

Dr. Pierre Diamba Manya – Advance # 15165Z



Pierre Diamba Manya, MD, is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, currently serving in health and medical services for the UMC in the Ivory Coast, West Africa.. Previously he served in the Democratic Republic of Congo 2007 – 2017. A gynecologist and surgeon, he has been in medical mission since 1984. The goal of all his work is to save and prolong lives.

“I perceive my work as a ministry,” he says. “Physical healing was a key part of Jesus’ ministry. He wanted people to be whole and sound in body, mind, and spirit. The Bible tells us in Matthew 9:35 that Jesus traveled around through all the cities and villages, teaching, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing people of every sort of illness. So, when I treat people, or do surgery, it is God who helps to heal them. When they are healed, they thank God and sing songs of praise and become followers of Jesus Christ. It is a way of evangelization.”

Dr. Manya was born in Ndju in eastern Kasai Province of the DRC. Following secondary school, he received his Preparatory Certificate in Sciences at Bukavu in 1975. In 1983 he graduated from the University of Kinshasa as a doctor of medicine and surgeon, with a specialty in gynecology and obstetrics.

Dr. Manya is married to Pauline Ohandjo Manya, a nurse and secondary-school English teacher. They have six children, three boys and three girls.