreat/Seminar at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles provides the opportunity to reflect on God's call as well as address the practical issues of medical licenses, visas, and international health insurance. Visit the MDA website for more information.

March 7, 2027

'Passport to the Missions' Virtual Gala

This Laetare Sunday, we invite you to embark on a virtual journey across MDA's missions in Africa and Latin America. Each "stop" along the way will bring you a mission story, a taste of local music and culture, and a moment to make a difference all without leaving home.

Visit www.MissionDoctors.org/Gala to learn more.



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