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THE CHALLENGE OF AFRICA

It is hard to believe that we have been overseeing the work at Chimala Mission Hospital and Schools for over twenty years. In 1997 when we first decided to take on the responsibility of the oversight of this work, Jerry Herring, Jim Gragg, and Bill Stinson (the men that were the overseers at New York Ave in 1997) set two goals that we wanted to fulfill. The first was to find the right Tanzanian men and help them to become leaders. The second goal was to help the mission and local churches become not only self lead, but also self-supporting.

Today every department on the mission is being lead by Tanzanians. Four Congregations now have elders and deacons and more are getting close to having men ready to serve. There have been struggles, but every year we see improvement in their leadership skills. Our biggest Challenge has been to be able to help both the mission and the local churches become self-sustaining. About sixty five percent of the missions operating expenses are being raised on that side. But many of the churches struggle to help their preachers and fund evangelistic efforts.

For several years we have believed that the best option to make our original goal become a reality would be agriculture. God is Great, but sometimes we have to learn to work within His timing. After wanting this to happen for almost eight years, it looks like our Heavenly Father has sent us the right person who has the knowledge and the skills to make this become a reality.

Gage Coldwater and his family are going to be joining the Chimala Mission team late this year to help us establish a very large agriculture project. We will be making a planning trip to Chimala in September and then Gage and family plan to move over in December to go to work full time. Gage is well known for his expertise in this field and we are very excited to have him and his family on board to help the mission accomplish the final part of fulfilling our original dream.

Inside this publication you are going to read more about this project and the big plans we have to feed over 700 students and grow marketable vegetables, meats and dairy products to sell to the public. With this cost reduction in food for our schools, it will make our schools profitable. We believe these ideas are going to be the pathway to having a self-sustaining mission. With us doing this by using our students as part of the work force, they will leave there with the skills to help their families and the local churches do the same. Our prayer is this program will lead the churches to be able one day to not only help support their preachers (and by the way, we do have a few that are already doing so), but also have funds to do their own evangelism work.

Evangelism

As I am preparing this issue of the Challenge of Arica, we are in the middle of the Gospel Chariot Campaigns. This year it was decided that we would focus on the churches in the area around the mission to help build up and strengthen them. I was somewhat concerned how it would go since these areas tend to receive more attention than some of the other areas we normally go into with the truck. But I have been pleasantly surprised that there has already been 30 new souls added to His church in the last three weeks. There will be more news concerning Evangelism inside this newsletter. I hope you enjoy this edition of the "Challenge of Africa".



Peter Kamatula is preparing to help this young lady as she is getting ready to do the most important thing in her life; Become a child of God!

BILL STINSON
Mission Coordinator



EVANGELISM REPORT

As I mentioned on the front page, the Gospel Chariot Campaigns are under way. You can see in the picture that they have parked the truck next to the church building and they are preaching the Gospel. Our men begin each day in these villages going house to house handing out Bible tracts, talking to people and setting up Bible Studies. I received a report this last week that they have already handed out over 2,500 tracts. Seeing these pictures makes me wish I was there. It is an exciting time to get to work with the truck. As I write this article there have already been 30 new souls added to His Kingdom.



This picture was taken at the Isitu church of Christ, located 2 miles from the mission. 10 souls added at this 5 day campaign!

But that is not all of the work that is being done. Joseph Haonga sent me a report two weeks ago reporting that there have already been over 300 baptisms this year and 100 restorations. Many of these have come from our preachers and students going to their homes and practicing what they have learned at Chimala Bible Institute.

I AM OFTEN REMINDED by our workers that they could do more if there were more funds available to go more places. It cost money to travel to the many different villages. It is hard to believe, but there are still many places that still have NOT received the Gospel in Southwest Tanzania. If you could help support more evangelism efforts, please mark the Evangelism box on the back when you send funds for this much needed work.

A lot of our evangelism efforts begin at the mission. So far in 2018 there have been 60 baptisms between the Primary and Secondary schools. We started these schools to help children receive a better education than they were getting at the government schools, but it has proven that they are not only learning more in the secular education world, but more importantly, they are leaving there knowing the Truth.

At the Hospital, the same is true. We have thousands of patients visit the hospital each month along with their families. Very few visit there without being introduced to the Gospel. In recent years, we average around 60 baptisms per year. Joshua Wakasima has devoted his life to preaching and teaching the Gospel. I have lost track of how many new congregations he has helped get started. Today he is still doing the same, but he also spends hours and hours at the hospital each week visiting and talking to the patients and their families. He is a true soldier for Christ.



Joshua baptizing a man from the Sukuma tribe that he had studied with at the hospital.

The Mission Congregation is next door to the hospital. Many of the members there are good about visiting patients at the hospital. Some of the ladies will prepare some small gifts to give them. It is amazing to see that though they are very poor in our eyes, they still understand the importance of giving.

I want to thank all of you that have made it possible for them to know what Christianity is all about.

Put the BIBLE in their hands!



As you have read in this edition of the *Challenge of Africa*, there are many new souls being added to the Kingdom. We like to make sure that each new Christian has a Bible to study. I just received another request today for more funds for Bibles. Can you help us provide funds to purchase **Swahili** Bibles to read and study?



REPORT FROM RICHARD ROGERS



As Mentioned on the front page, the agriculture projects are already beginning.



The drip irrigation is in place and crops are being planted. When finished this garden should provide enough vegetables for the CBI School.

A few months ago we had a gazebo built and Richard designed it so that there was a 2 foot wide planter all the way around the outside. He is experimenting with it using only drip irrigation to show the Tanzanians what can be done. Since normal drip irrigation systems are not available he is using plastic water bottles with 2-3 small holes in the top. Plastic bottles are just thrown away everywhere. The bottle is filled with water and turned upside down in the soil near the plant. In a very small area of the platter we placed some tomatoes and several other vegetables. Since then things have matured and we are now harvesting tomatoes, beans, peas and Chinese cabbage. It is nice being able to grow things year round here and always have fresh vegetables. Thus we have been using this project to show people what they can do since water is precious and many have to haul all the water they use in buckets on their heads for quite some distance.

August is already here and we are now working on the new Challenge. The Gospel Chariot is here and some of the students are working with it. Richard has tried to help some, but with his teaching schedule and it all being done in Swahili his opportunities have been limited. One of the reasons for this is that the English students are still in their classes. To get a degree the English students have a certain number of class hours they must complete, which means they only have two weeks in this quarter that they can work with the Gospel Chariot. With one teacher cancelling out at the last minute it has left Richard and another teacher scrambling to put material together to teach the Prison Epistles for the next two weeks. While Carol's schedule has not been quite as hectic, she is still teaching art three days a week, working at getting the books in the give away room sorted for the library so there will be a nice area for a sewing room.

We had our weekend seminar in Ikolo, Kyela the last weekend in July it was very well received. Richard was specifically asked to speak on congregational autonomy and the three dispensations, or time periods of God's dealing with man. Both of these are topics that many of the brethren here are struggling with. The men had many good questions for Richard and did not want to stop. Carol taught the ladies on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. There were people from about five area congregations. The drive to Kyela is beautiful as it takes you through the southern highlands of Tanzania. This area is much cooler than Kyela and Chimala and very green even in the dry season.

On two Sunday mornings in July we worshiped with the Simike and Majombe congregations they were both started many years ago, but like so many congregations they are struggling and have very few members. Sadly, much of the mission efforts in the past were all about baptism and very little emphasis was placed on teaching them and bringing them on to maturity. Spending time maturing babes in Christ means you will not have as many baptisms to report (which some people want), but it does mean that you are building a basis for the church to carry on long into the future after all the missionaries are gone rather than still be struggling like they are today.

With the preacher's school starting back up we are offering the first year students a chance to learn a trade – tailoring/sewing.

We have the room, and the four sewing machines set up and ready to go and are working to find a teacher. It was announced in chapel so now we wait to see



how many wish to sign up for the class. Lord willing, the class will be Thursday afternoon after the regular class and Friday morning which means those students will miss their morning library time. They will still have the afternoon time in the library.

We express a special thank you to those of you who helped with the funds for purchasing the machines and also the other items necessary for teaching—scissors, irons (one electric and one charcoal), and enough fabric to get the students started. After they get started, they must budget and buy their own fabric to continue.

Richard and Carol Rogers



2019 BUDGET NEEDS: It is the time of year when we make plans for our needs for the next year. Below are four items we would like to provide for our hospital and community. We need you to continue to partner with us to help us succeed.

1st, we would like to purchase a **refrigerator for our morgue and re-model the building.** This would allow the community to delay burial for a day or two for preparations. Currently, bodies must be buried within 24-36 hours. The refrigerator will hold 3 bodies and will cost \$15,000. The re-model will run about \$6,000. So we need to raise **\$21,000** for this project.



Refrigerator for the morgue

2nd, we would like to purchase a **new ultra sound machine.** Several times, physicians from America have donated U/S machines to our hospital and they have been shipped over here. After some time, the machines need adjustments or repair and no one here knows how to fix them or where/how to get the parts. The one we currently have is not providing us with accurate measurements. To purchase one from Tanzania which can be maintained by engineers here will cost us **\$28,000.**



New Ultrasound machine is needed!

3rd, we would like to **update and re-model our surgery suite and add a post-op recovery room.** We will need about **\$75,000** for this undertaking. If you remember, we purchased an anesthesia machine this year in preparation of up-grading the surgery. Currently, our surgery department is not sterile....actually not even very clean.

4th, last, but not the least, is our need for **chemistry and hematology machines.** This has been an issue for many years. We waited 2 years to receive equipment from Walter Reed for free. Once we received the machines, we could not find any reagents needed for these particular machines. Finally after 1.5 years trying to get these reagents, we received them, but now the machine will not work! Very frustrating!!! This equipment is extremely important for the proper diagnosis and treatment of our clients. We need **\$30,000** for these two machines.

So, we are asking for support of **\$155,000** to accomplish all of these goals. We will also do our best to contribute what we can as well. The items we are looking to provide are all basic, standard items for healthcare and yet, we are not able to provide these for our clients without your help.

We are reaching high! But this is not too high. In 2017-2018, you, our supporters generously assisted us with close to **\$170,000.** And as we all know, all things are possible with God. If we do not dream BIG, we will not be able to accomplish anything. Please consider how you can assist the hospital this next year.



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Gage Coldwater and Family Joins Chimala Mission Team

As I mentioned on the front page Gage, Kelly, Aurora, and Pike will be moving to the mission in December. Gage and Kelly are traveling to Tanzania in September to see the mission for the first time and also to work on the startup plans for the farm.

Gage grew up on a large farm in Oklahoma and has spent his life farming and preaching. I came to know him through the work he has been doing with the Humana Projects where they have been establishing Preacher Training Schools combined with a small farm that supports the school. These men are trained and given knowledge to run the farm, which then allows the farm to support the school.

Our plan is to use this example and multiply it many times so that we can not only support our Preachers Training School, but also the rest of the mission.

Gage has learned how to use natural farming methods that are very productive and will give the natives a way that they can also be productive at a cost which they can afford. Gage told me of projects he has done in other areas of Africa and said that he has been accused of witchcraft because his fields produce so much more food than those around him. Everything that is grown is used to benefit other parts of the farm. There is very little if any waste when using his farming methods.

Gage and I have been busy these last few months working on getting the needed equipment. Below you see one of the many items that have been purchased to get this project not only started, but to make it possible for this project to continue for many years. The container we are preparing to ship in the next few weeks will be loaded with many, many items for the farm.

We do need funds for the start up cost of this project and to ship this container. If you can help in anyway, please mark the "Agriculture Project" box on the back page. I do believe that this will be the way for us to achieve our goal for the mission and the churches to become self-sustaining.



Gage, Kelly, Aurora, and Pike. We are looking forward to them joining the Chimala Mission Team in December.



The BCS 750 is an amazing piece of equipment. We have purchased this along with the tiller pictured, and also an irrigation pump, a chipper and shredder (which can also be used as a grinder for corn), a rotary plow, a 45" Sickle Bar Mower, a Potato digger, a Power Harrow, and a spring tine cultivator.

This will allow us to build and maintain large producing gardens.

**CONTAINER SHIPMENT COST.....
\$13,000.00**

In 2018 we have collected enough supplies to load a container. We hope to be able to ship this container by November or December.

These containers are costing approximately \$13,000 to ship and clear. We currently need an additional \$10,000.00 to cover this expense.

On this container we will have more materials for evangelism, World Bible School tracts (over 10,000) and English Bibles (Over 2,000), supplies for the schools and several very needed items for the hospital including more beds.

A very special Thank You to the Medical Groups and the many of you that donated items for this shipment.

Time is running out for collecting funds for 2018 shipment.

CAN YOU HELP?

Please remember you can give a gift of any size to Chimala Mission to honor someone special, or in memory of a loved one who has passed from this life. Your gift for a better life will help the poor and will continue the preaching of the pure gospel of Christ to many that have never heard the truth. You and your loved one's name will appear in the next quarterly issue of the **Challenge of Africa**.

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CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

BILL STINSON

Mission Coordinator

It has been a busy year at the schools. By the time you read this article, our seventh graders at the Primary

School will most likely have already taken their final exam. This exam is very important for each student. The score they receive on this test dictates what kind of Secondary School they will be able to attend. If you score poorly on this test, the better secondary schools will not accept you into their schools.



At the Secondary School they are studying hard for their test. At the secondary level, you are required to take a national exam at both the Form II and Form IV levels. The Form IV test also matters if you plan to continue your education at the High School or College level.

Our teachers spend a lot of extra time all year trying to prep these students for these test. Not much different than here in the states with only one major difference.
Our students leave our schools knowing the Gospel!

Men like Simon Midindile devote their lives teaching these young people the truth. Every year we have many of our students believe and be baptized.



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