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At the end of 2009, Cyndi and I were the only missionary family working at Chimala Mission. Later in 2010, Garry Hill joined our team to work with Chimala Bible Institute. We tried for several years to find more missionaries to come and work full time with the mission, but had very little success in finding anyone. It was difficult to find people who wanted to make the long-term commitment it requires train church leaders and mature the Church.

Now God has heard our prayers and has sent us workers that have the right skills and desires to develop the church so it may one day stand on its own. The Wagners were the first part of God's answer. Chad is doing well in leading the mission, which has allowed me to focus on fund-raising. Cheryl Bode also joined us and is working hard helping the hospital improve care. Cheryl is experienced, encourages the staff and teaches them by example. She has great plans to help not only the hospital, but also the surrounding communities. Her plans will help the people both physically and spiritually. We now have two more talented families that have come to us in the last few months to join our team. Johnny and Laura Spivey, who were mentioned in the last Challenge, are continuing to raise support.



*Declare his glory among the
nations, his marvelous works
among all the peoples!*

—1 Chronicles 16:24

Johnny is a trained preacher and an experienced farmer. Laura is a nurse and is ready to join Cheryl Bode and Rena Wagner in the work that they are doing. The other family, Trent and Penny Price along with their two children, are also working to raise their support. Trent is a talented man who first worked as an electrical engineer designing robots before joining the ministry full time. He has studied and written about church leadership and wants to form spiritual leaders in the church in Tanzania. You may be wondering if these new families joining the mission team are on board with our plan of making the mission self-sustaining? I spent six years gradually giving authority to the Tanzanians so they could be responsible for the mission. None of these families are going to change any of that, but instead are going to help the mission and the Tanzanians be better prepared to finish the task and to help the church grow. There will always be a place for missionaries at Chimala Mission. We no longer send missionaries to take over the work, but instead to go and instruct the Tanzanians how to grow the church and the mission to benefit their homeland.

**BILL
STINSON**
*Stateside
Coordinator*

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SAFARI FOR SOULS

CHAD WAGNER
Missionary

During the pioneer days of Chimala Mission, Andrew Connally had several young men come from the USA to do the first "Safari For Souls" campaign. These men worked long and hard to construct several of the buildings here on the mission, plant churches, and they performed many other activities here in the Chimala area. In the spirit of those pioneer missionaries, we want to invite like-minded Christians to come and work with our struggling churches, to preach and teach, to work diligently in personal and public evangelism, to help train preachers and teachers, and to equip the local leaders with the skills that are needed to guide the Christians here to the next level of leadership.



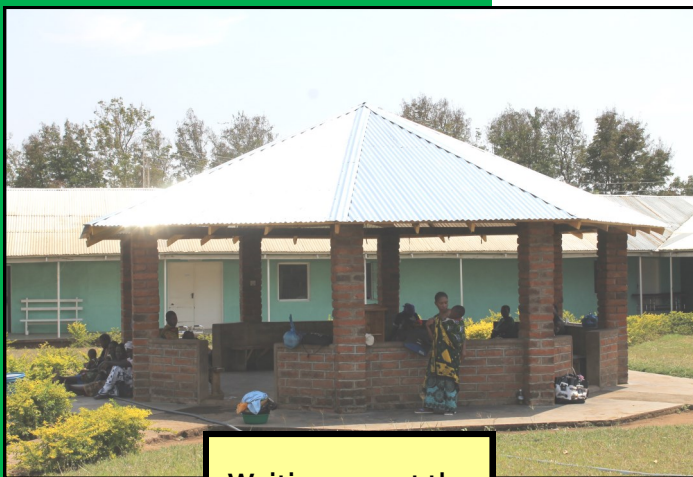
We often have several groups come to the mission in May and June. However, we would like for you to consider participating in our July 2013 "Safari for Souls in Chimala." If you are hearing the call, answer it! Let us know if you would like more information on campaign work at the Chimala Mission.

Email me at wagner.chada@gmail.com.



OUR HOSPITAL NEEDS HELP!

BILL STINSON
Stateside Coordinator



Waiting area at the Chimala Hospital

I wrote an article about a year and half ago seeking financial help for the hospital. Many of you were very generous with your gifts and this allowed the hospital to "get back on its feet" financially. The hospital managed to do well enough the next several months, but as I have written in previous articles, we have been required to join the government in an agreement where the hospital must give free care to expectant mothers and small children. The agreement included payments from the government to reimburse the hospital for services rendered. However, as I feared, the government is failing to keep their end of the agreement. We have been sending funds to the hospital every month, but have not been able to keep up with the deficit that has been building. Chad is working with the government, trying to find a permanent solution for this problem, but at this moment we need \$30,000 to get the hospital out of debt. We need your financial assistance in order to keep this much-needed hospital open. We cannot express what an impact your contributions to the hospital make on so many levels. This hospital not only saves physical lives, but also leads souls to Christ.



FIRST GRADUATING CLASS—HCSS

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Coordinator*

In 1999, Chimala Mission took the first step toward the goal of educating children in order that they may one day be well-educated and productive young men and women. These young men and women would not only be educated in the secular world, but also in God's word.

This year we are going to graduate the first class from **Herring Christian Secondary School**. Many of them will graduate as children of God. The schools continue to grow in popularity with the people of Tanzania. As a result, we had to increase our dormitory capacity to meet the demand of students for the primary school and we will probably need to do the same for the secondary school in the next couple of years. Thanks to all of you that have made it possible for these schools to be completed.



Primary school dorms.



AILSAM FARM PROJECT

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*Stateside
Coordinator*



Former preaching school students looking at the old mission ruins.

Those of you who have been followers of Chimala Mission for many years may remember where the original mission work in Tanzania began. It was on the mountain directly behind the current mission. For several years these missions coexisted, but then in the early 70's, the mission on the mountain shut down. It has been a dream that some day we could revive the work up there in some way. When you look at it on the map, it seems as if the two mission sites are very close. However, the reality is that it is a hard drive and during some parts of the year, the road is almost impassable. As a result, it has always been a struggle to keep those congregations healthy and growing. Several of them had closed up by the time I arrived there in 2007.

With these thoughts in mind, we have been searching for a way to relocate someone up there full time. That plan has finally been developed and we are in the beginning stages of starting the work with a partner who is providing the funding. We will be using the land as an income producer by growing crops. There will be someone living there full time looking after the farm and who will also work with some of the local congregations. We are happy to see this dream starting to become a reality.



FROM THE FIELD—THE WAGNER FAMILY

**CHAD
WAGNER**
Missionary

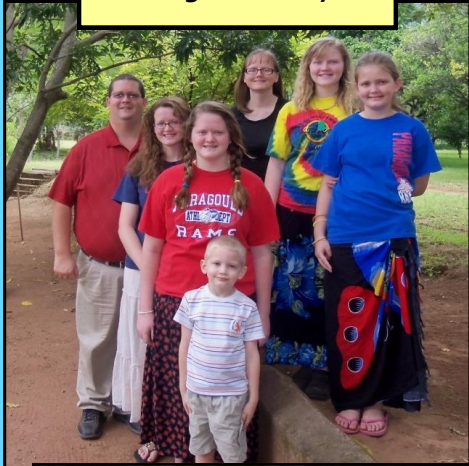
The Wagner family is doing well here on the mission. We lead full lives with all there is to do each day. Rena has been splitting her time between home-schooling the kids and working at the hospital. She is also starting to go out to small villages in our mobile clinics with Cheryl Bode, a new missionary and registered nurse. Anna is still trying to get the CBI library 'whipped' into shape to prepare for the new container which has many books that have been donated from a book store in Paragould, AR.

The Chimala Bible Institute has many new students, one of whom is named Alec Billiat, from Malawi. He has been preaching for 19 years and has decided to come to CBI to get some additional training so that he can better serve the churches where he works. In class, he is quite knowledgeable in the scriptures and also a good leader among the students. He is in my New Testament Greek class and is doing well.

We also had a big day on March 19 as the entire Mbeya region celebrated National Nurse's Day at the Chimala Mission Hospital. There were a large number of visitors and guests at the hospital. My daughter Anna painted the poles at the hospital and Cheryl and Rena did a lot of cleaning up in several areas of the hospital. We also tore down the old wooden bridge between the hospital and the church building and replaced it with a new metal bridge. Through the generosity of good Christians in the USA, we were able to purchase 40 new mattresses to replace the old, torn mattresses at the hospital. Thank you very much!

We have several groups coming onto the mission this year. We have three doctors from China coming in mid-April. In May, we have a group from **Oklahoma Christian University** coming to do VBS's in local villages and also some work around the mission. Also in May, we have a group of nursing students from **Harding University** who will be working at the hospital. In July, we have **Tony Hopper** coming to teach on the Beatitudes at the mission and the surrounding area. In August, we will host the **Gospel Chariot** in order to promote evangelism in the Chimala area. We appreciate your prayers as we gear up for a busy and productive time!

Wagner Family



Alec Billiat—
new student



New Metal Bridge

Wagner Family Furlough

The Wagner family is going to go back to the States for a furlough beginning in late October. We will be visiting churches to make reports, raising support, and will also be visiting family and friends. The cost of plane tickets will be around \$12,000 for round trip tickets. We need your assistance to make this trip happen. Please consider giving as an individual or by encouraging your home congregation to contribute; you will be helping our family make this necessary trip! If you would like to contribute, please let us know! -Chad



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 Dulin, Jim & Margaret
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 Foltz, Betty & Jim
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 Schrock, Dan & J'Nevlyne
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CHERYL AT THE HOSPITAL

CHERYL BODE
R.N.
Missionary

Greetings from Chimala! The time is passing quickly! I have started to settle into a bit of a routine. Most of my time is spent working at the hospital trying to learn who everyone is and what they do. It is exciting to be finding my place among the hospital team. As you might imagine, there are many areas in which the organization and medical care can be improved. Before I begin spending every day working in the villages, I must make sure that I know what the Chimala Hospital is capable of handling. If there are areas in which improvement is needed, we must make those improvements in order to ensure the patients who are referred to Chimala receive the best care possible.

Rena Wagner, Chad's wife, is also a nurse and is helping at the hospital. We have been cleaning, organizing and teaching the staff how to operate equipment correctly. As I mentioned in my blog, the hospital needed new mattresses in the worst way. Forty new mattresses have been purchased. If you are able to assist us with the cost of these mattresses, please send your donation to Chimala Mission designated for my work fund. In order to keep up with the work that I am doing and with the work going on at the hospital, please go to: www.cherylinchimala.blogspot.com.

There are many exciting things in store for the hospital during the next several months. I promise, you will want to follow all the news as it happens! May God bless all of us as we each do our part in the work at the Chimala Hospital and Mission.

Cheryl Bode, R.N. working at the clinic.



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Cheryl and Rena at the Hospital



Anna Wagner in the hospital—we need more mattresses like these.



URGENT REQUEST FROM GARRY:

We have admitted 24 students for the next school year. These men and women will travel and live here at Chimala to be better equipped to serve the Lord for the glory and growth of His church. They are willing, *but they need your help*. For a little over \$100 a month we can train these young Christians through the **Chimala Bible Institute** to go and serve the church in places we as missionaries may never be able to go. They have accepted the challenge to preach the gospel, **BUT WE NEED YOU!** Please help us train these dedicated, faithful Christians to evangelize the countries of Tanzania, the Congo and Malawi.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OF LOVE



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New York Avenue church of Christ
5371 New York Avenue, Arlington, TX 76018.*

VISITING FAMILY MINISTER



Randy Carroll, former missionary in Germany, visited Chimala Mission in January. He is the family minister from the New York Avenue Church of Christ, sponsor of Chimala Mission. He preached, taught bible classes and performed other odd jobs around the mission.

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I am constantly amazed at the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. We are ending the 2nd quarter of classes and beginning the short courses next week. All of our students have now studied for 12 weeks solid without a break and now they are going to have a month of short courses. The classes will be on Biblical books and subjects. Also, we will be having our first round of Master's classes. Many of these men will travel far to study with us. We have the largest BVBID class of both undergraduates and graduates of the 17 schools in the system. We are training many young men and women to be greater servants of God.



Garry Hill teaching at CBI.

Besides studying, every weekend students go to the villages around Chimala where they worship and do Bible studies with those who are interested. Our students have also been going to the market, hospital, and schools, sharing the things they have been learning in their Bible classes (2Tim 2:2). We are very proud of the work these students are doing and the training they are receiving. Your prayers and support are needed for the Chimala Mission to continue this work. It is what needs to happen if we are going to fulfill the Great Commission the Lord has given us.

GARRY HILL
Director, Chimala Bible Institute

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