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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)*

## WANT TO SCHEDULE A CHIMALA MISSION PRESENTATION?

When 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.

If you would like for me to visit, please contact me by email, phone or text!

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## First Chimala Mission Group Visit For 2020

It has been nearly 2 weeks since Mary and I arrived at Chimala for our early-in-the-year 7-week visit. We felt very welcomed when we saw our good friends and brethren at the Chimala Mission. Also greeting us at the front gate was the stunning green colors of the mission nourished by the heavy seasonal rains typical of this time of year. Corn is growing well at the lower mission and a little slower higher

Arkansas. Gage and Kelly Coldwater with their children, Aurora and Pike arrived a few days later to resume efforts for the farm program. Mark and Gif's short visit was primarily made up of seeing all the operations and good works at the mission while also taking advantage of opportunities to teach and preach when offered.

Gif has visited Chimala before in Sept of 2018 when Dalraida was first considering taking the oversight. Mark who is a Dalraida deacon and mission committee member was assigned the Chimala Mission as his area of service. While Mark and I have worked closely over the past year, he told me that he never realized how vast the mission really is. Photos never really paint the full picture that the work is due. It is not uncommon for people visiting for the first time to be astonished at the magnitude of this work. Mary and I have



Kelly, Aurora, Pike, and Gage Coldwater; Howell and Mary Ferguson; John Ratliff, Tim Estes, Andrew "Gif" Gifford, and Mark Davidson

up at the Ailsa farm which we expected due to the cooler weather.

Arriving with us were four visitors: Mark Davidson and Andrew "Gif" Gifford from the Dalraida congregation; and John Ratliff and Tim Estes of the Lord's church in Prescott,

been coming to Chimala for over 18 years now and that feeling has never diminished. Lord willing, as Chimala Mission continues please pray that it will develop in greater good works as we strive to fulfill the will of God.

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## School Needs

When I asked our secondary school head master what he needed for the schools, he sent me his list which I have included below. If you would like to help in this effort, I can pick up your items when I visit churches. You may contact me at [howellferguson@gmail.com](mailto:howellferguson@gmail.com) or call or text me at (731) 267-4935 to schedule a pickup. Here is a partial list:

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## The Gospel Is Never Out Of Style

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek"* (Romans 1:16).

While preaching students are being trained in the Bible and related subjects; while sick and hurting people are being treated and babies are being born; while children are being educated in quality Christian schools



and learning of the gospel for the first time in their lives; while corn, beans and vegetables are being grown and livestock are being raised to sustain the mission; while workers labor to maintain and protect the estate; while missionaries train and assist the local Christians;—while all of these things (and much more!) are continually happening, the gospel of Jesus Christ is being taught to the lost and dying in Tanzania.

The Chimala Mission is not an "either/or" proposition. It is a "both/and" effort of thousands of Christians and hundreds of sound churches all across our wonderful brotherhood who believe in the influence of "salt" and "light" to an unsavory and dark world of sin and death.

As the mission continues daily in its various areas of service, the gospel is doing its work in the hearts of people within its reach. Some of the fruit of the gospel in conversions takes place directly at the mission such as in the case of a young man

named Julius. Julius was hired as a farm worker about a year ago; however after being taught from time-to-time as well as observing Christianity in action, Julius decided he needed to give his life to Christ. One of the very interesting coincidences about Julius' conversion is that his brother is our hospital accountant, Jacob. Furthermore, Jacob and Julius' mother's name is Grace—the same Chris-



tian lady who helped us when we lived in Arusha 20 years ago! Wow, it really is a small world!

But the gospel produces fruit in conversions also in a more indirect way through the many congregations that were established as a result of the mission work in and around the mission. One such example is found in a young woman named Maria who grew up in the Lord's church attending the Chimala "A" congregation. Sunday morning after Tim Estes' lesson, she responded with the desire to be baptized for the remission of her sins so the Lord could add her to the kingdom of God. We praise God for the relevancy of the old gospel story that never gets stale or out of style. It continues to be the "New Song" we love to sing!

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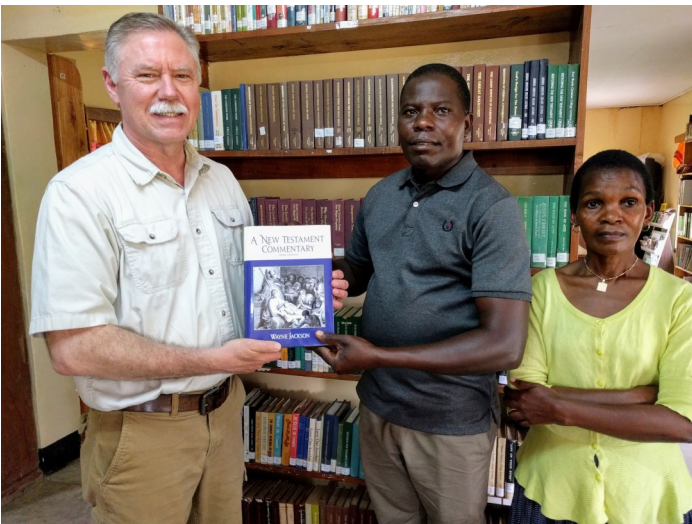
## CSOP News

As long as people are lost and untaught and as long as the church needs to grow and be edified, the Chimala School of Preaching will be a relevant effort of the Chimala Mission. This past November, there were 19 students who completed their assignments and received their diplomas. Most of the seventeen men will return to their homes and resume working with local churches. Some of them are local citizens. One of them has been hired by the Chimala Mission Hospital to serve as a chaplain. Two women will



return home equipped with a better knowledge of the Bible. This is more important than many people realize. In their culture, the children are often ignored in regards to a Bible education. And there is a woeful lack of attention paid to encouraging women to prepare themselves to teach Bible to the children. For that reason we are thrilled to have women in the CSOP program making for a more promising spiritual future for the young people in the church.

Like all preacher training and Bible schools, an adequate library is an important element in their success. As the Chimala School of Preaching works hard to train



preachers, teachers, and leaders in the church in Tanzania; we are always very happy to receive tools to help us carry

out this work. Before I left the States, Jared Jackson graciously donated copies of his father's, Wayne Jackson's, *New Testament Commentary*. This book will be a solid addition to the Lenkos Mkwama Library. Teddy, our librarian has already entered Jackson's book in the library database.

Although Swahili is the national language, English continues to be a sought-after language especially in advanced studies. Yet CSOP has plans to translate various books into Swahili. Already one of our instructors, Peter Kamatula has been granted permission to translate some books. We are working on getting computer equipment necessary for him to do this work. We are anticipating Exavery Ngullo to assist in this project also in the near future.

Whenever we have visiting preachers, we like to offer them an opportunity to speak to the students. This month John Ratliff and Tim Estes from Prescott, AR were offered opportunities to talk to our new 14 students. Boaz Kasiba's class on the preacher and his work was the perfect



platform for John and Tim to share their experiences in working with churches and in general ministry.

## Chimala Mission Hospital

Besides the packets given to the new moms at the Chimala Mission Hospital, we also make small gift packages for those who lose their babies. These good works are given in the name of Christ.







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## Farm Program Progress

The farm program of the Chimala Mission received a boost with the return of Gage and Kelly Coldwater with their children, Aurora and Pike. Already corn has been planted on the mission as well as at the Ailsa farm with beans to soon follow in February. As this is somewhat of an experimental year, we plan to plant larger tracts next growing season.

Other parts of the farm are also coming along well. When we arrived nearly two weeks ago, there were 89 pigs with a number of expecting sows. Just last night (1/20), one sow had 13 piglets, and she dropped another piglet even today putting us over 100 pigs! They are all healthy and causing us to expand their enclosures. Our ducks and goats are also doing well.

Finally, we have electricity connected to the mill for corn and rice. This will save the mission a large sum of money as we will no longer have to pay for milling. In addition, we will be able to provide milling services to the surrounding community. We can also receive payment in corn for milling making for a useful bartering system.

