



# 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 not overseas or on the road, I schedule appointments for presentation reports to supporting churches or churches interested in learning more about the **Chimala Mission**.

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## Secondary School Evangelism

You have frequently read in the *Challenge of Africa* that the primary purpose of the Chimala Mission is to save souls (cf. Luke 19:10). This has always been the case and is emphasized repeatedly all around the Chimala Mission. Even though the Tanzanian government required all schools to close for a time due to COVID-19 including private schools such as our own Herring Christian Secondary School; great efforts continue to be made to teach young people in the knowledge of God's word.

Remmy Mfaume, a highly successful and energetic evangelist and CSOP instructor, remained vigilant in teaching young people the Bible during this time. He and fellow instructors were able to teach these students regularly and conduct a religious graduation of secondary school students at the Mswiswi church building.

Remmy writes, *"It consisted of students from seven schools MALENGA, MT. CHAFUKWE, MENGELE, MSHIKAMANO, JAKAYA, MEZU and IHAHI."* Can you imagine having an opportunity to do something like that here in the USA? They conducted regular Bible classes in seven secular schools with 134 students.

The outcome of the exams were as follows:

- 64 scored A
- 53 scored B
- 12 scored C
- 5 scored D

Eighty-seven percent of these students

scored either A's or B's; and more than half of that number scored A's. Of the total number, 31 form four students (highest level) were awarded with certificates of completion. But the best news is that on that graduation day, seven students were baptized into Christ. Remmy concludes saying *"Also more than ten preachers attended with a few Christians from congregations. It was a good and blessed day."* Amen!



*Form Four Students Displaying Bible Certificates*

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## Family Needs Your Prayers

Please keep Erhard Msanda's wife, Enna in your prayers in view of blood issues she has been having. Enna is one of the school teachers at the Chimala Mission, her husband is the Head Master at the Herring Christian Secondary School.



Erhard said Enna had been suffering from low blood count for years, but now the doctors fear she is having bone marrow failure. Initially they took her to a regional Roman Catholic hospital that provides more advanced services than Chimala is able to offer. However, the doctor there referred her to Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam to see a hematologist for further treatments. At the time of this writing, Enna was still in Dar and was undergoing a fresh set of tests. Their results also confirmed problems with her bone marrow. Additional test results will be known the 6th of November.

To add more to this situation, one of his daughters—Gloria, has been having problems with eye irritation, pain, tears and headaches. And if that weren't enough, while Erhard was at the hospital in Dar with Enna, someone stole his phone. Fortunately with the help of security cameras, they caught the lady who stole it. When accosted, she would not say where it was, but her husband said he would pay for it. Please pray for Enna, Gloria, and all of Erhard's family.

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## Chimala Mission Wish List

The more time I spend communicating with the Chimala Mission staff, the more I understand their needs. In some of the past issues of the *Challenge of Africa*, we have posted various large mission needs such as those of the hospital (CMH). Here are some less expensive yet specific areas where you can be a great help to the Chimala Mission not only with the hospital but also in other areas as well.

1. One of those needs is an **iPad** to be used with a particular portable "Butterfly" ultrasound recommended by an Christian radiologist. Here is a list of compatible devices (\$450 average price new):

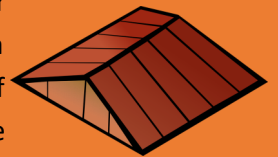
- iPad Pro (12.9-inch) (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th gen)
- iPad Pro (10.5-inch)
- iPad Pro (9.7-inch)
- iPad (6th, and 7th gen)
- iPad Air 3rd gen
- iPad mini 5th gen
- iPad Pro (11-inch) (1st and 2nd gen)



2. A second item needed at CMH are **fetal Doppler monitors**. They range in price, but for \$1,000 we would be able to buy one or possibly two medical quality monitors. With over 3,000 babies born each year, these monitors would better equip the hospital to save many newborns and their mothers.



3. A third need is a request from churches near Chimala for **roofs**: one congregation is at Ikonya and the other congregation is at Msia. Each of these are newly established churches which have built the main structure of the church building, but need help with the roofs. The cost for each roof is \$800. This price includes the tin sheets, lumber, and hardware.



4. I don't normally ask for anything personally, but Mary and I have already purchased **visas** and **airline tickets** for our January 20th next year trip to Tanzania. We plan to stay for several weeks helping Nathan, Kristi, Eden and Emmy get moved and settled-in their new mission home at Chimala. Our visas were \$100 each; and our international airline tickets were \$1,112.53 each. Any help would be most appreciated.



These are only a few of recent needs I am aware of which someone reading this can hopefully help with. If you would like to learn of other specific needs, please contact me using the information on the front page. Thank you!

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## Shadrach Obely Medical Services and Evangelism

[Testing HIV positive, the mother of the recently delivered infant pictured to the right has been unconscious for over a week unable to feed her child. Health Secretary, Shadrack Obely says the nursing staff has been bottle-feeding the baby while tirelessly trying to revive and save the mother. These are the normal day-to-day scenes at our mission hospital located in the bush country of Tanzania. It is our hope that Shadrack's following report will give you a glimpse of the good works both physically and spiritually that take place daily at the Chimala Mission Hospital. One can't help but admire their struggles to save both body and soul as well as develop a greater appreciation for the blessings we take for granted every day here in the USA. Howell]



*God has helped us, and we continue serving him through his people. We meet hundreds and thousands of people who need our love and compassion and who need to hear the Gospel of Christ. At Chimala Mission Hospital the care of the sick is a daily routine of all the workers, nurses, doctors etc. We attend morning worship and later on the hospital preacher continues with prayers in wards and different departments.*



*The hospital gives the priority to the spiritual aspects and teaches the love, compassion and commandment of God. We do explain to our patients the meaning of suffering and illness in Christian perspectives in a simple manner based on*



*the suffering of Christ and righteous people like Job who suffered but surrendered his life to God. (Job 19:25) This gives hope to those who are suffering from terminal disease or those who lost hope in their life. We have more than 3544 HIV AIDS clients taking medicine at our hospital, and also we have 1904 pregnant women with HIV and more than 4220 diagnosed with TB.*

*All these people need our services, medical care and more, they need to hear and obey the truth of God before death comes. We are the only opportunity they have. We are facing big and tremendous responsibility for these people. This can be done through several ways. We put medical activities at centers of needs of people,*



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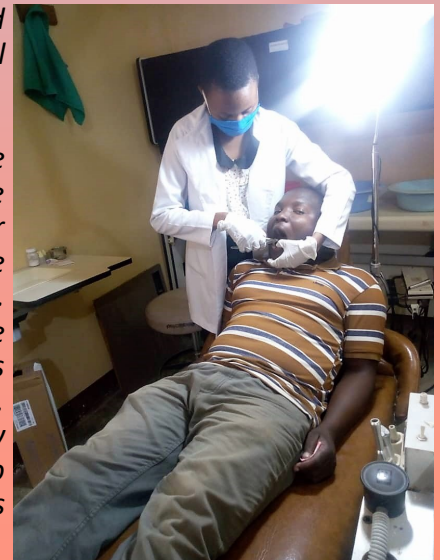
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*then we show and open doors for them to hear God's news through our people. We welcome expert doctors, America doctors who can volunteer on this by joining with our local Tanzanian doctors and do several clinics in local villages and at the hospital. We have burden of disease within our country and local people. We want to do more clinics on screening malnutrition, high blood pressure, diabetes, HIV AIDS, Goiter, (thyroidectomy) hepatitis B and many more. It's a benevolent work, our prayer always that God help us and raise up more medical doctors, nurses, preachers to help with this job. We face many challenges, but we thank God some have got solutions as our missionary coordinator Howell Ferguson continues to struggle getting fund for these challenges at the hospital.*

*In recent months there is increase attendance of patients in the dental department. This is due to availability of dental doctor and required materials for dental. Major challenges on this department is lack of modern dental chair, and other modern dental materials.*

*The other challenge we face is absence of eye department. It is our intention to open eye department in future. There are many people who come to seek this service but failed to get it. Again we welcome any expertise or help in order to make these departments productive.*



Shadrach Obely