

Global workers in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



Pastor Didi Panzo and family are serving with World Mission Prayer League:



I was born into a Christian family in Angola and spent more than 30 years as a refugee. At a young age I received Jesus as my personal Savior. While living in the Congo as a refugee I served God as a missionary and received my first Biblical training. God has blessed me with many gifts, especially with a passion to witness His Name to those who don't yet believe, and a wonderful family: my wife, Serafina, and six children. All our children are doing well. Two of my children are married and four have finished college.

My call has been to serve the people of God physically, socially and spiritually. I have also served God in the medical field by teaching and developing programs after being trained as a physician assistant. These have included programs related to HIV/AIDS and providing community health care through the Christian Council Churches of Angola and more recently as founder of Christian Prison Ministry in Angola.

Because of conflicts and persecution I moved with my family to the United States and became a US citizen. As an ordained ELCA pastor and mission developer I was used to empower African communities. After leaving the ELCA I joined the NALC and felt called to use my gifts as evangelist, preacher, medical personnel and community developer, along with my ability to speak four languages, to serve the church globally.

Having recently completed 3 years of service in Ecuador among the marginalized, Serafina and I are re-deploying to the Democratic Republic of the Congo where we will focus on community development, counseling, and spiritual guidance. We are able to serve in this capacity thanks to a strategic partnership between WMPL and [Christian Community Development Network](#) (CCDN).

We will be stationed in western Congo where local leaders have expressed an acute need for empowering families that are facing conflict and crisis – especially women in domestic violence and children enduring many kinds of abuse. The goal is to facilitate emotional and spiritual rehabilitation as they are pointed to Christ, the only one who can heal such wounds. Local Lutheran congregations are eager to collaborate and so build their capacity to respond in a similar fashion. I will also be teaching on a part-time basis at the Lutheran Theological Institute in Kinshasa.

Please pray for Serafina and me as we enter the field, assess needs, and take up this crucial work. Also pray for our youngest two children, Nicole and Sarah, as they stay with their adult sister in the States and attend to their studies.

May God's will be fulfilled!

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