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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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Welcome Our New Brother In Christ, Dr. Esau

When you find a good doctor, you hold onto him. When that same doctor is also a Christian, it creates a confidence level that is unsurpassed. Continuing that same challenge in a third-world setting; when you find a good Christian doctor, he becomes an invaluable partner in helping to heal both body and soul. Unfortunately it is not easy to find true New Testament Christian doctors in Tanzania. But with the recent conversion of our own Dr. Esau Mwaipape, we are more than overjoyed!

As soon as I heard this great news from Menard Swila on Messenger, I wrote Dr. Esau congratulating him for his life-changing decision. He soon replied with this short but significant statement: *"I have realized true hope is only found in JESUS CHRIST."*

Menard Swila and Ezekiel Mwambogolo are good friends with Dr. Esau and have over the period of time been encouraging him to study the Bible. Ezekiel wrote these words on Facebook: *"Great day to see my brother [Tanzanian brother, hf] and friend Dr Esau to put on Christ! He was one on the lists of my prayers! May we all help and pray for him as he has begun a new direction of life!"*

Please pray for Dr. Esau for faith, courage and strength as our new brother. **Howell**



Dr Esau being immersed into Christ with the assistance of Linkos Mkwama



Brayan Abdul's Health Improved

Thank you to all of you who responded to the help of the little boy who had intestinal health problems. The outpouring of love and support for this little boy continues to demonstrate the spirit of Christ in God's people. The report I received back from Frank was in the first operation at Mbeya hospital, a temporary tube was inserted into little Brayan Abdul's stomach saving his life and relieving his pain. After six months to



a year he will need a second operation followed eventually by a third operation.

For now Brayan is feeling better and is at home. Even though the Chimala Mission Hospital is able to treat a host of illnesses and is continually striving to improve to do more, there are hindrances mostly due to limited funds. Our dream is to add a **sterile operation theater** as well as an **ultrasound machine** for the trauma room. Furthermore, there are Christian men and women who would be willing to work at our hospital if they could afford the training. Lord willing, we pray that means will become available where we can sponsor such Christians to receive their medical education and help improve the Chimala Mission Hospital as a powerful avenue of Christian care and benevolence. Howell

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CSOP Harvest of Souls

Typically at this time of year the Chimala Mission is in the middle of campaigns, seminars and visiting nursing students. But due to the strange mixture of medicine, politics, and senseless riots all of Chimala's normal summer events have been cancelled—at least for Americans. Nevertheless, CSOP has not lost it's focus and is busier than ever on the soul-winning trail! Here is a summary of Frank's recent reports:

First & second groups led by Frank and Remy with 6 students at the Mlangali A and Mlangali B churches of Christ. Work involved going house to house, encouraged unfaithful Christians, supplied Bible lessons, tracts and prayed with the people. Results: 120 Bible studies, 290 tracts, 2 baptisms, 2 restorations. Sunday attendance: 38 adults and 26 children.



Third group led by Lai Mkwama with 3 students at Luhovelo Church of Christ. Work involved going house to house, visiting unfaithful Christians. Results: 50 Bible lessons, 160 tracts, 1 baptism, 3 restorations. Sunday attendance was 35 adults and 17 children.

Fourth group led by Bernard Kulanga with 3 students at Mfumbi Church of Christ. Work involved going house to house, encouraging unfaithful Christians, supplying Bible materials. Results: 36 Bible lessons, 2 restorations. Sunday attendance was 37 adults and 22 children.



Fifth and sixth groups led by Alphonse and Boaz with 5 students at the Mapangala Church of Christ. Work involved going house to house, visiting unfaithful Christians, supply Bible materials. Results: 2 restorations, 37 Bible lessons, 94 tracts. Sunday attendance was 18 adults and 16 children.



The totals were 128 adults, 81 children, 3 baptisms, 6 restorations, 243 Bible studies, 544 tracts. God is good!

Separate from the above results; to the right, Suma Kayange and Salome Swila from Mbozi are baptized as a result of the outreach from the Mbozi radio program.



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Always Thankful for Good Works

I wish it were possible for me to personally thank every single person who prays, encourages, talks about, visits, or financially supports the Chimala Mission. From far away or nearby—from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia—and I probably left out some states; all across this country you have helped the Chimala Mission in so many ways. Whether publically recognized or not, we know for certain *“their works do follow them”* (Rev. 14:13).

For this reason I believe it is appropriate from time-to-time to highlight people whose love for the Chimala Mission is demonstrated in various ways. It is not my intention to embarrass anybody, and certainly not to leave anyone out, but merely to publically show appreciation in behalf of Tanzanian Christians who work and live at the Chimala Mission.

A couple of months ago, Mary and I made a visit to pick up supplies prepared for the Chimala Mission by Bob and Norma Ebers from Ohio. As a unique way to help the mission, Norma spent the past two years sewing hand-made baby blankets, book bags, and other items. Such donations have proven very useful to the hospital and schools.

Even during the pandemic, the Ebers invited us to a delicious supper and to stay overnight with them rather than stay at a motel. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them and sharing our stories. The next morning Bob helped me load the boxes in my truck even though he is not able to see as well as he once did. The Ebers are encouraging demonstrations of the fact that age and health seldom keep God’s people from important acts of service and kindness. The Chimala Mission thrives today due to the *“fruit of the Spirit”* regularly identified by your love and support of this important work in the Kingdom of God in Tanzania!



Howell Ferguson Farm Harvest and Update

The Chimala Mission farm program began officially January 2019. Most Tanzanians already knew how to farm; however there was room for improvement. We knew at the beginning of this project that we would not produce actual positive income greater than operating costs for some time. Much of the tillable land (especially at Ailsa) had not been farmed in many years. And the back section of the main mission property had never been pastured to my knowledge. Fencing has been put up, but we are not far enough along to graze a significant amount of cattle yet. Nevertheless, we are making progress and beginning to create income thus moving in the direction of the goal of making the Chimala Mission self-sustaining.

The following information has been provided by Ezekiel Mwambogolo who has just reported back following the harvest of most of the corn and beans at Ailsa. One of the challenges of the farm program is the 3,500 feet elevation separation of both parts of the mission. Instead of wearing out equipment moving up and down the mountain we now have at least the basic equipment to operate





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both tracts of land. Thanks to a donation from former Chimala missionary Richard Rogers (THANK YOU!!), we now own a used 3-disc turning plough for the Ailsa farm (rather than renting one). Here are some highlights from Ezekiel's report:

- The number of pigs has increased from 103 in January to 130.
- There are currently more than 20 pregnant sows.
- Some pigs have been donated for food to CSOP.
- Goats have increased from 18 to 27 (lost some to snakebites).
- There are 9 cows; expecting 2 calves by next year.
- We started last year with 13 ducks but now have 30 ducks with 50 eggs expecting to hatch soon.
- The 3 acres of corn planted on lower mission produced 31 bags (each bag contains 10 10's or 100kgs or 220lbs).
- The 15 acres of corn planted at Ailsa produced 65 bags.
- The total of corn was 96 bags—less than we had hoped.
- The 14 acres of beans planted at Ailsa produced 22 bags.
- Currently vegetables are being sold to the primary and secondary schools for half price.
- The mill earned 650,000 Tsh in July, and we are milling our own corn and rice for free.

A few comments are in order. To begin with, we are learning valuable experience from our corn and bean harvest. Due to the higher altitude and lower temperatures, we may need to research for a more suitable seed for corn next season. This is especially important for a couple of reasons: 1) We intend to plant a much larger amount of land at Ailsa in both corn and beans to produce a greater yield; and 2) To appease the TZ government that has been pressing us to further develop the land. Another point to be made is the slow but long-term benefit from cows. Rotating cattle in our large tracts of land should make this very sustainable. Finally, we are continuing to improve present projects and explore other crops, livestock, fish, water systems, bees, etc. Whatever is able to thrive, create and sustain income for the mission is of interest to us.