



# The CHALLENGE of Africa

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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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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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## Tanzania To Reopen

The official words from the Tanzania government are the schools will reopen the 29th day of June; and the airlines have resumed international flights as of the 28th of May. President Magufuli announced that arriving passengers into Tanzania would not be required to enter mandatory quarantine but would only have their temperature checked. As most of you know a large part of the country's revenue comes from tourism. The recent health threat has all but brought that industry to a halt and threatens to greatly harm Tanzania's already-fragile economy. After learning that the cases of the virus have gone down, the president's response was, "If they have no signs of corona, let them go see the animals."

Although the president has received quite a bit of criticism from neighboring countries for his decisions, at least for now there is the possibility of going back to Tanzania in the near future. Whether we or anyone else decides to do so will be up to the individual.

Originally Mary and I had planned to accompany Nathan and Kristi for a trip this summer during what normally is a very busy time of year at Chimala. Normally there are groups of medical students who spend several weeks working with the hospital. There are also the preachers', women's, and youth's seminars as well as the Gospel Chariot campaigns. But because we were not sure how the summer months would turn out, we all postponed updating our visas, etc.

At this point, even if we wanted to plan a late summer trip, we would have to apply and wait for our visas. Furthermore, since Nathan and Kristi are required to have a resident/work permit as they plan to move to Tanzania in January, they would really be better off beginning the permit process now. And according to Tanzania's immigration law, you cannot enter Tanzania while your permit is



being processed. And there is one more very important factor—at least for me to consider: visiting supporting churches. Because travel has been restrictive and churches have been closed, I have only been able to visit a handful of churches this year. I have a lot of scheduling and catching-up to do with only a little over half a year left! I will do my best to contact and visit as many churches as possible. So open or not open, there are a lot of other factors to consider before we make a final decision.  
Howell

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## Keep Good Memories Alive

On the opposite page, you will find a list of names of people who have been honored or remembered by love ones. This has been a tradition of the **Challenge of Africa** newsletter for many years now. It is a great way to honor or remember someone by a donation to some aspect of the work of the Chimala Mission. By these donations, great works in the Lord's Kingdom are able to be accomplished. I know of no better way to make use of hard-earned dollars than to send it to help mission works that honor or memorialize someone very special to you and me.

On the back page of this newsletter, you will find a form that you can fill-out to specify a certain amount of money and designate how you wish it to be used and also to whom you wish the gift to honor or memorialize. Then simply cut out the form and mail it with your check to:

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## Conversions Amidst Challenges

Our continued hope and prayer is that all the Chimala Mission schools can return to a measure of normalcy soon. As you might imagine, there have been a number of challenges not only in the work that needs done but also in the financial aspects of the mission, particularly the primary and secondary schools.

Unlike the Chimala School of Preaching, CMPS and HCSS are funded through student tuition fees. When the Tanzania president ordered all schools closed all the boarding students returned home and the local day students remained at home. As you can imagine, the financial fallout

was there were very few school fees collected. Teachers and staff still need to eat and feed their families, hence the challenge. With the reopening of the schools, we pray that problem will basically take care of itself hopefully with minimal outside help.

The CSOP staff met to discuss June's plans and decided not to conduct the summer seminars or the Gospel Chariot campaigns. Despite these temporary setbacks, CSOP continues to teach and evangelize with its current staff. Seven baptisms were reported recently in late May one of which can be seen in this photo.



## An Idea To Consider

Probably most of you reading this newsletter received your "stimulus" check as we did. I do not remember in my lifetime the US government doing such a thing. The theory is that the money the US government sent you will help restore our lagging economy when you put it back into the economy by spending it on something.

While we don't know the complete financial fall-out of the situation our country is in, I would like you to stop for a moment and consider there are countries that have undergone similar plunges in their economies but with no stimulus checks on the horizon. For example, since the Tanzania government closed all schools, the Chimala Mission Primary School and Herring Christian Secondary School have also had to close. As a general rule, these schools receive very little US support. They were set-up to be self-supported schools funded by student tuition fees. Consequently the salaries of their teachers, administrators and staff have been greatly reduced or ended since there are no students nor tuition fees. Most of them have not been paid for 2 months. These schools do not accumulate funds but operate on a month-to-month basis on very tight budgets.

Here's my point and my plea. If you as a Christian brother or sister are fortunate enough to still have employment and have received a stimulus check from the government; rather than spending it on something for yourself, how about considering helping Christian teachers teaching children from a Christian world-view at the Chimala Mission? Please just give it some thought.

Howell

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(Romans 13:7)

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# GIFTS IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

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by Carruth—Gray  
Trust

*Ivy Lobley*  
by Kyle & Kathryn Lobley

*Dr. Jerry Mays*  
by Sandra Crim

*Richard & Carol Rogers*  
by Dale & Jeanette  
Black

*Bill Stinson*  
by Chloe Spencer  
Trust

*Bill & Cyndi Stinson*  
by Carruth—Gray  
Trust

*Larry & Nancy Stowe*  
by Charles Campbell

*Andrew Connally*  
by Frances Denton

*Andrew & Claudene Connally*  
by Robert Oglesby

*Andrew & Claudene Connally*  
by Dale & Laura White

*Ann Connor*  
by Fayrene Minton

*Bobby L. Crim*  
by Sandra Crim

*Mickey Ford*  
by Carruth—Gray Trust

*Ken & Dorothy Frazell*  
by Dorothy Brooks

*Joetta Meda-Gonzalez*  
by Blythe Graham

*Dillard Graham*  
by John Hawk

*Jerry Herring*  
by Kelly & Tami Parker

*Lola Hickman*  
by Fayrene Minton

*Sherman Hopwood*  
by Norma Hanna

*Mr. Jackson (husband)*  
by Joyce Jackson

*Lora Lee Johnson*  
by Graton Church of  
Christ

*Winfred Kerlick*  
by Don & Linda Johnson

*J. Paul Lewis*  
by Mary Lewis

*Lynn Matheny*  
by Tina Matheny

*Bill & Mary Moody*  
by Charles Campbell

*Florence Morgan*  
by Thresa Clavier

*Joshua Mwakyasima*  
by Charles Campbell

*Gina L. Poignard*  
by Joann Stikes

*Wayne & Charlynn Rogers*  
by Larry & Karen Rogers

*Gloria Sickles*  
by Terry & Ann Lawrence

*Gloria Sickles*  
by Julia Van Sickles

*James H. Smith*  
by Linda Sue Smith

*Bob Stewart*  
by Thresa Clavier

*Gina L. P. Stikes*  
by Joann Stikes

*Willo Mae Bates & Betty  
Stinson*  
by Fayrene Minton

*Bob & Millie Sullivan*  
by Dorothy Brooks

*Richard Wells*  
by Brad & Tanya Bell

## IN MEMORY OF

*Ella Axt*  
by Fayrene Minton

*Betty Beebe*  
by Main Street Church  
of Christ  
Manchester, TN

*Harmon & Susan Black*  
by Dale & Jeanette  
Thomas

*Bob & Mozelle Brooks*  
by Dorothy Brooks

*Jack Christie, Jr.*  
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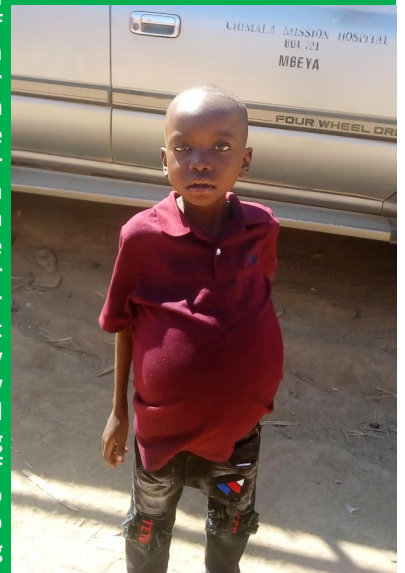
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**Helping One Small Boy**

A few days ago Frank Mwashikumbulu met a little boy while out evangelizing. While his English is a little bit challenging, you can easily understand what Frank has to say about this child's illness.

To day I was at KAPUNGA village for evangelism house to house. I met a child who is 6 years old and was crying so much as the child was very swelling in the stomach. I taken the child to his house where I met with his mother. I asked about the problem of the child, then his mother started to tell me history of the disease of the child. She got pregnancy when she was fifteen years old. After that she got a baby who has a problem of defect system. She taken her child to the hospital for his problem. The doctors gave a baby sugary and put pipe through the stomach in order to help the baby to defect and they told her mother to be back at hospital after two month, but his mother didn't go back at hospital until today because of the money. So by now the child is in real painful and swelling the stomach. After seeing a child I stated crying myself because I'm a parent as you are. So my request to you brethren is to save the life of the child by helping some money which will help the child to go to the big hospital for his problem. Please brethren I know every one has a problem, but for this child is too much. Maybe even you if you can saw a child you will start crying like me. I wrote this because I believe you can do something for the child. My God be with you and to those who will share with you by saving the life of the child.



We did not wait but have already sent 1 million Tsh (about \$435) for this little boy's treatment. He has a serious problem with his digestive system. He will be taken to a hospital in Mbeya that has the means to treat this type of illness. Howell