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God' Solution to Save the World

"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)

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Summer Gospel Chariot Campaigns Have Started

The Gospel Chariot campaigns are now well underway. It is always one of the highlights of the year especially for gospel preachers as it gives us the opportunity to do what we love to do the most - preach! The 2019 schedule was arranged so that while the Swahili students are in class the English class is out working in the campaigns. And once the English students complete their efforts they will return to their classes while the Swahili class take their place



in the campaign work. It is a simple but good plan. The director of CSOP, Frank Mwashikumbulu writes:

"We have finished the first meeting at Itumpi Mbozi. Good but no one who [is] baptized. We planted the seed and we believe that God will change them. Now we are in the second meeting at Mlowo Mbozi.... The works which we are doing here are: supplying Bible lessons, tracts, going house to house and public meeting. Please we are asking for your prayer."

In Mlowo, three souls have obeyed the gospel with indications that several others will do the same soon. In the on-going Ukwavila campaign, there are at least six people who have put Christ on in baptism. In addition Remmy Mfaume, preacher for the nearby

Changombe congregation gave awards to several people who had completed a set of correspondence courses.

One never knows how well received the preaching of the gospel will be in all places. Simply because an area may be considered third-world does not mean there will be no resistance to Bible teaching. But it is still in the early stages of the campaigns with much more teaching and preaching scheduled. I plan to speak when the chariot



goes to Mapangala. Your prayers are always needed and appreciated!

Howell Ferguson
Stateside Coordinator

Challenge from a Chimala Missionary

Contributed by Richard Rogers

I am a lonely quarter, but what can I do for the Lord and his work by myself?

But what if one person saved one small quarter a day for a whole year? – That would be \$91.25.

What if 10 people did this? – That would be \$912.50.

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We really do not have to do great things, but rather small things that can add up to being great.

Are you willing to start saving a quarter a day to give to the Lord to further the mission of His kingdom?



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Richard Rogers

Great Need of Training Preachers

Ever since the time of the Apostle Paul there have been churches sending out missionaries. These men have been supported by congregations, individuals, and even by being tent-makers. While their means of support may be different, they all had one goal in mind – sharing the gospel with the lost and building up the new Christians into strong mature congregations.

Through the years many different methods have been used, but the goal has still been to follow Jesus' command in the great commission. One of the things we quickly discovered in doing mission work was that while it is fairly easy to reach and baptize people in many cultures, it is far more difficult to bring those people who have been baptized on to maturity in Christ. Just as Paul would send trained men like Timothy and Titus to struggling congregations to help them, encourage them, and challenge them, we must do the same today if the church is going to grow. 2 Timothy 2:2 is still as valid today as it was the day Paul penned it: "And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (NASB)

Here at the Chimala School of Preaching (CSOP), our goal is to train men who will know God's word; who will be living examples of Christianity; who will be leaders; and who will go back to their home areas and congregations to not only convert the lost, but also to build up the saved. This task requires having committed men who will be our teachers and men committed to learning and applying what they have been taught. While our students do spend a lot of time in the classroom learning

God's word, they are also applying what they have learned by going out on the weekends to do evangelistic work and also to help with Sunday services.

Currently we have 21 students (19 men and 2 women); and 2 classes (8 in the English program and 13 in the Swahili program). Our students have just arrived back from their final break and will be graduating on November 1, 2019. These students have come from a number of different areas, some from over 700 miles away. Upon graduation many of the men will be going



back to their home congregations to continue their work. The ladies will be teaching and training other Christian women and children, which is a tremendous need here in Tanzania. Over the years many men and women have been trained here at CSOP, but the job is not done yet as there is still

a need for many more trained teachers and preachers.

This work has been made possible by many congregations, (like Antioch and Philippi, and by many individual Christians, like Philemon), who have donated generously to the work here in Chimala and western Tanzania. We truly want to thank each one of you for your generous help and continued prayers for this work. Our future goal is for this work to become self-supporting, but we are not there yet. While the school is directed and run by Tanzanians, and while we have started some agricultural projects to help fund the future operation of the school, we still need your support and especially your prayers as we are working hard to become truly self-supporting. If you have any questions about the school and our work, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Help Chimala Missions use our financial support more wisely!

Howell Ferguson

Teacher of “Organized Chaos” Comes to Chimala

It has been said we are the sum total of the people we meet throughout our lives. Good or bad, they affect us at some level. However, there are those rare people interspersed in life's journey who leave a lasting impression and motivate us in ways most cannot. Born and raised in Nigeria, **Chikezie O. “Emmanuel” Madu** and his good wife, **Pamela** visited the Chimala Mission in July with their two children, **Chinua** and **Elechi**. Emmanuel's

credentials are impressive: a 2012 graduate of the College of Graduate Health Sciences at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), he spent five years as a cancer and genetics researcher at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, is currently an AP Biology teacher at White Station High School and a dual enrollment instructor at the University of Memphis, and was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching—the nation's highest honor for teachers of mathematics and science. [<http://rss.chalkbeat.org/posts/tn/2017/09/06/why-this-memphis-educator-hates-being-called-a-teacher-and-loves-organized-chaos/>]

But it was in meeting him in person when I began to realize the source of his accomplishments. He is a faithful Christian and gospel preacher who truly desires to understand and help people with whatever challenges they face. He excels in the classroom because he genuinely cares for each student. He was absolutely overwhelmed when he visited the Chimala Mission because of



the great amount of good that is done in every department. Coming from a medical research, scientific, and educational perspective with a solid Biblical foundation, he sees the nearly infinite possibilities provided by the mission. His optimism is contagious and inspiring. Watching him engage the attention of the students of our primary school was unlike anything I had ever seen before. And the time he spent talking with the teachers was

perhaps the most enriching two resource hours they have spent this whole year.

By his side is his wife, Pamela who is an RN at the MED in Memphis. Her assistance was not only a great benefit to the hospital, but she was also a super role model for our visiting nursing students. Emmanuel and Pam make a remarkable team bringing a one-two punch of enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge and experience from a firm Christian perspective. I

picked up a number of ideas that I believe can benefit the mission's efforts in reaching out to seek and to save the lost. Their balanced understanding and approach of helping people in a third-world setting without hurting their sense of self-worth or hampering their growth, is a model we wish all visitors to the mission would grasp and follow. The success Dr. Madu's students have by scoring the top mark of 5 on the AP exam with few, if any, exceptions speaks for itself. Welcome brother and sister Madu! We pray for your return that the Chimala Mission can benefit by emulating your enthusiasm for excellence and believing any person can become what God desires him or her to be.

This Month's Chimala Mission Question

Q: Is money the answer to alleviating poverty and improving the lives of the people where mission efforts exist? Is not poverty defined by a lack of financial means?

A: Anyone who has seriously been involved working in overseas or even stateside missions knows that one of the most difficult hurdles to overcome is a lack of adequate funding to carry on your work. And the answer I am about to give may appear to be counter-productive to fundraising. But the plain truth of the matter is money cannot solve the world's problems, and it certainly cannot solve the problems resulting from our alienation from God brought about by our sins.

From the wisdom of Solomon come these words: *“Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet”* (Proverbs 19:1-2). To put it bluntly, too many times well-meaning brethren rush in to give money to mission works when they see a heart-breaking situation in a third-

word setting. And in short order they may actually cause a mission work to fall backwards losing years of painstaking advancement simply by a few ill-advised mistakes.

The fact is poverty can be defined in a variety of ways besides the mere lack of material wealth. Shame, inferiority, powerlessness, humiliation, fear, hopelessness, depression, social isolation, and voicelessness are all different ways the poor describe their poverty. (Source: Corbett, Fikkert, *When Helping Hurts*).

Does this mean we should stop funding mission works? God forbid! What it means is we need to go back to Scripture and create a biblical framework for thinking about poverty allowing it to guide our approach to people's needs. The truth is all mankind are in poverty—spiritual poverty. Only until we understand the practical value of being created in His image with a true perspective of God's intended purpose given to each of us will we begin to understand the long-term solutions to alleviating poverty of body, mind, and soul.



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Why Preachers' Kids Often Fall Behind

We take so many things for granted; a nice home, cars, fashionable clothing, and even education. Basically if you put forth just a little effort you can finish high school and work or borrow your way through college. If you really want to go, you can go. But that's not true in all countries. If you are a peasant farmer in Tanzania, you can possibly make enough profit from your harvest to send your child to an average private school. However if your father is a preacher for a small congregation, about as far as you will go is primary school. Secondary school is probably out of your parents' reach because your father decided to dedicate his life to proclaiming the word of God. Fortunately at the Chimala Mission we believe that if a man is willing to dedicate his life to the ministry rather than pursuing a more profitable career, we will try to help put his children through school. For that reason, we make occasional pleas in behalf of these children whose fathers wish to evangelize near their homes and villages. A new category has been added to the left of this article for anyone who would like to designate funds to help these parents send their children to the Chimala Mission Christian schools. **Can you help make our preachers' lives a little easier by helping to assure their children's future?**