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THE CHALLENGE OF AFRICA

CBI 2017 is off to a good start at Chimala Mission.

We have completed the first half of the courses at Chimala Bible Institute with our students already having many opportunities to go out and practice what they have learned in school. I just got a report from one of our students in the Mwanza area. After he returned home for his mid-term break, he went to the congregation from where he was from and tried to teach them what the scriptures say regarding some of the items they were doing in error concerning worship. After failing to get them to believe what the bible teaches, he decided to do as it says in Matthew 10:14, he shook the dust from his feet. He went over to a nearby village the next weekend and started preaching the truth and had eight baptisms! God has showed us in His word what is the best when it comes to teaching the gospel. God does not want us to get bogged down trying to convince those who are not willing to accept the truth. He knows that there are others that are ready to hear and believe. It is up to us to know when it is time to move on to the "fields that are white unto harvest". Tanzania still has many places where the "fields are still white unto harvest."

In this edition of the Challenge of Africa you will read about some of the guests that have come to volunteer at the mission. One of those groups is from Harding University. Janice Bingham has brought a large group this year. Included in the group are 8 students, a Nurse Practitioner, three RN's, two MD's, a Nurse Mid-wife, a couple of teachers and a gospel preacher. As you will see in the inside article, they are doing a lot of good works at the hospital.

Also, Cheryl Bode has continued to make many improvements in the hospital. We have an article on some of the recent upgrades and talk about some of the future plans for continued improvements.



The future is looking bright for our schools, we have a couple from New York Ave that have taken on the schools as their project and they have already made many improvements at the schools. They have many more plans for the work.

We are also working with the farm up on the mountain. Several more thousand trees have been planted this year. We also have a four acre garden that is growing beans for our schools. We have also planted 12 Avocado trees. If these grow well, they are supposed to be producing fruit in three years. These are a good cash crop and could possibly help support the Preachers Training School.

You will also read how Richard and Carol Rogers have gotten the Chicken farm up and running well now. This project should have great potential for the future of the Bible School. They are also wanting to create more projects for our students at CBI so they will leave here with not only great knowledge of how to preach the gospel, but also be able to support themselves and their families.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of the "Challenge of Africa".

BILL STINSON
Mission Coordinator



REPORT FROM RICHARD ROGERS-APRIL

This past month has flown by so fast. At CBI, March has seen the end of the first quarter and the start of the second quarter. Richard is teaching Pentateuch II (Exodus and Leviticus). It has also seen all of the students going out on a week long campaign to three different areas here in Tanzania. The specific results of these three campaigns were that 22 people were baptized and 2 restored, as well as valuable training for the students. On Carol's side, she finished her first semester with the art students and all of the students did well on their tests. They will have a 2 week fall (spring) break and then start classes again close to the end of the month.

Our Sunday morning activities were as follows: On March 3 - Chimala B (the mission church), March 12- Mswiswi, March 19 - Mbuyuni, and March 26 – Chosi A. On two of these Sundays we had preacher students with us and helping with the worship services. In addition to these Carol continues to teach the ladies at the mission congregation on Wednesdays, Lyambogo on Friday evening, and Kimani on the first and last Sundays of the month. Richard has also been asked to teach the Wednesday night class at the mission church on Hebrews. He is now in Hebrews chapter 8.

As a reminder, our permanent email address is rogers33@hotmail.com; we welcome your questions. Also, remember that we have set up a blog site and its web address is: <https://rogersafricanmission.wordpress.com/>

Richard & Carol Rogers

STUDENTS READY TO ENJOY SOME OF THE CHICKENS THEY HELPED RAISE



After a series of hatchery delays we finally got a new batch of baby chickens about two weeks ago so we are now back in the chicken operation. The only bad thing is that the delay means the chickens will not be ready until after the students leave for their winter (harvest/summer) break. The positive side is that we will be able to sell this batch of chickens and start working towards making the project self-supporting.

FRESH VEGETABLES IN THE GARDEN FOR THE STUDENTS AT CBI



The garden project is going great and we have a surplus that we are able to sell to help support this project.



REPORT FROM RICHARD ROGERS-MAY

WOW, where did May go? It seems like it was just last week when we sent the last newsletter. May had been a very busy month with not only changes in our schedules but also changes in our weather. I started the month with the closing of the school of preaching for 2 months, but that did not mean 2 months of free time. Between meetings, lesson preparations for the seminars to be held this month, etc., Carol and I also taught a weekend seminar at Itumpi. She taught the ladies and I taught the men as well as several joint classes. Itumpi is a congregation where one of our students here at the school preaches. It is located about an hour off the main road up in the mountains where they grow coffee, corn, and beans. It was very well received and one of the area preachers from Mlowo had asked us to come back to hold the seminar in Mlowo where there are several congregations in the immediate area that can attend.

May also saw the arrival of 18 students and doctors from Harding University and some other areas to work with the hospital. In addition, Bill and Cyndi Stinson (stateside coordinators for the Mission) are here for the month. A week ago Andy Bennett and his wife arrived for a quick visit. He is the elder at New York Ave who will be taking over the Chimala Mission responsibilities, so he is here getting acquainted with the work. A week ago the two doctors from England left and it was a sad parting as we had gotten to know them quite well over the time they were here.

June is shaping up to be a very busy month. We have three seminars here on the campus: Youth – June 6-8; Ladies – June 13-15; and preachers (June 20-22). In addition Carol and I will be going to Mlowo for the weekend seminar I mentioned above on June 10-11. The last week in June will be a short break and then all the schools (preaching and primary & secondary schools) will start back up July 3. Carol will continue teaching her art class on Fridays at the Secondary school with 21 students. On the other hand, I am not sure exactly what I will be doing since the English program will not be going the rest of the year due to the problems I mentioned in the last newsletter. I can teach in the Swahili program using a translator, and that may be what happens, but do not know for sure yet. I will keep the blog site updated as more details become available.

Our Sunday morning activities were as follows: On May 7 – Mahango Chosi, May 14 – Itumpi (where we had the week-end campaign), May 21 – Mpangala, and May 28 – Lyambogo. Carol continues to teach the children and ladies at Lyambogo on Friday evening, and the ladies at Kimani on the first and last Sundays of the month.



The Church Building at Mlowo in Mbozi.

**This is where we held our Seminar
which has now resulted in many more request.**

We have a seminar scheduled for each month until November.



CHERYL'S CORNER-MALNUTRITION IN AFRICA

Unfortunately, malnutrition is seen frequently among our African people. There are basically two types.

One is called "Dry" malnutrition or "Marasmus". The other is "wet" malnutrition or "Kwashiorkor".

"Dry" malnutrition/"Marasmus" is where the child/person does not get enough of any kind of food. This would be what many people call starvation. The signs of this type of malnutrition are thinning hair, face of an old man, always hungry, very thin, very underweight and potbelly.

"Wet" malnutrition/"Kwashiorkor" is where the child/person does not get enough protein (body building foods). Signs of this type of malnutrition include swollen "moon" face, sores and peeling skins, swollen hands and feet, loss of color in hair and skin, and wasted muscles.

Paulo is an 18 month old who presented with his great-grandmother to one of my mobile clinics. I was very sad to see his condition. He weighed 5 kg (11 lb) and looked like a little old man. His mother had died and his great-grandmother was attempting to care for him. He has now been in the hospital receiving high calorie, high protein solutions for three weeks. He is much brighter with more energy and looks much better with a weight of 6 kg (13.2 lb). Below are before and after pictures.



Is it amazing the difference that three weeks of good nutrition can make!

Here is our challenge.....We see an average of 10 - 15 malnourished patients per month and do follow-up visits and provide nutritional foods for the next month or two. Those with malnutrition are usually from extremely poor circumstances. If they cannot afford food, then they also cannot afford a big hospital bill. Most malnourished patients will spend 3 weeks in the hospital with a bill of around 250,000 tsh (\$113.00). To someone who may have \$1 per day, this amount is completely over-whelming. We need funds to make sure we have food, medical supplies and financial assistance for these children.

I am setting up a separate account at NYA church of Christ for malnutrition. Please help us raise funds to help these children and families.



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CONTAINER SHIPMENT COST.....\$12,000.00



When we sent our last container in 2016, we were unable to get all of the items we had collected loaded. Since then we have collected many more items that have been donated by several of you and some of the medical groups that help our work.

We have collected almost enough supplies to load another container. We hope to be able to ship another container by the end of the summer. These containers are costing approximately \$12,000 to ship and clear.

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



**Opening doors on last container.
Time to start collecting funds for the
next shipment.**

CAN YOU HELP?

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CHIMALA BIBLE INSTITUTE EVANGELISM REPORT

May 20 - May 30 2017

Below is a report that I just received from Joseph Hoanga. Since 99 percent of the churches operate without Elders in their congregations, they often rely on the men at our School of Preaching for leadership when it comes to church problems. Joseph and several other men play a big role in trying to mature the church here. On top of this work, they had 48 baptisms in the month of May.

Hello brethren we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The return to the Bible Seminar at Mbeya was very well attended with more than 40 in attendance. Several lessons were taught like the Patriacal age, the Mosiac age, the Christ age, Salvation and the Kingdom of God. After finishing the seminar two people added to the church.

Also we had a trip to visit one family of one of our students. His wife wanted a divorce because she said most of the time she is alone while her husband is at school. We encouraged them and yesterday both families from both the wife and husband came together united. That makes glory to the church and family.

At Inyala we met with the church and discussed some problems they were having. It seems that most of the problem was a leadership system they had in place. It was not in accordance to the scriptures. They were doing things like they had chosen daecons without elders. They were also claiming that the preacher they have was left by someone elase and they did not chose him. Also they had a group of women that were running a business which caused some Christians to be offended and backsliding. After a long discussion everyone asked forgiveness and all promised to work together.

At Kapunga we encouraged the church. It seemed there was a problem between the church, the preacher and one of our students at CBI. After t alking every thing out, everyone was satisfied and all things seemed to be resolved.

At Itumpi they had a great Sunday this week with five souls being added to the Lord's Church. Their attendance was good and every one was very thankful to God for the great worship they had.

Last of all, Ezekiel made a trip to Mbagala in Dar es Salaam to teach the members how to raise chickens. The Christians really enjoyed the seminars. Along with this, two people obeyed the Gospel and were baptized into Christ.

This makes 9 souls added to the church. Let's go together by prayers in front of God for them.

Thanks

Joseph Hoanga and the Chimala Bible Institute Team



Another Soul Being Added at Itumpi A Few Weeks Ago.

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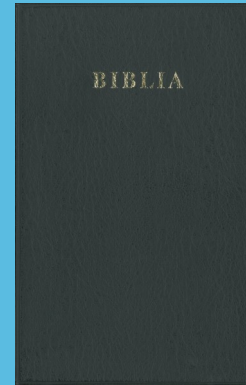
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We just returned from our second trip to the mission this year. It seemed to me that there were more request for Bibles on this last trip than I ever remember there being in the past. This was true all over the mission., whether it was at the hospital, the schools and even at the shop, there were request for Bibles and Bible studies.



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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Since the last Challenge was published, there have many improvements made at our schools. Some of you have helped in this area and we appreciate your help. One couple, **Mark and Edith Givens**, from New York Ave has taken a great interest in the schools. With their help both schools have seen extensive repairs. The primary school also has solar power that allows them to have constant power. The secondary school already had a back up generator. There is a new computer lab being built at the secondary school and the plan is to have one at the primary school sometime in the near future.

We still have many improvements that needs to be made to keep our schools competitive in a quickly advancing school system in Tanzania. One area in particular is more science labs. We are supposed to have a physics, biology, and chemistry labs. This will require construction of another building for the schools. The new Lab Building is estimated to cost over \$30,000.

The schools are currently on mid-term break. During this time the four classes that will sit for national exams later this year will remain at school for additional studies to help guarantee better results on the test.

One great thing to remember when it comes to our schools, in the U.S. it is almost illegal currently to even sit a Bible on a desk, here it is still part of the curriculum.

We are teaching hundreds of children daily the Truth!



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