

Chimala Mission, Hospital and School

Randy's Gray's Report

September 2010

The month of September has been busy this year. One of the finest locations to make contacts for mission work is the lectureships held on the campuses of our Christian universities. Beginning the week of September 19, I have attended two annual lectureships. At both sites, I met individuals who had worked or visited the Chimala Mission in the past. The lectureships also provide opportunities to obtain information about other resources such as programs for helping native people on their land to improve their crop production and increase the amount of food they can raise in their gardens to sustain their families. Another program that could be helpful in our work assists native preachers to relocate at a new place to work and be able to support their families. This would enable a trained evangelist to teach the

Word and not be concerned about feeding his household until such time that the local congregation can give pay a salary.

At the lectureships, I am finding a renewed spirit of going to lost souls and making sure they have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their lifetime. The location, anywhere on the face of the earth, has no impact on the decision to "GO." This is such a refreshing attitude when our country's culture continues to focus on material gain and accumulation of earthly "things." More of our Christian young people are committing to mission point and then spending the next 4 to 5 years preparing to go and to teach. It is my great pleasure to state I have found this evangelistic attitude on all of the Christian universities I have visited. Once Christians

have gone and served in the mission field, they may choose to return to the States and pursue a career but their hearts will always have a special place for mission work.

As they year winds down, the Chimala Mission, Hospital and Schools is making our annual plea for Healing for Humanity (formerly Souls not Cards) one time contribution. Many congregations and individuals support this campaign by purposing to make a gift of love to the work at the end of the fiscal year. For many, the campaign is an opportunity to make a onetime gift to the Chimala Mission that they have planned for all year long. How can you help? Encourage individual children's Bible classes, adult Bible classes, and other groups in the local church to collect funds to send. The size of the gift is not the purpose, but the giving with a cheerful heart is the focus.

Randy Gray's Report Cont.

The New York Avenue Church of Christ elders encourage all to review our records to see that good stewardship is being practiced with all funds sent for the Chimala Mission. Please be looking for materials being mailed to each location whether a church's address or a resident's address.

We are continuing to seek Missionary, Administrator, Educational, and Medical families to come fill the large needs we have. There is a demand for individuals who have skills acquired through careers of a lifetime to keep our intra structure in good maintenance condition. This ranges from electricians, plumbers, and automotive repair skills. We have a huge need to for individuals to come and mentor the churches in southwest Tanzania. Men in the churches need training so one day they will become elders and shepherds with their wives beside them. Members need instruction on what a member does once they become a baptized believer in Jesus Christ. Loving patience along with teaching, training, and mentoring will produce a harvest of fully matured Christian feeding on MEAT and not milk, in the Church of Christ in Tanzania, East Africa.

Another servant for Christ,
Randy

Bill Stinson's Report.

Habari Za Septemba (News of September),

Cyndi and I have arrived back in the states. We got here on the 30th of September as planned and without any real problems other than we seemed to have lost one small, but very important item. We had a little device that was given to us by the bank in Mbeya that enabled us to log onto our bank account online. I remember picking it up, and thought I packed it, but when we arrived home, it was nowhere to be found. I even called Menard in Chimala and had him check our house to make sure that I was not mistaken and had left it on my desk. Unfortunately, he said it was not there. But, I guess something worse could have happened. It seems that everything else was there. We could tell our luggage had been checked and this item was very small; it may have been accidentally

dropped. Otherwise, our trip was good, and we have actually adjusted pretty quickly to the time change.

Things were busy during September at the mission. We had another visitor come and work at the mission during September. **Charlene Franklin** arrived on the 3rd of September and stayed until we left. She actually flew out on the same plane as we did. Charlene focused on working at the Secondary school primarily. She did several seminars/workshops for the teachers. The teachers loved her. They recognized her experience and wisdom. I got a lot of good comments from the school, and they want her to come back again. I believe that Charlene will return again. She had planned to do some of the same lessons for the primary school, but just as she was preparing to do so, we had a very bad turn of events.

On September 21, during the night, we had two teachers from the primary school pass away. It was a great shock for everyone. One teacher, **Ebrania Mwitassy**, had been complaining of having eye problems and had gone to the doctor in Ilembula to have them checked. That doctor had sent him to Rujewa for some further tests. He passed away while there. The other teacher, **Wallace Tekula**, had gone to a funeral in Mbeya that day, and returned not feeling well. His family carried him to our hospital, and he passed away a few hours later. Of course all of this has caused a big hole at our primary school and has been very upsetting for both the staff and the students. Please remember all of them in your prayers.

Donald Logsdon was at the mission until the middle of the month. Don is very interested in the work at Chimala, and he and his wife are considering coming to Chimala to work full time. Don is very experienced in all types of agriculture, and he has a lot to offer the people, especially our preacher students. We think he could provide some good knowledge that would allow them to be more productive in making a living, which in turn would allow them to have more time to share the gospel with others. Don's wife, **Sue**, is a RN and of course there would be opportunities for her to help at Chimala. This will be especially true if we can get the Nursing School open. I will be writing more about this in the Challenge newsletter that will be out at the end of this month.

Howell and Mary Ferguson arrived

in September also. Of course Howell will be working alongside of Garry Hill at the Bible College. Howell is the director of Chimala Bible College for Bear Valley. They will be at Chimala until the end of the school year which is November 13th. We will have 6 graduates from CBC and 4 from Chimala School of Preaching. Next year it will reverse and we will have more from CSOP.

Evangelism has continued to go well in September. We did work in Mbeya, Iringa, Mbozi, and of course where we are located in the Usanga plains. We have been averaging 4to8 baptisms every week for months now. We had another response from one of the students that read with **Jan Haker** using the Let's Start Talking program. The only sad thing is we could do more if we had more manpower and more funds. The people of Tanzania are ready to hear the word. I guess that is what drew me to work here from the beginning. However, we have been blessed by all of those who continue to give to the work in Chimala.

Like I said in the beginning, Cyndi and I are back in the states until the end of December, and will be doing a lot of traveling while we are here. We need to raise more funds for the work, and we want tell to everyone we can about what is going on in Chimala. As of now, we plan to visit Alabama, Tennessee, Illinois, Kansas, and of course a lot of cities in Texas. If you would like to hear more about the work, please email us and we will make sure to come by and visit.

In His Service,

Bill and Cyndi



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