



## Sharing her secret

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This afternoon I ventured out to follow-up on my new friend Mr. Kabonge. Tourists who wander through our village might call this man the "witch doctor." He has indeed fascinated many tourists over the years with his stories and lore. Most people in our village just visit him for his roots and leaves in search of local, affordable cures. His wife had intercepted me last week on my way to visit our sick friends in Egereke insisting that I come. He was coughing up blood and looked weak. Fortunately Patrick (our new doctor) was on this particular outing and thought it was TB (although Kabonge had just tested negative for it the day before.) So we sent him medicine for 10 days and today I went to follow-up. He is doing a little better but agreed to get tested for HIV as now he can travel. What was great

however is that two of my ladies from the village of Mwefu (one of the two villages that I fondly call "My problem children") saw me and followed me to his house. They had been in church and saw me pass by and so they wanted to greet me. What was incredible was their testimony that they told Mr. Kabonge. "Mr. Kabonge we are now saved and if you want to feel better you need to know God. Since I have been saved even my head feels better!" I smiled. Here was Joyce, who weighed in at 28 kilos 2 months ago and is now just a very skinny 35 kilo woman is sharing her secret about "good health" with the local witch doctor! And wouldn't you know it, she went on to share the good news better than anyone I know about the One who really is the Great Physician!