Cyndi and I just returned from our second trip to Chimala this year. We were there for three months this time. It was a great trip and it was hard to leave. The reason we were having such a hard time leaving this time was because we knew that we planned not to return to Chimala until next January. That means we are going to be in the States for almost six months. It has been six years since we have stayed here that long. It is great to be here with family, but we do miss getting to be with all of our friends and Christian family there in Chimala.

Things are going well in Chimala. As most of you know, we did suffer from a fire at the secondary school dorm, but by the time you read this, that building will have been rebuilt and all of the students will be back in their rooms. The fire did teach us all some valuable lessons and we are taking some measures to be better prepared if this ever happens again. We have some large water tanks on the mission that are the main water supply for most of the mission. I have purchased some large quick disconnects to build some “Fire Hydrants” at different locations around the mission. I have also purchased 36 smoke detectors to place in more areas of the mission. Fortunately, we had done two things in the girls dorm that helped. I built fire walls in the Girls Dorm that stopped the fire from destroying the whole building. Secondly, we had put smoke detectors in the dorm and that warned the students in time to get everyone out safely. However, we realized that we needed many other things to be prepared for a fire. We are working on correcting those. We pray that we never have to experience another fire, but it will be our fault if we do not learn from this lesson.

May and June are always the months that we do all of our seminars at the mission. We take advantage of the Bible college being on break and use these facilities to house the guests that come to hear the messages. We started in May with the preacher’s seminar. We had a good turn out for Tony Hopper’s lessons. Then we had the Ladies Seminar in early June. Cyndi, Susan Logsdon, and Cheryl Bode all taught a lesson. The rest of the lessons were taught by the Tanzanian ladies. The seminar lessons were on “Fruits of the Spirit”. Once again, we had a large turn out and the responses from the ladies were great. Then we had the Youth Seminar. The turn out was large and we had four young people make the decision to be baptized.

We spent the last four weeks in Chimala working closely with Chad in order to help him be prepared to take over the responsibilities of mission administrator. Chad has a lot to learn, but he is doing well. I know that it will take months for him and his family to really get to where they will be completely accustomed living in Chimala, but they seem to be making a quick adjustment.

Cyndi and I have been busy traveling and making presentations at several churches that have not had presentations in many years. If your congregation would like to have an update, please feel free to contact me and let us set up a date to come. We want everyone to know all about what great things are taking place in Chimala. We love to tell the Habari Njema (Good News).
GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
The family and I are getting settled into life here in Chimala. Family life here is very good. The mission feels like a neighborhood where everyone is welcome and accepted. We are getting settled into our house here, which is the Mays House. It is a nice home in a central location on the mission. We had the house painted so we moved out for about two weeks. Since the house is now finished, we moved back in and are about the business of making this house our home.

We shipped some of our furniture, books, and other material (along with many things for the mission) on a shipping container. The container arrived in Dar es Salaam roughly the same time we arrived in Dar in June. However, there have been delays and hold-ups from the government. This has greatly delayed our container actually making it to the mission. In fact, the mission has our container in the port at Dar as well as another container that was shipped a month ahead of our container. The first container actually was delayed along the way and ended up arriving in Dar on the same boat as the second. Now both are sitting in the port at Dar awaiting the government to allow the containers to be on their way. The other container holds items for the mission as well as items for the farm project (including a tractor). The farm project, led by Don Logsdon, is stalled out currently awaiting their necessary tools and equipment so that they can properly launch the project. Please pray that the containers will be cleared and on the way shortly.

The primary school and secondary schools have both started their new sessions. It is fantastic to have students sleeping in the dining hall since the dorm burned in May. However, we should have the dorm operating again very soon so that we can utilize the school’s dining hall again. Our contractor has almost finished the work on the school dorm which burned. The new roof is installed, the walls are painted, and new lighting is currently being installed. It is important that we reopen the girl’s dorm so that we can get the school back to normal.

The Chimila Bible Institute has restarted with a total of 22 students. I have been impressed with the dedication of the students and their commitment to preaching the Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ. During the first week, we heard several reports from the students of their ministry and evangelism efforts during the short break from school. In fact, several baptisms were reported. That is due to our Lord’s influence as well as the training these men receive from CBI. The LORD is blessing our efforts to train men to preach. I am teaching a class at CBI called “How we got the Bible.” I am enjoying being in the classroom, however the students may disagree!! :)

We have five visitors on the mission currently from the Let’s Start Talking program (LST). They are teaching conversational English using the Bible. Also, through their efforts, they are building relationships with non-Christians and helping them see Christianity from a different perspective. My daughter, Anna, is even down with LST every day helping them teach the Bible! They are really doing a good work and I can tell they have a heart for people and missions. They are a true benefit to the work here.