

Angola Statistics (2019):

- Population with access to potable water: 56%
- Infant mortality rate: 54 for every 1,000 live births
- Child mortality rate by age five: 81 per 1,000
- GDP per capita: \$5,800 (purchasing power parity), yet...
- Population living on less than \$2 a day: 49%

Things that Give Us Hope

- IECA membership of 1,500,000 faithful people
- 79 IECA schools for over 30,000 young people
- Dondi Hospital up and running
- Dondi "University" opening in 2021



Faces of hope!

The Illinois Conference - Angola Partnership Team was created by the Illinois Conference in 2004. Two local churches (University Church and Trinity UCC, both in Chicago) put forth a study resolution, and the Conference joyfully agreed to offer the opportunity of partnership to the whole Conference. Since that time many congregations have become involved and the partnership continues to grow in breadth and depth, blessing people in the Illinois Conference and in IECA.

You and/or your congregation are invited to get involved in this powerful partnership with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Angola.



To get involved, contact:

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Team Members meet with IECA representative Onezimo Nunda, visiting as part of a partnership delegation.

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Illinois Conference - Angola Partnership Team



The joy of partnership

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Evangelical Congregational
Church in Angola (IECA)
& the Illinois Conference of
the United Church of Christ

Illinois Conference - Angola Partnership Purpose



The future of Angola

Our partnership goals are to:

- Establish relationships as an expression of the unity of the Body of Christ
- Share our material abundance to support projects chosen and operated by the Angolans themselves
- Learn from the Angolans more about the character and depth of their Christian faith, which they have maintained through war, persecution, and economic hardship

*"When one member suffers, all suffer together;
when one member is honored all rejoice together."*

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

Highlights of the Partnership:

- 2004: Official partnership established with a leadership delegation visiting from IECA
- 2005: First Illinois Conference delegation visits Angola
- 2007-2009: Illinois Conference helps support Global Ministries missionary Donna Dudley
- 2009-today: Several delegations have travelled each way to build partnership
- 2009-2010: Partnership Team member Mike Solberg swims English Channel to raise funds and together we build a primary school in Waku Kungo, Angola
- 2017: Professors come to IL Conf to learn English for up to six months!
- 2017-2019: Illinois Conference Hymnal Campaign sends 50,000 hymnals to IECA, and helps open University
- 2018: Two teachers go to Angola to teach English
- 2019: IL Conf member teaches English at new Language Institute for six months
- 2021: A pastors delegation visits IECA?



How you or your congregation can get involved:

- **Pray** for IECA and our partnership
- **Learn** about Angola
- **Become a member** of The Angola Partnership Team
- **Invite** a delegation member to make a presentation to your church or church group
- **Make a financial donation** to help fund the following IECA priorities:
 - ⇒ The IECA Language Institute, founded in 2018, which has served over 300 unique students so far
 - ⇒ A hospital at the Dondi Mission Station, caring for thousands of patients, and becoming a teaching hospital
 - ⇒ An agricultural development at the Dondi Mission Station, which will help to renew food production and spread best practices to build income for small farmers.

Contact the Angola Partnership Team members listed on the back panel for more information or to help pursue any of these initiatives serving the people of Angola!