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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)

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A Final Goodbye: "What A Journey It Has Been But We Still Need Your Help To Get To The Finish Line"

by Bill Stinson

As we travel through our lives, it is impossible to know what lies ahead. Twenty-two years ago, when we were approached by the Seagoville congregation asking if we (the New York Avenue elders) would be interested in taking on the oversight of Chimala Mission; I had no idea how this decision would affect my family's future. One of the reasons this decision had the impact it did was because we all agreed that if we were going to take on this responsibility, we were going to go there and get to know the work.

I made my first trip in 1999 along with Jim Gragg and his daughter Amber. We traveled with Bob and Marsha Stapleton and stayed with them in the Mays house. Even though that trip was filled with meetings, I left there with a special place in my heart for Chimala Mission. When I got back home, I told Cyndi the next time I went, she had to go with me. We made that trip in 2001 and Cyndi came home with the same passion for Chimala. We decided then that we wanted to move to Chimala and work full time as missionaries. To be honest we were thinking when we retired we would make that move. You have to realize, I was a part owner of a construction company along with my two brothers. We typically kept a one to two year waiting list of customers wanting us to work on their house.



Cyndi was the secretary for the school for the deaf in Irving. We were comfortable where we were. But God knew that by the time we would reach retirement age, our health would not be good enough to be missionaries.

Our Heavenly Father knows what is best and He made it possible for us to go earlier. That opportunity came in 2006 when I got a call from Heath Stapleton telling me that Darrin Stapleton (who was serving as the mission administrator) wanted to come home in 2007.

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CSOP Preparing For New 2020 School Year

By Howell Ferguson

There is a bit of nervousness anytime a new school year begins—on any level. Lord willing, the Chimala School of Preaching will begin with around 20 new students on January 13th. That particular morning immediately following the 7:30 chapel, the students will begin with an orientation. A new course schedule has been redesigned that is intended to provide a more practical approach peculiar to their future preaching ministry. Each student will be given food, lodging, education, and practical responsibilities and opportunities on the mission and in the nearby surrounding area. They will be given a small stipend for miscellaneous needs. The amount given will be less than in previous years, however the produce from the farm program will provide more than the amount reduced by a dedicated student.

In anticipation to this new era of the Chimala Mission, we ask for your continual prayers for the students, our teaching staff, and for the future good these men will accomplish with God's help in the continual effort to seek and save the lost.

Learn more online @ www.chimalamission.com

Howell Ferguson

Our Plea Falls Upon Good Ears

"You do not have because you do not ask" says the inspired writer in James 4:2. Sometimes we fail to receive what we need for just that one simple reason: we haven't asked. Of course God doesn't give us everything we want just because we want them. There are other factors He considers. But if we really have a need and we express it as carefully and clearly as we can; if it is His will and asking by faith, God can provide.

Frequently one of those ways is through His own children. Paul wrote that among the various gifts found among Christians is the gift of "giving" (Romans 12:8). This particular gift has financed gospel preaching at home and abroad, has fed the mouths of the hungry, has provided for widows and orphans, has built facilities for worship and education. And in this case, it has provided a much-needed piece of equipment to help move the Chimala Mission closer to the goal of becoming a self-supporting mission.

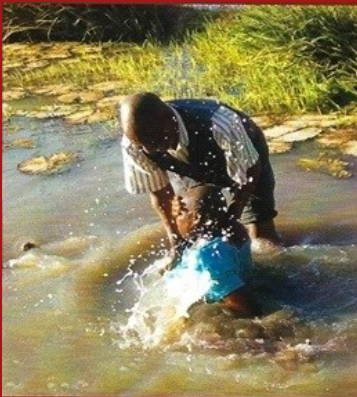
A kind and understanding Christian couple from the New York Ave Church of Christ heard our plea



for a tractor for the farm program and decided to help make this prayer come true. We are immensely grateful for their hearts and to the God who motivated them to give with such graciousness.

"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return" (Luke 6:38).

This Holiday Season, give HOPE...



Our 2019 Chimala Mission's Hope...

Is that each & every heart be filled with the spirit of charity so that we may fulfill the Great Commission given by Almighty God Himself.

In these economically prosperous times in America, we are very fortunate in material wealth compared to the economy in Africa.

We as Christians have a responsibility to teach: **Faith, Hope & Charity** - and our focus should be on the greatest of these: **CHARITY**.

Money is given from the heart and not from the pocketbook. So if you have a choice and an opportunity to give, please consider the **HOPE FOR HUMANITY FUND DRIVE** that supports our mission.

HOPE FOR HUMANITY FUND DRIVE

As Chimala Mission closes out another year we would like to thank all our supporters who contribute to the work at Chimala. You make it possible for us to send those willing to go and help spread the Light to those living in darkness.

At the end of the year it has been our custom to ask congregations and individuals to consider taking up a special contribution for the various works at Chimala. We are grateful for your support and continue to ask for your daily prayers for this work.

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I talked to Cyndi that night and after lots of discussions and prayers, we made the decision that maybe this was the time that was best. We started making plans, trying to get our affairs in order, raise funds for our support and get ready to make that 10,000 mile move.

After living at the mission for five years, we were able to accomplish a lot of the goals we went to do. When we left, every part of the mission was being overseen by Tanzanian Christians. Then I was given the opportunity to be the Stateside Coordinator for Chimala Mission.

As I reflect back thinking of what has taken place the last 22 years, it makes me understand even more the power of our Almighty Heavenly Father. In January of 2007 while at the airport at DFW, having to see my oldest grandson balling and begging me not to leave, it made it so hard to leave. In 2010 when my daughter had colon cancer and we were 10,000 miles away, it made us wonder if we had made the right decision. Later that year while Cyndi's mom was in the hospital and in critical condition, it made us wonder if we should be home. But over and over, everything worked out. Our daughter's surgery went well, Cyndi's mom got well, and my grandson forgave me for leaving him.

After coming home and taking over the Stateside Coordinator position in 2012, we needed to travel extensively for Chimala including trips every year back to the mission. This often caused us not to be home so we could attend our grandkids functions. Over the last 18 years, we have missed a lot of games, school functions, and lot of the holidays with family. But looking back at what has been accomplished at the mission (thousands saved, thousands healed at the hospital, thousands of

children educated and the training of hundreds of men to be Gospel Preachers, it doesn't take long to see it was worth the forfeits we made. The reality is, we feel very blessed to have been privileged enough to be a part of such a great work. The work has significantly grown over the last 23 years and many goals have been achieved. But as long as there are lost souls in Tanzania, there will be a need for the mission.

Our last major undertaking has been the Farm Program. This program has the possibility to help us achieve our final goal that we set forth 23 years ago, make the mission self-sustaining. This program is a large undertaking and will not happen overnight. We need your support. The truth is we need your support more than ever. The news of the oversight of the work moving combined with a shrinking church in the USA, our support has not been what it needed to be in 2019.

This is most likely the last time I will be writing to you on behalf of Chimala Mission. I need to ask a special favor of each of you; as we are nearing the end of 2019, please consider giving abundantly to Chimala Mission Hospital and Schools. Let us start 2020 with the means to continue to save souls, train preachers, educate children and heal the sick. On top of that, funds given to get the farm program should get us to the point where we have enough food to sell on the market allowing us to be able to make the farm self-supporting and in the next couple of years, start helping the mission. When it comes to giving, I often think about the church in Macedonia. They gave even out of their poverty (2 Corinthians 8:1-6).

We really need to raise \$200,000 to guarantee a bright future for Chimala Mission and Schools in 2020. Your help can help make that possible. Bill Stinson

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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Are You Giving Up On “Church”?

It seems almost like a fad these days that people are “leaving church”. Undoubtedly it is a postmodern trend to distrust anything that is organized or institutional. The facts are, however, that when you “leave” the church you are leaving the “bride” of Christ which Jesus died for and purchased with His own blood (Eph. 5:25 ; Acts 20:28). But without giving further theological reasons for the church (you would have to remove more than half of the NT to argue against the necessity and relevance of the church) below are some practical thoughts to consider when you’re ready to throw-in-the-towel and leave the church. So, “What Is The Church”?

- A fellowship against loneliness.
- A hospital for healing souls.
- A school instructing those who would fear God.
- An encouragement to walkers in the Way of Christ.
- A practice field for patience and compassion.
- A classroom of truth.
- A laboratory of life.
- An internship for minister-members.
- A hospitable door.
- A herald of Good News, joyful news, hopeful news, helpful news.
- A time-out corner.
- A resting place.
- A bath for washing guilt away.
- A reflecting pool.
- A kneeling bench.
- A cafeteria where God feeds us.
- A garden where God comes looking for us.
- A rescue mission where God finds us.

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