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Cyndi and I have visited Chimala for almost three months this year. When we left in late June, I told Cyndi that I was having the hardest time leaving. The reason was that I was so excited to be there and be a part of what is taking place at Chimala. I could tell that the campaigns were going to be great, things are going better at the hospital than they have in years and the schools are turning the corner to become the self supporting schools we want them to be.

2015 has become the best year of campaigns that we have had in eighteen years with August proving to be phenomenal. There are some articles inside this edition that give details of some of the great results of this years preaching and teaching.

We have had some real challenges this year at the mission along with some great opportunities. There are articles telling about both insides. One of the greatest opportunities is dealing with our preacher's training school. This opportunity presents us a chance to increase the Kingdom greatly in Tanzania.

ANOTHER SOUL BEING ADDED ... BAPTISTRY ON THE GOSPEL CHARIOT



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While we were in Tanzania early in the summer, I was able to purchase three late model vehicles. Many of you have sent funds to help us with a new vehicle and we are so thankful for your help. I had been trying to raise money for a new Toyota Land Cruiser. Then the opportunity presented itself for us to be able to purchase **two 2011 Land Cruisers** and **one 2011 Land Rover**. We got all three for **\$55,000**. We had raised **\$42,000** for the new vehicle which we used towards purchasing these vehicles. We still need to raise an additional **\$13,000** to have enough to finish paying these vehicles off. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

BILL STINSON
Mission Coordinator



We've had an amazing and encouraging month which seems to have just flown by. There have been so many baptisms (roughly 100) from the meetings in various places with WBS and the Gospel Chariot. I had heard of this Gospel Chariot, but we were never here during the time that it was here. So, getting to be a small part of it this year has been great.



Over the course of these

weeks, Howell and I traveled to three of the different locations, and Howell got to preach. All of the places were far away from the mission. The CBI instructors and preacher students did an outstanding job as well as the gentlemen driving the Gospel Chariot. It was an honor to meet them. For those who are unaware, this Chariot travels all over Africa where it can. It is equipped with so much including a baptistry. So, when people are ready to be baptized, we don't have to walk to a river somewhere!

I was touched one evening when three older ladies responded. One could hardly see, and she carefully climbed up the metal staircase to the platform where the baptistry is. Afterwards, I couldn't help thinking of the "eleventh-hour" workers. They will be rewarded as well as those who have been Christians for many years. And, we are so happy for them. Many times, older people are hardened or have lost part of their reasoning skills. So, it's not super common to see really old people get baptized. That same evening, a teenaged boy and a young mother were also baptized. The teenager was actually the first to raise his hand in response to the gospel invitation!

Tanzania is a beautiful country. One of the places we had the privilege of going was very near the Malawian border. We had been there before several months ago. The drive was still stunning. Apparently, the tea grows all year, and it was still gorgeous. We were shown our accommodations for just the one night and were most thankful and pleasantly surprised at such a nice place at such an inexpensive price. Because it was a large group of them and they were staying for all of the nights, the CBI instructors and students remained on-site and slept under the big tent connected to the chariot. It may have been "roughing it", but they thoroughly enjoyed being able to discuss each day's events each evening when the last listeners left. I know they made memories and learned things that they will never forget over these last several weeks. They have such good attitudes and know how to make everything enjoyable. These men of God are such good men. I appreciate each one of them.

Another place we went, we also had to stay the night. It was actually really cold there at night. So many children would attend these events, and then more adults would come later into the evenings after they finished working. It is encouraging to know that there are still people in the world who have honest hearts that can be touched with the gospel call. Things like baptism (a burial) instead of a sprinkling and other biblical truths are so much easier to teach people about when it is not clouded with postmodern thinking. In other places in the world, this type of thinking makes it hard. Christianity is "reasonable". "Come now and let us reason together" Isa. 1:18a. But, what happens when people no longer know how to reason properly or will not reason properly? Needless to say, it is refreshing to be able to live and work here in Tanzania!



Cheryl found this lady at home suffering from a stroke

I have so many ways of reaching out to those in need. Of course, there are lots of things to be done at the hospital and with the staff here at the mission. Mobile clinics and working with business people in the community offer special areas of outreach. But one special way we do outreach is through home visits. The elderly lady in picture to the right has had a stroke and is being cared for by her family at home. She no longer needs the hospital setting, yet she needs medical attention and they have no way of bringing her to a clinic. The family came to one of the mobile clinics we offer asking if we would please come to see her at home.

This is not the first home visit we have made and will not be the last. This is an opportunity to teach the family and patient what care can be done at home is such a blessing. We are not privileged with in-patient rehab units or out-patient visiting nurses/physical therapy. Therefore there is little hope of the patient with a stroke getting better.

When we visit, we assess the patient for medical, nutritional, physical and spiritual needs. This is our opportunity to be welcomed into the home to teach rehab techniques to the family for assisting the patient, discuss proper nutritional needs, provide medications for comfort and medical needs, pray with the family and offer Bible studies. So many, in need of rehab and continued medical/nursing care are sent home with no help or hope of making improvement. If we had the man-power, we would have days filled with home care visits.

When the communities and families see us coming into their villages and homes to help, they get to experience a little piece of God's love. They see that we care enough to make the extra effort to travel to their homes. And their neighbors also see what true love and caring looks like. We are blessed to show them the love Jesus has shown us.



Cheryl with Shadrack Kasiba, the New Hospital Health Secretary

Luke 9:2,6 "and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick". "So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere."



Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Colorado, Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee. These are various states in the union. While these states may have some things in common, for our purposes, there is one thing that 13 of the 50 states in the United States have in common this summer: **The Wagner Family.**

We have travelled to 13 states making presentations, talking to churches, visiting with people, etc. trying to raise funds for support to continue our work in Tanzania. In fact, we have had to delay our return to Chimala to continue to raise funds so that we can continue our work in Tanzania.

One of the things we ask that you keep in mind is that as a missionary to Tanzania, we are allowed to enter and live in the country under a Class C resident permit. These 2 year, renewable permits allow us to travel within the country to do our missionary work. However, one of the limitations with this permit is that it is unlawful for a missionary to “work” or “draw a salary” in Tanzania. That means that whatever funds we live on must be sourced out of the country, hence the need for missionary support.

There are many good works in the churches of Christ throughout the world whether it be in Asia, Africa or the Americas – all of them worthy of support. So many times, it is a difficult decision for churches and elderships to decide between the works. As a missionary, I understand that difficult position. Let me give you a few things to keep in mind as you discuss the new year’s budget. First, the Chimala Mission has been a stable and faithful mission point since the 1950’s. Second, the Wagner family has been part-time missionaries in Nigeria and full-time missionaries to Tanzania for three years. Third, the Wagner’s are heavily involved in many good works from teaching at the school of preaching, to evangelism, to helping orphans. In conclusion, the mission work is stable, working, and a good work in need of your support.

UPDATE: As of the printing of this Challenge, the Wagner Family has decided to go ahead back to Chimala even though they still need support. We know that the Lord will accomplish His will through you for the Wagners and their support.

2 Corinthians 5:7
“for we walk by faith, not by sight.”



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GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CBI

BILL STINSON
Stateside Coordinator

In the past few years we have been graduating seven to ten men a year to be preachers. One of the main reasons we have kept the number that low is the cost of training more. We also have thought that it was better to be selective in who we accepted into the school. We do not want to waste the Lord's money on students who are not serious about being preachers.

This year we have been presented with an excellent opportunity. Up in the northern part of Tanzania, there are many congregations that have been started by other mission works. This last year, Joseph Haonga and Peter Kamatula had the opportunity to visit these churches. When they arrived both men faced somewhat of a cold shoulder. The churches up there wondered why we had not been in fellowship with them. Peter and Joseph explained that there seemed to be doctrinal differences in our teachings. When the local members there started questioning Joseph and Peter about this, they opened their Bibles and started to teach them what the scriptures say in regards to the differences. To make a long story short, it was not very long until these members realized that they did not know the Bible and needed to be taught more.

The end result is that eighteen of their preachers have asked to join CBI in January so they can learn the whole truth. There are around 100 congregations up in the area where these men will come from. We are very excited by this opportunity. But, since it does cost us to train each one of these men, we will need a big increase of funds to be able to do so. We will need \$100 per month for each student to make this possible. For this \$1,800 a month for two years, we can possibly teach thousands of people the truth. If you could just support one man for two years, that would be great.



**Current CBI Staff and Students.
We have the opportunity to
double the number of students in 2016."**



As I mentioned in my article on the front page and Mary Ferguson did also in hers, church growth this year has been almost unprecedented. I know that in the past there have been times of great success. But we have not seen such an explosion of new babes in Christ in recent history. In the end, the four weeks that the Gospel Chariot was with us in Chimala, we had over **one hundred baptisms**. During that same time frame, there was a campaign held by our **Brother Reemy Mfaume in Chang'ombe**. There were **eight baptism** there. There were also **baptisms** at our schools. There were others at other churches. In total, we had almost **130 baptisms** in a four week period.



THIS LITTLE HOUSE WILL NOT HOLD OVER THIRTY MEMBERS PLUS THEIR CHILDREN

These numbers will continue to grow as our Evangelists continue to go back to these villages to do follow up studies. In one church alone, there have been **44 baptisms**. In **Ilongo**, there was a new congregation started there as a result of evangelism work being done at the hospital. Cyndi and I visited there in June. They had about 15 members at that time. The gospel chariot started there. That church has more than doubled now. They are looking for a new house to rent and having to build new benches. We have several churches that have already built new buildings this last year to handle church growth. I have several requests for

help with church roofs on my desk right now. We have big needs for more Bibles.

I believe that a lot of the success we are having is in part due to the preaching that is being done weekly on the Mbeya radio station. We focused our campaigns this year where people are hearing the Word over the air and are calling us with questions.



IMEZU BUILDING NEEDS ROOF

All of this is great news, but it does take funds to continue growing these churches, **putting roofs on church buildings**, giving Bibles to the Christians that cannot afford one, and buying time on the radio. I thank all of you that have helped in this work and ask that you help us continue to do so. Right now we need **\$4,000 for Church roofs**, \$1,000 for Bibles and \$250 a month for the Radio Program. I have been trying to raise an additional \$1,000 a month for Evangelism so our Evangelists can go out more often and to more places.

Your help is greatly needed. Islam is trying to take over Africa and **I believe our best defense is a great offense of teaching the Gospel.**

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** with this form to:

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WAGNER FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP

One of the vital parts of the mission work is the missionaries and one of those missionaries needs your help. You have that opportunity to help with the **Wagner's** at Chimala.

The Wagner family is very active in the work at Chimala. From overseeing the mission work to preaching the Gospel and helping the hurting, the Wagner family are a vital and integral part of the Chimala Mission work. The Wagner family is Chad and Rena along with their three children, Michaela, Chandra, and Jonah. They have been at Chimala since 2012.

Each Sunday, Chad is preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in various congregations of the Lord's church throughout Tanzania. From rural, village churches to congregations in larger cities, he is preaching and edifying the brethren. He is also highly involved with the evangelism efforts of the mission. Working with local evangelists, he encourages men as he works alongside them.

Chad also teaches at the Chimala Bible Institute, the two year school of preaching which trains men from Tanzania, Malawi and the Congo. He believes fervently in 2 Timothy 2:2 as he is trying to train men who will be able to teach others also.

Rena, Chad's wife, is also an active presence at the mission. As a nurse, she is active with mobile clinics as well as helping out at the hospital. Even while homeschooling three children, she also helps orphan and sick children as the need arises. You have the opportunity to help this wonderful family. They are in need of an additional **\$1,000 a month in support**. While there are many good works in the church, this is a working family for the Lord that needs your help.



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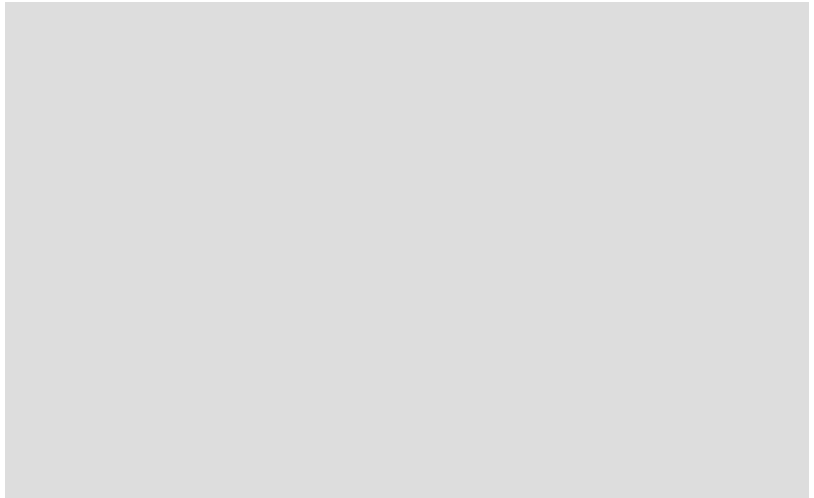
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