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"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

(Matt. 28:18-20)

WISH TO SCHEDULE A MISSION PRESENTATION?

Most weeks that I am home I try to schedule appointments to give presentation reports to supporting churches or churches that may be interested in learning more about the work.

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Beginning Travels in Behalf of Chimala

Having been home now for a month to much cooler weather than at Chimala, Mary and I have been on the road quite a bit. One of our trips took us to middle Tennessee where we were able to visit one of the churches. Of course, since all our grandchildren live in that general area we couldn't pass by without seeing them.

And on our way to attend a funeral for a longtime and dear friend in south Mississippi, we stopped by a congregation in Laurel where I was asked to give an impromptu report. I happily accepted the opportunity and enjoyed every minute of that church's warm and friendly spirit.

For the time being as I'm trying to visit churches east of the Mississippi, we scheduled a presentation visit to a church in Kentucky that had collected children's clothes for Chimala. Another wonderful and long-time supporter of the mission. As a result of that visit, I learned of a clinic that was closing and wished to donate their medical supplies to a good cause. Of course the Chimala Mission Hospital would make very good use of such items. Lord willing I'll pick up this load very soon.

Speaking of picking up supplies, there was one last trip that needed to be made to New York Ave., the former overseeing church of Chimala. This trip basically completed the transition to Dalraida.

First I had to pick up the enclosed trailer at Bill's house. And then we loaded it up with the Chimala Mission office equipment and furniture as well as the remaining donated items which Bill had been collecting.

After arriving home just long enough to add donations I had been collecting, we basically turned around and headed south toward Montgomery, AL with a fairly heavy trailer load. On the next day with the help of Mark Davidson, the Chimala deacon, we unloaded the items in a large empty building that was once a TG&Y store. Do you remember those? John Kachelman, Jr. who works with Ukraine missions uses half of the space and the Chimala items are on the other side. John has volunteered his time to organize the Chimala items hopefully making it much easier for us to send future shipments.

The next several weeks are already becoming full. Before we know it, it will be summer here and time to return to Chimala. While I'm trying to visit all the supporting churches east of the Mississippi, please do not hesitate to contact me for a report wherever you are. I would love to meet you personally and will do my level best to head your way.

Howell Ferguson
Stateside Coordinator

Principles for Chimala Leadership Success

By Howell Ferguson

As we visualize Chimala's future we have to consider that its leaders must be men of high caliber who understand the Lord's vision for His church. Self-supporting, self-sustaining, and self-leading churches are the ultimate NT goals. Anything short of this vision will leave Tanzanian churches weak and dependent. Those of you who have been long-time readers of the *Challenge* know this has always been the mission's goal. And we have no plans to change that. While we are always seeking out fresh approaches to successfully seek out and save the lost, here are a few ways to help the mission develop and mature:

One, we must refrain from the tendency to micro-mange when things don't always go as we hoped. Chimala leaders must be given the space and freedom to grow.

Two, we encourage Americans who wish to assist the Tanzanians in various ways to please help through the overseeing church. It is not unusual for some to contact supporters directly asking for help. Again, if we are ever to accomplish long-term NT goals of self-leadership we have to refrain from things that may actually hinder long-term growth.

Three, sound biblical teaching must continue to "ring out" across Tanzania. We can never move God's doctrinal landmarks to either the left or the right (cf. Prov. 22:28).

These are simple but important concepts that we believe can help the Chimala Mission move ever closer to fulfilling God's purpose in Tanzania.

CSOP Weekend Evangelism Reports

Every weekend both the CSOP teachers and students form evangelism groups to conduct Bible studies. Sometimes the places they go are randomly selected. Other times they have been invited by local churches to help. But probably the most effective are those places chosen in preparation to the summer campaigns.

This same method will be used this year in preparation to the Gospel Chariot campaigns (July 2—Aug 3).



Remmy teaching the Bible in one of the local government schools.

Two times a month 8 students will be going to the two congregations that will be hosting the Gospel Chariot to work, door-knock, etc. (Mswiswi & Mapangala). The other two weeks they will split up the students into groups of 4 or 5 and work with one of the local congregations.

While all of our instructors are also great evangelists, one particular teacher—Remmy Mfaume never ceases to go the extra mile to work in evangelism above and beyond the normal week-end efforts. There are sev-

eral local government schools that Remmy has built a good relationship with. In just one of Remmy's reports he lists having Bible studies with 28 students at Malenga, and 39 students at Mount Chafukwe. Including 42 students whose parents were Christians, Remmy studied with a total of 109 students. Out of those studies he was able to baptize 3 students from Malenga.

Although Remmy desires to convert more of those he teaches, these

are the results of a mere few days. He asks God to bless his ministry to make those born of water and Spirit to grow.

These are the types of evangelistic activities that is encouraged at the Chimala Mission. The only thing that limits more of this kind of activity from taking place is giving such men like Remmy the resources and tools

they need. That is why CSOP exists. All around the Chimala village and within the mission itself are tremendous opportunities to save souls. Thank you for your support!



Patrick, one of the new farm workers decides to put on Christ in baptism.

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CHIMALA MISSION

Brief History and Abstract

Chimala Mission & Hospital was founded in 1962 and officially recognized by the Tanzanian government in 1963 through the efforts and sacrifices of many dedicated Christians, particularly Andrew and Claudene Connally. The mission is located on an approx. total of 723 acres in Tanzania, East Africa (formerly Tanganyika), 500 miles inland from the Indian Ocean and the capital city of Dar-es-Salaam, in a semi-tropical region at the base of the Kipengere mountain range.

The Mission is in many ways self-sustaining with more than 30 buildings including: a mission congregation, a preacher training school, primary and secondary schools, a hospital, a farming program, an all-purpose shop, a print shop, and staff and personnel houses. The hospital has 120 beds, and the staff treats as many as 60,000 people per year through its out-patient clinic, lab, wellness and post-natal clinic, dispensary, and separate wards for women, children, men, and isolation cases. It is common to deliver 3,000 babies per year.

Chimala Mission is a multi-faceted evangelism effort supported by churches of Christ across America under the oversight of the eldership of the Dalraida church of Christ, Montgomery, Alabama.

Gage Coldwater

How Far Would You Go To Save A Soul?

The question at hand is one of particular importance and is very dear to my heart. I have spent the majority of my time in ministry as a “missionary.” This is a question that has been asked to me several times and I can answer definitively in only one way: I should be willing to go to any length to save one soul and you should too! I have had more people than I can count tell me that they could never board a plane, fly across the world, eat strange food, or do a number of the hosts of things I have done to preach and teach around the world. I was once accused of being out of my mind for flying in a helicopter through the Himalayan mountains of Nepal to preach and work in a village at 13,000 ft of elevation following the earthquake there in 2015. But it was an opportunity. And yet I could not have gone on that trip or the many other trips that I have gone on and plan to go on without faithful brethren supporting my work from back home. See, God opens doors to each of us every day. But my door

isn't your door. You may not be able to go to Chimala, Tanzania or the top of the world in Nepal, due to work, health, family, or other reasons. But we all work together for a common goal. To strive to reach that one soul. To put forth the best effort we can to ensure that we have given all we can whether physically or financially to do the work of the Lord. Why? Because every soul will stand before the Lord one day (2 Cor. 5:10, Heb. 9:27) and will either go to heaven or to hell (Matt. 25). Sometimes the most difficult souls to reach are within our own homes, within our workplace, or on our street, not always across the ocean.

Maybe the question really shouldn't be how far should I go, but rather what is stopping me from going, from contributing, from living a life which leads that ONE soul to Christ today. It is a mindset, a way of thinking that views people for what they really are, souls in need of Jesus Christ.

This Month's Chimala Mission Question

Q: What are some ways I can help the Chimala Mission?

A: For over 50 years, dedicated and sacrificial Christians have been contributing to the Chimala Mission in many ways. Without their giving, the mission would not be what it is today; nor would it have accomplished the saving of souls and building up the body of Christ in the southern part of Tanzania.

For many years 40' shipping containers have been sent to the mission with items that have been hard or impossible to get there. In some ways these containers were the life-support of the physical requirements to running a mission the size of Chimala—and still are. For even these days, containers are continually being sent nearly every year. Part of the job of the

stateside coordinator is to communicate to supporters the items that are needed by the mission and to collect those items from churches that wish to help. This is and will continue to be a great way for churches to participate.

Another way you can assist the Chimala Mission effort, however, is by monetary contributions. Did you realize that many of the items we ship can be purchased at retail stores nearby the overseeing church—the Dalraida church of Christ—thus saving transportation costs? Furthermore, many items that were impossible to attain in Tanzania in the past are now available even though the costs are usually higher. But with some of the larger equipment (ex. farm equipment) it may be more economical to purchase them in Tanzania than to pay to ship them.

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	Missionary Support—Richard Rogers	
	Missionary Support—Bill Stinson	
	Estate	
	Shipping Container Expenses	
	Where Needed	



Upcoming Chimala Mission Events

• **Seminars**

- a. Women’s Seminar (June 11-13)
- b. Youth Seminar (June 18-20)
- c. Preacher’s Seminar (June 25-27)

• **WBS—Gospel Chariot Campaigns**

- a. Itumpi Church of Christ (July 2-6)
- b. Mlawo Church of Christ (July 9-13)
- c. Ukwavila Church of Christ (July 16-20)
- d. Mpangala Church of Christ (July 23-27)
- e. Mswiswi Church of Christ (July 31-Aug 3)



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