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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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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.

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From Nathan and Kristi Ferguson Family

The preparation stage to enter a mission field surely is different for each and every person. There are books, articles, and even YouTube videos demonstrating some of the fundamental steps when it comes to preparing oneself to begin serving in a foreign mission work.

Kristi and I have decided upon a January, 2021 departure timeline, which gives us roughly six months to finish fundraising as well as physically, mentally and spiritually preparing ourselves. We have been using the past six months to prepare in a multitude of ways.

As it's been mentioned before, on our trip last summer Kristi saw a need in the hospital. Since committing to moving, this year she has desired to obtain some sort of medical education that she

could use to volunteer at the hospital on the mission. She has been taking classes in Memphis that initially were on-site, but later converted to an online format. She has passed everything to this point, but her final has been postponed due to the pandemic. Please pray she can finalize everything smoothly!

In addition to Kristi's training, we have fervently been gathering advice and information from our brothers and sisters in Christ, investing in multiple language learning

programs and platforms, furthering our education in biblical knowledge, and even trying to "stay fit" (physical health is very important on a mission field!). We've also been getting rid of a lot of "junk" that we have accumulated. You might be surprised how much someone can gather over just a little over five years! Even so, with a few more months ahead of us, there is still plenty of travel, work, and prayers to be done.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has definitely slowed us down, it is important for us and many others not to cling to the discouragement and anxiety it has brought, but rather continue to seek the silver lining. The chaos in the world that is brought about by sin can only hold onto us if we allow it. Paul closes his letter to the Philippians with remarks about these types of

anxieties. When we have the peace that comes from God alone, it "...will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7). If you find yourself stuck on Facebook or social media becoming overly invested in political or social nonsense, here is a word of advice – take a break!

When preparing for anything, there will always be unknowns. Our daily prayer is that God will continue to be part of our preparation and deliver strength and determination for whatever lies before us.



Available For Presentations

As everyone knows, most churches have opened up in various ways. Some churches possibly never closed. Other churches have either just now opened or have been open for only a few weeks. Still others have utilized the “drive-in” concept that reminds one of the old drive-in movie theaters of yesteryear. Just recently I had an opportunity to preach in a near-by West Tennessee congregation that was using the concept of driving-up in the church parking lot and tuning-in to an FM transmitter so people could listen to the preaching in their cars. The pulpit was the back of a RAM pickup truck with a small pulpit and microphone. I really enjoyed it as it reminded me of outdoor preaching we get to do in Tanzania especially during the Gospel Chariot campaigns.

I would like to remind supporting churches (and any others) that, with just a little notice, I am willing to visit your congregation if you would like to have a presentation report of the Chimala Mission.

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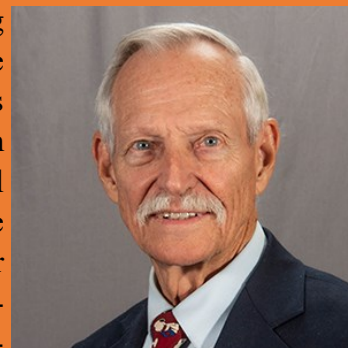


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Bob McKee

From One Of Our Dalraida Elders

From almost forty years of overseeing both domestic and foreign missions, I believe Chimala is one of the most promising works in our brotherhood. It is a complex mission spread over several operations and several hundred acres, begun and sustained by the vision and labors of faithful Christians under God’s providential direction. The Great Commission brought Chimala to life, and thousands of souls have been reached by the gospel over the past few decades in that far corner of Africa.



Despite the pandemic virus and normal challenges of conducting business in a foreign land, significant progress is being made. The manifest goal of everyone involved is to see the work become self-supporting, and under the leadership of Howell and Mary Ferguson, that should happen sooner rather than later. This family has devoted many years to mission efforts, and they are a great fit for Chimala. It is exciting to know that their son, Nathan and his wife, Kristi will soon join the team, bringing valuable morale and energy with them. Of course, the Mission depends on the support and partnership of native brethren who are accepting increasing responsibility for the mission’s success. Chimala represents a modern-day Macedonian Call, which churches and individuals would do well to learn more about.

[Note: brother McKee was formerly a State Representative for Alabama. It is an honor to have him and all the other elders of the Dalraida Church of Christ as overseers of the Chimala Mission. hf]

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Larry Don Ritter for securing over 300 literature and other educational books from a local high school in Indiana. Books like these will help fill the need and regular requests for educational materials for the Herring Christian Secondary School. There are a number of individual Christians who personally work to make or acquire various supplies for the Chimala Mission. These items are collected and eventually shipped to Chimala. Lord willing, I will begin raising funds for our next shipping container. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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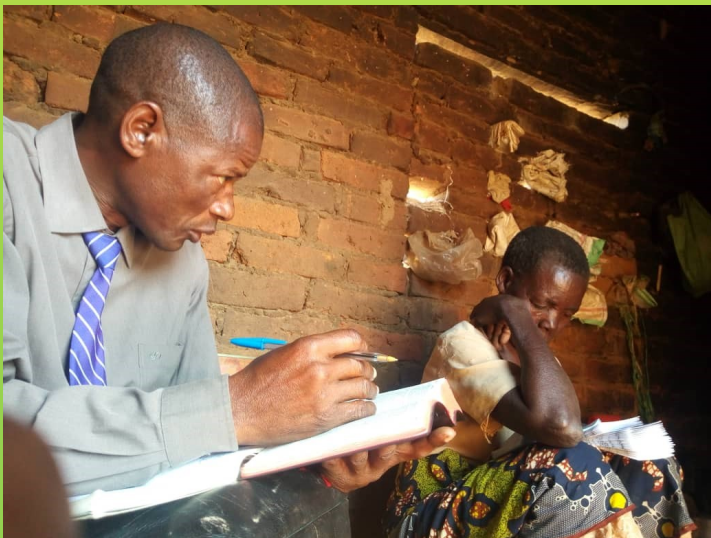
Scheduled Evangelism Efforts

Without taking much of a break, CSOP staff and students continue to teach God's word to interested people in the many villages surrounding the greater Chimala area. As a starting place, they usually work around an existing congregation of the Lord's people. This not only gives them a place to return to for rest, a meal, etc., but it also confirms to the general public the stability of the church in their community. CSOP director, Frank Mwashikumbulu sent me a work schedule of the dates and locations in the months of June and July for their evangelistic efforts. They included areas around the following churches: Mlangali, Mlangali Stand, Luhovelo, Mbuyuni, Kimani, and Mfumbi. Below is Frank's most recent report:

Hello brethren we are greeting you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here in Tanzania we are going good. We are so thankful to God Who helped us to do His work at Mlangali A Church of Christ and Mlangali B Church Of Christ where we were with ten students and two teachers, Remy Mfaume and Frank Mwashikumbulu. The work which we did there are: we went house to house, supplying Bible lessons, tracts and Sunday worship. We succeeded to visit 32 houses which had 74 people. We supplied 166 Bible lessons and 800 tracts. Results for the work were two restorations, no baptisms, but four people promised us to be baptized and other people wanted more teachings. Attendance for Sunday worship was adults 56, children 24.

Your contributions to CSOP to train men to preach is always a practical means of helping us continue to keep the future growth of the Lord's church alive in Tanzania. Thank you for your continued support!

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Farm Harvest Report

As most of you know, the farm program was started to help the Chimala Mission toward the goal of becoming self-sufficient. This is a lofty goal, and it is easier said than done. But we are moving in that direction gradually with the increase in the size of land we are farming and the number of livestock that's been added. And what is really encouraging is that a significant part of the increase is due to individual contributors. A number of people have specifically requested that their funds be used for the farm program or to buy a cow, etc. To me, this is in a similar category as "sticks-and-bricks" for church buildings, etc. While we wish all funds could be used for pure evangelism, the practical nature of mission work requires attending to those things that make the work of the Lord's church in Tanzania possible. This has long been the approach the Chimala Mission has had to take due to the Tanzanian government's requirement for the churches to benefit the people. So while the very nature of foreign mission work requires that we expend a certain amount of energy and funds on the physical (cf. 1 Cor. 9:1-14; Rom. 15:25-28; et. al), we do not lose our main focus of building up and expanding God's kingdom in Tanzania.



As of this writing, our farm manager—Ezekiel Mwambogolo reported that they are in the process of shelling corn and should have a total yield report very soon. They are also harvesting beans and will sift and measure for a report coming soon.

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