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2013 has proven to be another great year at Chimala Mission Hospital & Schools. In many ways, it has been a “year of firsts.” In this issue of *The Challenge of Africa* you will read about some these “firsts,” relating to several areas of the Mission. We also have a report on the appointing of elders in Tanzanian churches for the first time in decades and the growing excitement in congregations for the future the Lord’s church.

In past editions of *The Challenge*, we mentioned the goals of the elders at New York Avenue Church of Christ for Chimala Mission; now they are becoming a reality. When the elders took on the oversight of this work in January 1998, it was quickly determined that the Mission should become self-sustaining over time. The realization of this goal is closer than ever. For the last fifteen years, we have been investing money into a school system, in order to educate young people to be successful future leaders in the church and their community. There was also a secondary reason for this investment: we knew that if the schools were properly managed, they could bring financial assistance to the Mission and help it fulfill the Great Commission in Chimala. I just



Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace!

—Nahum 1:15a

returned from Chimala and, after reviewing the budgets of the schools, it is evident that they are finally within sight of self-sufficiency and even being able to produce enough profits to help with evangelism efforts at the Mission. During the next five years, the schools will continue to invest their profits back into the schools building more infrastructures, after which time the schools should reach the point that they can return the fruits they produce back to works of the mission.

Another goal discussed by the New York Avenue elders involved the possibility of encouraging talented young men graduating from the Chimala school to return to the Mission for preacher training. This would fulfill one of our original dreams: well-educated young men leading the Church in the future. With all of this said, there are still millions in Southwest Tanzania that haven’t heard the gospel and your support enables us take the Word to them. We thank you for your continued support and pray that 2014 will be another successful year of bringing the truth to souls in Tanzania.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Challenge of Africa*.

BILL STINSON
Stateside Coordinator

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OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES NEED SUPPORT

BILL STINSON
*Stateside
 Coordinator*

2013 has been a hard year to raise support for the mission in general. Our missionary families have especially suffered financially; all of our current missionaries have lost substantial support this year.

What does it take to support a missionary? It takes, first and foremost, a commitment to prayer. It takes a willingness to understand the need. It also takes a financial commitment to *allow* the missionaries to use their talents for the work God has called them to do. I want to give you a brief description of the roles that each of our missionaries are fulfilling and why they so desperately need your support in this matter.

Chad Wagner Family— Chad serves as the on-site mission administrator and as an evangelist. His role as administrator keeps him on the go all day, every day, overseeing *all aspects* of Chimala Mission. He also teaches classes at CBI and preaches at local congregations. Chad's wife, Rena, works with Cheryl at the hospital and with the mobile clinics and somehow also manages to home school five children.

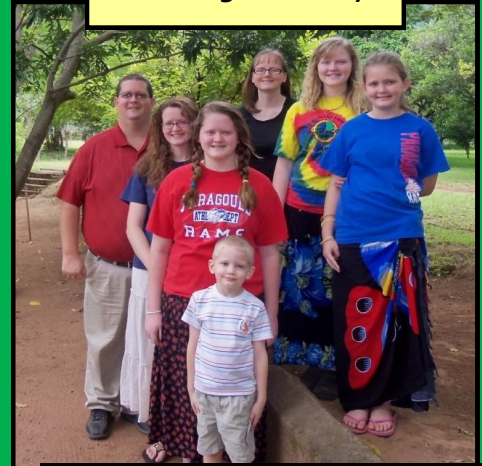
Cheryl Bode— Cheryl is a Registered Nurse who works daily with our hospital, striving to improve the quality and efficiency of care we provide. She also brings Mobile Clinics to remote villages away from the mission. These clinics use our local churches as meeting sites. This allows the local Christians to share the Gospel with the locals while they are receiving better medical care.

Trent Price Family— Trent and Penny Price, along with their daughter, Jazz, and their son, Dakotah, have spent much of 2013 raising funds in order to join the Wagners and Cheryl as the newest missionary family. They currently need \$900 more a month. Trent is certified in leadership training, both in the secular world and in the church. His years of experience will develop leadership both on the Mission and in the local congregations allowing the Tanzanian people to take responsibility for the future of the Lord's church in their region.

Bill and Cyndi Stinson- We served full-time at Chimala Mission for seven years. Today our primary responsibility is to raise funds for all areas of the mission, but we also spend two to four months of the year in Chimala.

If you can partner with us in helping any of these families to fulfill the work of expanding the Kingdom, it will be greatly appreciated.

The Wagner Family

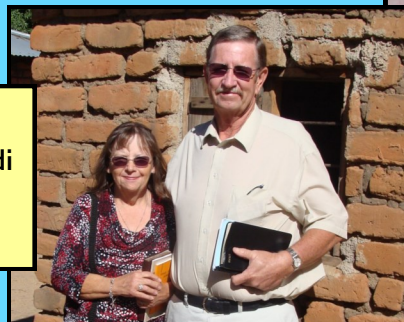


Cheryl Bode, R.N.



The Price Family

Bill & Cyndi Stinson



Spivey Family Plans

Johnny Spivey and his wife, Laura, delayed their plans last year because of some of health problems. However, things have recently changed for the better and they are back on track preparing to move to Chimala in 2014.





ELDERS AND DEACONS APPOINTED!

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*Stateside
Coordinator*

The Church in Tanzania has reached another milestone. The mission congregation appointed elders, *Boaz Kasiba* and *Venace Mwanjelile*, in September of this year. Three deacons were also appointed. This is something that we have been working toward for the last six years.

While I was there, I was asked to teach classes and give a sermon series on the roles of elders and the role of the congregation over the course of two Sundays. The congregation and elders were very excited to hear the lessons and they seemed to be on fire to go out and fulfill the Great Commission. They had close to 400 in attendance both Sundays and nearly that many in Bible class. I am excited about the future of the church

there. Building strong evangelistic churches is a big part of our work. It is wonderful to seeing this vision becoming a reality.



INVITING GOD INTO THE SCHOOLS

CHAD WAGNER
*Missionary and
Administrator*



Students in the Secondary School.

There has been an outcry regarding the exclusion of the Bible and Christianity from the public school arena in the United States. Many claim the erosion of morality in society at large is due mainly to the lack of scriptural teachings during youth. While that may or may not be true, one cannot deny that society's moral decline is accelerating. While many Christians lament the lack of a moral foundation in America, there is a great opportunity for Christians today in Tanzania. In public and private schools, the Bible is a required course each Friday. Various Biblical subjects are taught – especially the Exodus and other basic Biblical stories. While Americans can no longer bring the Bible into schools, Tanzania requires the Bible teaching! What a blessing! What an opportunity! I have always heard that when God closes one door, he opens another and this evangelistic opportunity holds great potential. However, in the *secondary* schools, the students are at risk of losing their faith, as they live away from home without strong parental guidance.

One preacher has answered the call. Remmy Mfaume, the head of our English program at the Chimala Bible Institute, has begun going to various secondary schools in the area to teach in their Bible programs. Many schools do not have Bible teachers. Remmy is filling a need while preaching and teaching the unchanging Word of God. He is currently

teaching at four different secondary schools each week. Other schools are seeing the value of this program and are asking for our teachers! Remmy is involving CBI students and CBI teachers, but there is a serious lack of funds to transport the teachers to the schools. *We need assistance* with this beneficial program of evangelism and teaching in secondary schools. With your help, we can send more and more preachers out to teach the sound Gospel of Jesus Christ.



CHERYL'S CORNER—HOSPITAL NEWS

CHERYL BODE
Missionary
R.N.

Wow, I have been living at Chimala Mission now for 10 months and I must say that I am so thankful for all the blessings God has provided. I spent this first year learning about the culture, language and people of Tanzania. I am so glad I took this time. Many wonderful relationships have been formed, much work has been accomplished at the hospital and I have learned a small amount of Kiswahili. I must admit that learning a new language is very difficult for me. However, with God all things are possible and I find that when I don't know the Swahili words, communication is effective with a touch, a smile or a gesture. It is strange that when I make a mistake in Swahili the locals are quick to correct me and are very patient...but when I speak the words correctly, they often laugh or are so shocked that they cannot reply!

Many children and adults are badly burned from grass fires in the dry season, but we do not have a burn unit. Many snake bites occur in the rainy season, but we do not have anti-venom. Many are treated, but then die later from malnutrition, both children and adults. It is amazing what miracles happen with just the most basic of care and yet it is so sad to see the many who die because we *only* have the most basic care.

It is not only the hard work from the local staff which makes Chimala Hospital successful, but is largely due to the long-term and short-term missionaries who come to share their knowledge and give of themselves. ***It is also due to those of you who support us and contribute hard earned money which enables us to purchase new equipment...or those of you who donate items to be shipped here from the States.*** Without God and all of those who are sharing with those less fortunate, many of the success stories would turn out much differently.

Teaching and mobile clinics are one of the ways I find myself opening doors in communities. This last week, I met with the church members of the Mfumbi Church of Christ to lay the foundation for starting a monthly mobile medical clinic. I spoke with them about how this medical clinic will be used to draw others in the community to the church and how they will help me by offering bible studies, prayers and service to those in their community. They were so receptive. After the meeting, the church was so packed with people that it was standing room only and Chad had to preach from where he was sitting! It was amazing and exciting to see the building so full and there were others standing outside looking in the windows.

My prayer today is that God will continue to bless all who are involved with the work at Chimala Mission Hospital so that we may continue to improve the care and reach out to those who are in need. We will use the blessings we are given to teach others about the wonderful plan of salvation we are offered through Jesus Christ.

Thank you all for your support and prayers.
www.cherylinchimala.blogspot.com



Treating burns in the hospital



THE UBARUKU CONGREGATION

CHAD WAGNER
Missionary and
Administrator

As the churches of Christ continue to grow and mature in the faith here in Tanzania, it is a blessing to see the congregations working together to help evangelize their own area. This is often done without the missionary's help! It is good to see the Children of God walking in the Faith! During an evangelistic campaign last year, a new congregation was planted at Ubaruku which is on the Usangu Flats, north of Chimala. All the preachers in the area have agreed to rotate weekends evangelizing in Ubaruku. So far, the results have been fantastic! Since the congregation was founded last year, there are now 13-18 attending faithfully each week to worship the Lord. During the evangelistic campaigns each weekend, the preachers have open air sermons, personal Bible studies, and provide house-to-house evangelism. They have also initiated a very successful Q&A session each afternoon where large groups of seekers come to hear answers straight from the Bible!

While the cooperation of the various congregations evangelizing in Ubaruku is impressive, they have further decided to acquire some land and provide a building for this congregation. They have begun making brick, but have yet to purchase the land. There is a great piece of land in a good location that can be purchased for 500,000/= (about \$312). Working together, all of the various congregations have contributed 200,000/=, but having trouble coming up with the rest of the money. ***They still need 300,000/= (\$187) to purchase the land. If we can find a way to assist this young congregation, the church members can begin building the building themselves in preparation for the coming rainy season.***



GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE



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Hannah, Norma Scarborough, Betty	Crim, Bob L Crim, Sandra	Ince, David Finley, Wanda	Sanchez, Jim Seniker, Bill & Vickie
	Frye, Jere Vesta Mae Collier	Lautner, George Seniker, William & Vickie	Tinsley, Thelma Barnes, Bobby & Sheila
	Goodnight, Barbara Franklin, Charlene	Lawing, Harry Finley, Wanda Herring, Carolyn French, Cindy Miller, Jerry & Norma Peters, Pat Stinson, Tommy & Teresa Williams, Barbara	Tome, Les Tome, Naomi
	Grant, Al Collier, Vesta Mae	Matheny, Lynn Lamb, Tracy	Wallace, Nadine Chance, Carolyn
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Bridges, Luke Bridges, Kenneth & Evelyn			
Byrd, Eunice Byrd, Richard			
Christian, Betty Nichols, Larry & Linda Herring, Carolyn			
Collier, James Collier, Vesta			



THE PRICE FAMILY— NEARLY THERE



TRENT PRICE *Leadership Training*

God has taken us on an interesting journey during 2013, and now we are extremely close to reaching our goal: finding financial partners enabling us to move to Chimala the first week in January 2014. **We only need \$900 more a month to fulfill our budget.** We have visited over 200 congregations and developed new friendships with brethren in several different states. One great organization we are blessed to partner with is Healing Hands Inc. We have been trained in fruitful agriculture techniques including composting and raised beds. We look forward to sharing the training and techniques with the Tanzanians so they can provide food for their families year round.



I was fortunate to be able to travel to Chimala this past October. During this trip, I was blessed to be able to teach my first leadership class and spend several hours talking with the evangelism team and the department leaders, whom I will be working with to develop a healthy and strong Leadership Team. I am very encouraged about the foundation of leadership that is already in place and look forward to see how God will transform these men.

We appreciate all the support, prayers and encouragement. **We are so close to reaching our goal, and we need your help.** Your financial support makes it possible for us to train leaders and minister to the people in Chimala Tanzania. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to expand God's Kingdom in Africa.

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Next week we will be gathering our books, papers, syllabuses and bags for the trip to Chimala, Tanzania to begin the last quarter of work at the Chimala Bible Institute. As the director of the school and as the Bear Valley Bible Institute coordinator, I am excited about the last weeks of study for the year and the upcoming graduation. Two of our teachers are headed next week to the Leadership Conference in Arusha, our sister BVBID school in northern Tanzania. E-Mails and phone calls have been made and preparations are complete for the trip back to Chimala. A lot of travel, meetings and worshiping at various churches to make presentations about the work have been done this summer. Yes, we are on our way, to continue to “train preachers” for the spread of the gospel in East Africa.



Garry Hill with students

This week, however, has given us greater reason to go back to Africa, to be involved in this wonderful work. The country just to the north of us is Kenya. On numerous flights, we have landed in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, as one leg of our trip. With the rest of the world we have been shocked, angered and yes even a little scared because of the cowardly attack of innocent civilians at the Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi this week. 200 people were injured and 72 people lost their lives because this group, the Somali Islamist terrorist group al Shabab is dedicated to “forcing Somalia to a Islamist theocracy.” They were the ones who committed this act. Those who died were Kenyans, French, Australians, Netherlanders, Peruvians, Indian Swiss, South African, Chinese, New Zealanders and Canadians. They died because the terrorists want to punish people “of a false religion” by any means necessary. Our state department has notified us that Tanzania is under a travel alert. Yes it is dangerous there, but as Christians, we know there is only one way to combat this evil in the world. That is by “preaching the gospel of peace” that Jesus Christ came to provide. That is why we are going and that is why we **MUST** continue to train the native Christians to preach the gospel in east Africa. This great work under the oversight of the New York Avenue Church is Christ is in need of your prayers and support. We could be training many more dedicated young men to preach the gospel and combat the evils of false religions if you would help. *Please help us, help them to stand for the cause of Jesus Christ.*



Garry Hill teaching at CBI

ISAAC CHANDO: A REQUEST

Isaac Chando is one of the longest-serving preachers in Tanzania. He has faithfully preached the Gospel in many areas of Tanzania, working in Chimala and Arusha for many years. Chando has retired from teaching and working at the Chimala Bible Institute, but as he says: “I retired from work but not from the Lord!” He continues to preach in local congregations, doing house-to-house evangelism as well as personal Bible studies. About 15 years ago, the Chimala Mission gave him a pikipiki (motorcycle) for evangelism visits, with which he has faithfully used to the glory of God. Lately, however, Isaac’s motorcycle has broken down and cannot be repaired. I have decided to bring this issue to you in the hopes that you can assist this him in his continued evangelism efforts. A new pikipiki would cost about \$1,125. Thank you for your consideration for this man of God. —Chad Wagner



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OF LOVE



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**. Please make your donation payable to **CHIMALA MISSION** and return this form to:

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CATEGORY	RECEIVED	SPENT	BALANCE
CBI	\$ 3,235.00	\$ 46,610.00	\$ (43,375.00)
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS	\$ 6,241.00	\$ 9,470.00	\$ (3,229.00)
MISSION OPERATIONS			\$ -
(INCLUDING SHIPPING			\$ -
TRAVEL TO MISSION			\$ -
ELECTRICITY,MISSION			\$ -
VEHICLES,GUARDS,			\$ -
WORKERS)	\$ 23,670.00	\$ 76,179.00	\$ (52,509.00)
EVANGELISM	\$ 6,605.00	\$ 37,650.00	\$ (31,045.00)
MISSIONARIES	\$ 202,060.00	\$ 176,981.00	\$ 25,079.00
FARM PROJECT	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$ (200.00)
HOSPITAL	\$ 11,805.00	\$ 18,480.00	\$ (6,675.00)
NURSING SCHOOL	\$ 17,000.00		\$ 17,000.00
STATESIDE EXPENSES			\$ -
(INCLUDING SALARIES,			\$ -
PRINTING, MAILING,			\$ -
OFFICE SUPPLIES,			\$ -
STATESIDE TRAVEL	\$ 8,103.00	\$ 41,915.00	\$ (33,812.00)
GENRAL FUND	\$ 177,568.00		\$ 177,568.00
DEBT		\$ 33,570.00	\$ (33,570.00)
BALANCE			\$ 15,232.00

If you have questions about our financial report, please contact Bill Stinson: billyb.stinson@gmail.com



GRADUATIONS, GRADUATIONS, GRADUATIONS!

BILL STINSON
*Stateside
Coordinator*

I spoke of "firsts" at the beginning of this edition of *The Challenge*. We had three graduations at the mission this year. The first was the graduation of our 7th grade class at the primary school. This was not a first; it was actually our ninth graduation of 7th graders. It is hard to believe that we have already graduated this many students from the primary school. The school continues to be one of the top rated schools and there is a large demand of parents wanting their children to attend there. However, *this was our first* graduation at Herring Christian Secondary School. We graduated 78 young men and women. It was a big celebration that lasted over six hours. The school has done very well in its first round of testing and *we are rated number one in our area*. In both the primary and secondary schools, these students are getting not only a better education, but are also receiving solid bible teaching from our men that have



Garry Hill teaching at CBI.

been trained at CBI. At CBI, we had our biggest graduation in the history of the school. We had 22 men graduate with Associates, Bachelors, or Masters Degrees. Fifteen of these men graduated with Masters Degrees— our first class of Masters Students. It was exciting to observe all of these men leaving the school, ready to go out and preach the gospel all over Tanzania or back home in Malawi. CBI continues to have a great impact by helping expand the Kingdom in East Africa.

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