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I am opening *The Challenge* slightly differently by premiering a report sent to me by **Xavery Ngullo**. He is one of our teachers at CBI and works closely with our evangelism program, as all of the Bible school teachers do. Previously, I have written how well the Tanzanians are doing in taking this program and making it their own and, as a result, we are seeing great church growth. Please take note of the need to help with the radio program; it is a wonderful opportunity to help the church grow even more. I hope that this report by Xavery helps you understand how the work is maturing in Tanzania.

—Bill Stinson

WEEKLY REPORT FOR APRIL 18 - 20, 2014

Greetings in the Great Name of our Savior. This was the greatest and most wonderful weekend ever. God's blessings were everywhere. We visited several churches last weekend and here are their reports.

We visited **Itumpi** which is in **Mbozi** where we received good news of six baptisms last week and, as a result, we were able to teach more people about salvation. The preaching was done from Luke 22:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:16 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-28. During bible class, we taught on being a humble servant. After service, six more people wanted to be added to the church. The singing and the gathering at Itumpi was a tremendous blessing; forty-seven people attended service. Apart from Itumpi, we visited more churches in Mbozi and distributed letters for June seminars.



The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

—1 Corinthians 10:16

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Another thing that caught our attention in Mbozi was their new program of preaching on the radio. They started three weeks ago to preach Christ on one of the most popular radios in the region and unexpectedly it turned out to be more of an outreach than they had thought. They preached two sermons and left their phone numbers and last week they received so many phone calls from callers who wanted them to stay longer and be on live so that they could ask live questions. But the problem for them is money. In order to stay for thirty minutes, they are required to pay 50,000/= Tshs (\$32.00), which they hardly managed to do twice. The third payment was given by a volunteer. For them to do this ministry they should be able to at least preach on Saturday (which is the day they are allowed to preach there) and then answer questions on Sunday for another thirty minutes. This would be 400,000/= Tshs (\$250.00) per month, but this is more effective preaching because it reaches many people, because when we hold meetings some people are afraid to come, but on the radio all can hear us.

Luduga was also visited last weekend and they are doing fine. **Remmy J. Mfaume** went to **Chang'ombe** and **Joshua Nasebo** taught on the Ten Virgins. After service they went door-knocking. (cont'd on page 2)

XAVERY NGULLO
Evangelist & CBI Teacher



Jim with his walker

I would like you to meet Jim. This gentleman experienced a fall a few months back. He was unable to stand without excruciating pain and could not walk. His daughter came to us at our Mfumbi Mobile Medical clinic to ask for our help. The doctor, **Rena** and I made a house call at the end of our clinic day. We found what we suspected to be a hip fracture. So, on the next Tuesday, a couple of workers from the mission went with me to pick him up and bring him to the hospital. (Why Tuesday? Well, we do not have X-ray on the weekend!) The X-ray did confirm the fracture and the sad fact that there was really nothing we could do for him except pain management. **Rena** and I made several visits to his home to check on both him and his wife, who also is not in good health. We supplied him with a walker and taught him to use it. On our next visit, he was able to walk out of the house and a little bit around the outside.

I have discussed with the church members many times that these clinics are an opportunity for outreach in their community; a way to show and teach God's plan to those with whom we come into contact. The Mfumbi church members began to make visits to Jim and his wife and they began to study the Bible. This past weekend, the church members informed me that Jim wanted to be baptized. I was so excited. As we continued to talk, I found out that Jim and his wife were members of the church many years ago and had both been baptized at that time. We discussed that Jim really did not need to be re-baptized, but that he should repent, ask for the prayers of the church and begin

living a good Christian life again. I discussed with the church members that they needed to remember to continue to visit Jim as a brother in Christ, study with him (and his wife) and take them communion on Sundays if they were unable to come to worship in person. The church understood and agreed. I am now being informed that Jim would like for someone to come help him walk to the church building with his walker so that he can begin his life again. What a wonderful and glorious result from simply showing the love of God through medical care and Christian outreach.

Xavery Ngullo Report (Cont'd from front page)

At Mbeya there was a "return to the Bible" seminar and everything went very well. Those that attended asked good questions and three promised to be baptized, according to **Peter Kamatula's** report. Chimala A was also visited and service was great; **Frank Mwashikumbulu** taught on "Who is a Christian?" Students went door-knocking to **Chosi B** on Friday night and some went again on Sunday for service. Three women were restored. **Ukwavila** had one restoration and six people attended service. **Kapunga** had three baptisms, all due to correspondence courses. So, as you can see, this week was so blessed.



At the Chimala Bible Institute (CBI), we continue to be impressed with the dedication and sacrifices the

students make in order to come and train to be better servants of God. We have this year, along with our Tanzanian and Malawian students, admitted five students from the Congo. These young men have been in a refugee camp in Tanzania and are all New Testament Christians with a desire to preach the gospel. Along with the rest of our students we are preparing the future leaders and teachers of the Church in eastern Africa.

Brent Smith has come for the fourth time to Chimala, making the long and weary trip from Trenton, Tennessee to teach at CBI. I have been impressed with the many faithful preachers on our staff at Bear Valley Bible Institute, as well as the participation of all the congregations that wish to support this great work. Brent always brings a level of scholarship and enthusiasm to the work when he comes and he has given a good report of the students' work. This trip he also brought his oldest daughter, **Elania**. She will be off to college next year, but she first wanted to experience what it means to work in missions. She spent time helping **Anna** in the library and teaching children in the area congregations.

At our first faculty meeting, I was assured by the teachers that they were standing firm in the faith in their training of our students, with a commitment to New Testament Christianity. All our resident and visiting teachers have signed the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver (BVBID) doctrinal statement. My chapel sermons were on the role of the Evangelist in preaching the Word and standing firm in the scriptures. The hearty response by both students and teachers made me even more proud of the training and commitment our staff from the BVBID instills in our students.

I enjoy collecting materials from churches and individuals for our CBI library. I was able to bring back a notebook of material provided by **Daniel Cates**, the son of **Curtis Cates**, which will be an invaluable resource for our students to use in their careers as gospel preachers. **Denton Landon**, the assistant director of the Bear Valley Bible Institute Graduate program has collected even more books, and scholarly materials for the CBI library. Denton will be returning this fall to begin the second round of graduate classes at Chimala.

Jim Dearman, a long time missionary, preacher and gospel TV producer, is allowing us to report our work on his show, *Good News Today*. Other churches in the Chattanooga area are inviting us to speak this spring and summer to raise support for the work. We are blessed to share with our brethren the good work of the CBI.

Please continue to pray for us as we work both in Tanzania and Stateside in directing and raising the necessary support for the students in southwestern Tanzania. Like most places in the world, radical Islam, paganism and false teaching is prevalent. Like the motto of BVBID, we must be teaching the gospel to "entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

(2 Timothy 2:2)



GROWING CHURCHES HAVE GROWING NEEDS

CHAD WAGNER
*Missionary and
 Administrator*

1 Corinthians 3:7 (NASB)

So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

We know that God gives the increase in our churches and He is certainly giving increase in southwestern Tanzania! Many congregations are growing as the Gospel is being spread to the people. This is a very good thing, for which we give glory to God!

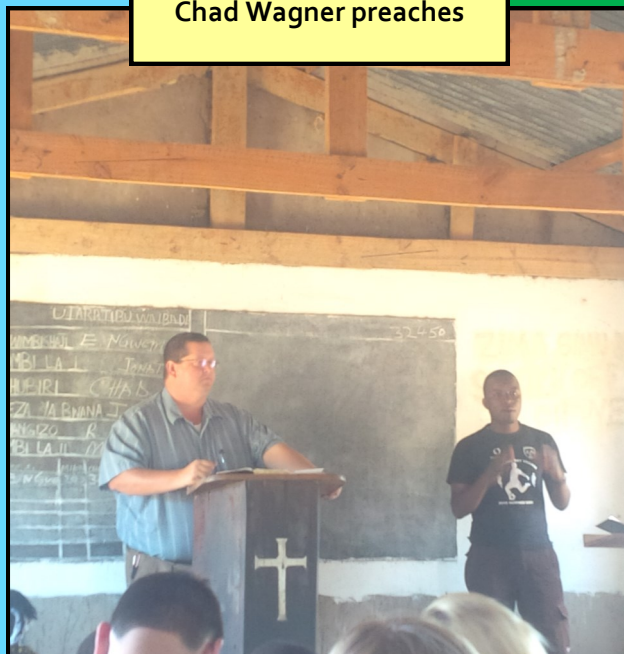
However, with this blessing of Church growth, we also have the responsibility to help the struggling congregations. One of the big problems that they are facing is a serious shortage of communion trays or simply no trays at all. Some are congregations that have grown to the point that they need more than one tray, in order to avoid having to stop and refill.

Many congregations in America have leftover used communion trays in a closet or storage area after replacing them with newer ones. Those trays can be put to good use in Africa, since any and all communion trays are needed for these struggling churches.

Glass communion cups would also be very useful here. The ladies wash the plastic cups that they have over and over to reuse them. This is a good use of their resources, but the plastic cups wear out and crack, making them useless.

Providing congregations in Africa with communion trays and cups is a simple yet very tangible way to help the Tanzanian work. Please contact the Chimala Mission office to donate some trays.

Chad Wagner preaches



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

BILL STINSON
*Stateside
 Coordinator*

I hope that as you read through all of the articles this quarter, that you recognize all of the great things being accomplished for the Kingdom at Chimala Mission. We do need some funds for a few special projects. The \$6,000 that Cheryl needed for the bathrooms just came in, but we still need an additional \$5,000 to complete the **Water Purification System project**. The hospital does have clean water now, but there a lot of items that are still needed to complete the project.

You saw in Chad's article that wonderful work is being done in southwestern Tanzania concerning evangelism. There is so much more that could be done if we had **another \$1,000 a month to help take the gospel to more areas**. The radio program is one area in particular. The response from the people has been huge, but it costs us over \$250 a month. We do not have this program in our budget, but the opportunity is too good to pass up. Another way to assist in evangelism is through our visits to distant villages, which we would like to do more often. These trips right now are limited to once a month because we lack the funds. We do want to continue these programs and trust that some of you can help us do so.

Devotional at the hospital



Our missionaries also still need your support through prayer and financial aid. The Wagners and Cheryl Bode are full-time on the field, giving their all for the Lord's work and are still in needs of living funds. **They need your monetary assistance to allow them to focus on the work at hand, instead of fund-raising.**



GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

<u>GIFTS IN HONOR OF</u>			
Muller, Alex & Lyn Peters, Pat	Coleman, Horace Moore, Wayne & Debra	Markam, Randy Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn	Shaw, Bunnah Collier, Vesta
NYA Church of Christ Elders, Staff & Chimala Volunteers Herring, Carolyn	Collier, James Collier, Vesta	McKinley, Dr George McKinley, Carolyn	Shelton, Mierley Newcome, Audrey
Shaw, Dee Anna Collier, Vesta	Connally, Andrew & Claudine White, Dale & Laura	McLeroy, Lorene Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn	Shewmaker, Louise Collier, Vesta
<u>GIFTS IN MEMORY OF</u>	Cooper, Nathan White, Dale & Laura	Moore, Bill Cheek, Richard & Deborah Oberholzer, Donald & Bernice Younge, Arthur & Sally	Spencer, Chloe & A B Chloe Spencer Charitable Trust
Adams, Mamie Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn Oberholzer, Donald & Bernice Peters, Pat	Davies, Don & Betty Woodson, Curtis & Jo	Nalls, Verdane Chance, Carolyn	Skinner, Dorothy Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn
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Chance, Jack Watkins, Ruby Woodson, Curtis & Jo	Gossett, John Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn	Paul, Ethyl Collier, Vesta	Watkins, Kirby Watkins, Ruby
Cleveland, Gerald Cheek, Richard & Deborah	Herring, Jerry Herring, Carolyn Watkins, Ruby	Rehl, Kathy Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn	Welborn, David Cheek, Richard & Deborah Herring, Carolyn Peters, Pat
	Huddleston, Dr Ron Thorton, Norma		
	Knolle, Sharon E Patrick Patrick, Mildred		



OPPORTUNITIES IN EVANGELISM

CHAD WAGNER
*Missionary and
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In Matthew 28:18-20, the Great Commission urges us to go, teach, and baptize. While Paul did that boldly in many locations, he also helped existing churches. In Acts 15, Paul and Barnabas separate from each other, allowing Silas to partner with Paul in evangelism. Together they played a vital role as they “went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.” (Acts 15:41, ESV) Upon adding Timothy to their evangelistic team, “the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.” (Acts 16:5, ESV)

Here at Chimala, we are actively involved in many aspects of evangelism. We train preachers and evangelists, who preach in local congregations every weekend. We teach the Bible in area congregations and assist with mini-seminars (weekend evangelism trips). We are involved with evangelical radio programs and World Bible School lessons in Swahili, as well as printed evangelism through tracts, lessons, etc. We assist congregations with annual seminars for preachers, ladies and youth and, of course, we have one-on-one Bible studies and door-to-door visits. We also host groups from Harding and Oklahoma Christian who assist in many ways. While we are very committed and consumed with evangelical efforts, it is impossible for us to do all that needs to be done. Due to lack of funds and manpower, we are only able to do a fraction of what is possible here in southwestern Tanzania.



Oklahoma Christian students deliver a VBS at the Mission

We are in need of evangelists! Chimala is a great place to practice and develop your own skills in evangelism. Like Paul, Silas, and Timothy, we need you to come and strengthen the churches and encourage the brethren.



YAY!!!! The container finally arrived from The States! As always, it is a lot of work to bring the container from the U.S. all the way to Chimala, Africa, but it is a huge blessing to have all the supplies arrive. All of the supplies, from hospital machines, bandages, and medical supplies to school notebooks, paper and crayons and even to household supplies like toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste...they take a huge burden off our shoulders. So we would like to say that we appreciate all those who donated materials, supplies and money to make it possible to receive such a wonderful blessing. We had a lot of help unloading, sorting and organizing all the boxes and supplies...we even finished before the rain! It was a long hard day, but all in all it was filled with laughter, joy and gratefulness.



The Price's Container Arrived!

Since the arrival of the container, we have been very busy sorting through boxes and reorganizing items into useful piles, including "Need Now" (like chocolate chips – which you can't buy here, and deodorant), "Need Later" (like toilet paper) and "Donations" (of which we have many – thank the Lord). In any case, most of our recent time has been spent unpacking what we boxed up Stateside, however, it seems like a surprise party with gifts since we forgot most of the things we packed!

This month we've also been blessed to meet, work with and hang out with **Johnny and Laura Spivey** during their stay on campus. They stayed extremely busy for two weeks working in the areas of Hospital and Maintenance, but they found a few moments to join us in visiting some people across the road. These people are using a cow manure mixture in an enclosed tank that supplies a natural gas for a cooking stove inside their house – AMAZING!!! Please continue to pray for the Spiveys as they return to Tennessee and work to raise more financial support.



Momma Dorcas and Family

We've also spent some time this month visiting one of the homes of our helpers. To the right, is a picture of the **Mwilongo family**. 'Momma Dorcas' is our cook who prepares lunch for us each weekday. This was a very uncomfortable arrangement for us when we first moved here, but we now realize that we are helping to provide an income for a family near the mission and it frees up a lot of time for us since everything has to be prepared from scratch...which, of course, tastes delicious!



Joshua

So much is going on, I am not really sure where to begin....but I believe the best place would be with the hospital. A new Chaplin, **Joshua**, came on board around the first of February. He brings motivation, excitement and new ideas. The angels in heaven are singing because of the number of people who have already been added to the kingdom and those who have been reached in Jesus' name. In the last 3 months, 11 patient's have accepted Christ into their lives and been baptized. During follow-up with the new brothers and sisters in their home villages, one church was found to have disbanded. However, Joshua has been working in that village and the church has been restored.

Now for mobile medical clinics....for the two medical clinics we currently have, we are seeing an average of 75 patients each clinic. Our well baby/pregnant mom clinic sees an average of 90 children and 10 women. Beginning in June, we are adding two more medical clinics. These clinics are reaching out to so many people with both physical and spiritual needs. Please pray for this work as we continue to expand. We need prayers for strength, wisdom, guidance and resources to continue. May God be glorified in all we do.



Water Containers

Last, but definitely not the least, is our clean, safe water project. The hospital was receiving it's water from the river. This water was not safe for drinking nor was it clean for washing hands, bathing, etc. **Steven with Water for Life** came and worked for two weeks setting up a water purification system which will deliver safe, clean water for drinking, washing and bathing. What a wonderful blessing this is for thousands of people! Now that the system is in place, we will pray for God to open many more doors so safe, clean water can be brought to the schools, staff housing and villages in the Chimala area. If you can help, please send your tax-free donation to Chimala Mission Hospital, 5371

New York Ave, New York Avenue Church of Christ, Arlington, TX 76018 **with a note stating your contribution is for the water project.** This project will be of great service to many people on the mission.



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