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*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things.*  
 Romans 10:15



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From the Stateside Coordinator

January has ended during which time my main reason for coming to the Chimala Mission has been to get across one central message: **We are raising the spiritual bar of this work.** It is easy to get so fixated with the proverbial “trees” that we tend to forget there is a “forest”. In an attempt to create a more cohesive mission, I have spent time with the department heads and then later scheduled times to meet with each of the department staff groups. Not only have I given them updates on the new direction of the mission, I have also listened to their concerns and needs.

I knew I was on the right track after speaking to a group of primary schoolteachers urging them to think of the eternal destinies of these little children, when one tall man stood and said, **“I am not a Christian. But I would like to know if this mission will underwrite loans for us like other employers.”** Wow! We have a lot of work to do, don’t we? Somewhere along the road the purpose of this mission has fallen behind in the minds of some people. Materialistic and even socialistic tendencies have blurred the spiritual thinking of some. A great restoration is needed. Listed below are the principle points that were outlined to each of the departments:

- Formally introduce myself and the new overseeing church, Dalraida Church of Christ (although most of the people here know me).
- Review the history and original purpose of the mission and how that purpose must be restored back to being the priority on the mission, as well as to begin again upholding its policies.
- Explain how each department of the mission connects to the mission’s overall purpose: 1) CSOP—evangelism/preaching, 2) hospital—benevolence, 3) primary and secondary schools—Christian education/edification, 4) farm project and estate—stewardship of physical location.
- Improve communication on the mission in the form of emails, text messages, and bulletin boards.
- Encourage and expect increased cooperation between departments physically and spiritually.
- Insist that each department becomes more cooperative with CSOP staff and students in their efforts to teach the Bible to people in those departments.
- Emphasize how the farm project headed by Gage Coldwater can greatly assist the mission to becoming a self-supported, self-ruled, and self-propagated work of the Tanzanian Christians.

To summarize: the Chimala Mission is being re-evaluated and re-centered on a pathway that will bring the focus of all areas back to the purpose stated by Jesus Himself: *“For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”* (Luke 19:10). Chimala Mission is healing sick people, educating children, and feeding people. But our purpose for being here is not about healthcare, it is not about education, it is not about farming; it is about saving the lost in Tanzania. Let’s refocus! Howell



# The Challenge Of Africa

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Chimala Mission Newsletter—Tanzania, East Africa

### Richard & Carol Rogers - Residing at Chimala Mission

As of this writing we are starting our fourth week of classes here at Chimala School of Preaching (CSOP). Our school year began on January 14 with 21 returning second year students (8 in the English degree program and 13 in the Swahili program). All of these students will be completing their courses and graduating on November 1, 2019.



This semester started off with a lot of excitement as we are undergoing some interesting changes at the school. Unlike in America, most of the congregations in Tanzania are unable to support their preacher, and thus many who graduate have not continued to preach. The main reason they give is their need to support their families. As a result, we have started a program in connection with the Manna Project where every Friday the students spend time in the classroom learning new farming techniques and also out in the fields applying what they have learned. Our goal is not only to teach them the Bible, but to also to train them in how that they can provide for their families while still preaching the gospel. Since much of Tanzania is still agricultural based, this training can be of tremendous benefit to them. As a side benefit we also will be providing most of the food for our school from our own efforts. The goal is for the school to become self-supporting from these agricultural projects. But

until that time comes we still need your support financially and especially your prayers that God will bless this effort as we strive to move forward.



Richard teaching English class at CSOP

On the weekends we are striving to involve our students in working with the area congregations. We realize that not only is it essential that they have a good knowledge of the Bible, but also they need some practical experience that can only come from working out in the Lord's vineyard. Thus we are seeking to involve our students with local congregations

where they can get experience in preaching, teaching, evangelism, working with new converts, etc. For the church in Tanzania to go forward we need strong gospel preachers; and we pray that our efforts here at CSOP will help promote God's kingdom in this country. Richard

### Chimala Mission Hospital

*Note: The following article was submitted by the Chimala Mission Hospital health secretary, Shadrack Obely.*

The hospital has 128 beds: male ward-30, female ward-30, labor ward-35, and pediatric ward-33. We have 132 hospital workers, 7 doctors, 42 nurses and the rest are normal workers.



The number of patients have increase from 32,447 in 2017 to 38,649 in 2018 [Not counting mobile clinics, hf]. We have several departments which are doing a good job. Our dental department has brought a good contribution as more people are coming for dental clinics. Because our hospital is located alongside of the main road, Tanzania-Zambia highway, we receive many patients due to accidents.

Our most busy ward is the labor ward whereby we receive about 335 mothers per month for our delivering service. We have a very good team of committed doctors and nurses which has been justified by the number of patients who have increased year after year due to quality services provided.

Our main challenges and needs are as follows:

- i. We need to start orthopedics services to help patients with accidents.
- ii. We need to remodel our major theater which will meet government requirements and hospital demand.
- iii. To expand mortuary and purchase mortuary fridge which is in high demand at our hospital as we have on average one death everyday at our hospital.
- iv. We also need digital ultra-sound machine for the ER. The one we have is analog with poor performance.
- v. Dental department is lacking required tools like dental chairs and other dental materials.

We hope if we tackle these challenges we will improve much in our hospital and have more admissions with decreased deaths. This improvement can be achieved if we will have improved and quality diagnosis tools like a digital ultra-sound machine. Shadrach

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