

**eNewsletter — December 2009****Français****Floating clinic a reality**

Last fall it was a blueprint. Now, thanks to the hard work of CACHA volunteer assembly advisor Ron Duval and other Canadian and Gabonese team members, the floating clinic is navigating the mighty Ogooué river, bringing medical care to river and lakeside communities unreachable by road.

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Ottawa teacher Greg John filmed Operation Imani while working for CACHA in Tanzania. The documentary follows projects at Imani, a vocational school pursuing self-sustaining operation. Here we speak with the filmmaker about Imani, lasting aid, and viewer response to this project.

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Building on the success of the orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) support programme in Tanzania, CACHA last year brought the programme to Benin in West Africa. The programme now ensures a good start to 50 children, from babies to 18-year-olds, by providing food, medical treatment, schools fees and other critical support.

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Infrequent medical attention in rural Africa can mean that run-of-the mill, treatable problems become severe. Supporting CACHA's mission of improving quality of life in the third world, surgery can ease pain, improve mobility and save lives.

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