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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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*Howell Ferguson*

## Preliminary Matters For Going to Chimala

After a setback with Nathan and Kristi's work permit, we have put "Plan B" into effect that will still allow us to go to Tanzania albeit under a less-than-ideal situation. Our original departure date was January 20th but has been changed to February 10th. Luckily we were able to change our flight dates without paying a penalty as airlines are much more lenient these days to date changes (the only good thing about COVID-19). But we did have to pay the difference in the fare between the old ticket and the new ticket price.

Being allowed two pieces of "checked" luggage per person on international flights; we have a total of 12 larger suitcases, 4 "carry-on" pieces plus back packs totaling 22 pieces of luggage. Besides all of the things for Nathan and Kristi's move to Tanzania, we will also be carrying some equipment for the hospital, the Ailsa house, and for other Chimala purposes.

We have also learned of one more new inconvenience of international travel besides having to wear a mask: COVID-19 tests. If getting one test were not enough, KLM is now requiring all flights entering or passing-through Amsterdam to get a second test. The first test is the PCR test. We will get this test in Nashville a day before our flight out of that city. We chose this location because this particular clinic can give us the results in as little as 35

minutes. That is significant since the time limitation by KLM can be no more than 72 hours from receiving the test to arriving in Amsterdam.

The second test KLM requires is the "rapid" test. This test has to be administered no more than 4 hours before boarding our connecting flight in Atlanta. Imagine trying to figure out how all six of us with two small children could connect through Atlanta, exit the airport, find a clinic somewhere to get tested, and get back into the airport and at our gate in four hours! Fortunately after talking by phone to a real live Delta representative, she said they were offering the test in the airport without cost. Nice.

So we shall see how that goes. Lord willing, once we get past all of these inconveniences we can finally arrive Feb 12th at our final destination—Chimala!



Howell Ferguson

## Don Baugh, 1940 - 2021

A little over two years ago, Mary and I had the pleasure of visiting the Godfrey Church of Christ in Godfrey, IL—a village just north of St. Louis. I had set up an appointment to give an update on Chimala and to pick up supplies they had been collecting the past year. Don and



Mary Baugh were our contacts with that church and invited us to stay overnight with them. Their friendliness and hospitality won our hearts. We became instant friends.

Sadly, less than a year later Don told me he had pancreatic cancer but was hopeful it had been diagnosed early enough. We hoped and prayed often that the cancer could be beaten. We saw Don and Mary again on a second supply pickup right before Christmas but couldn't stay due to COVID-19. We continued to pray, but Mary called me on a Monday saying Don had passed away quietly in his sleep. It is never easy to say good-bye to those we love.

Don was a hard-working and skillful communication and computer technician for Shell Pipeline for over 33 years. He and Mary were blessed with 4 sons, 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many other dear relatives. But his greatest accomplishment was his faithful service to the Lord and to his fellow-man as a "member of the Church of Christ where he was active as an elder and teacher, always focusing on helping those in need." The Baughs loved missions, stateside as well as overseas. He and Mary were the perfect ambassadors representing the Godfrey Church of Christ for Chimala Mission. We thank the Lord He allowed our lives to cross paths with such a selfless person as Don Baugh—even if only for a few years.

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Ezekiel Mwambogolo

## Restored Churches

[The following article is a report from Ezekiel Mwambogolo, our farm manager. In the course of working at the Ailsa farm, Ezekiel has been conscious of the past existence of the Lord's church in that area. His report is exciting. hf]

Hello brethren, hope we are doing well. It has been a wonderful Sunday today as we have finished worship services well. Last week on January 24th 2021, I was able to Visit Nungu village where the Church existed since 1970 after they had moved from Majeni where the Church existed since 1960s according to the old men and women I met. We had a big discussion about reviving the work there, and they were all excited about it and said we are ready to restore the Church!!! We agreed to have a meeting on January 30th (Yesterday) so that we talk about our way forward. Several things were discussed and agreed! In this meeting, 5 men showed up.



Therefore, today same 5 men came for service at the old CHURCH building where there was no pews to sit on. We had to look for some bricks to sit on and we sang few songs and they gave a list of the people who used to Worship with them. Suggestions were made to go and visit with them. We left the Church building and went to look for them. We managed to visit 4 homes where we found 2 women and 3 men they all narrated some interesting stories of the past and how strong the Church was here in 1960s up to 1970s. It is really sad and shame to see how things are at the meantime!! They are very excited to see the LORD'S work again!



To have all the above mentioned, my wife and I are ready to start working with this village as we spend most of our time here at Ailsa farm. We believe the LORD is still working in us and has so many people here for the GLO-RY OF HIS NAME!! These men and women (old church members) also mentioned that there are two other villages where the Church existed and Church lands still exist to this day. I told the members to go with me on next Sunday so that we can see the village leaders and learn about the situation. If things will go well, those will be potential villages to revive the Work.

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# THE JOY OF GIVING: THE GLORY TO GOD

One of the joys of working as the stateside coordinator is when I can announce that you have been successful in meeting some of our fund-raising goals. Not only does the Chimala Mission benefit in specific and meaningful ways; but Scripture says that you as a contributor have received the greater blessing:

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

*"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

Here is a list of some of the goals that have been accomplished in the past few months:

1. Funds have been received or committed to help support Nathan & Kristi Ferguson and girls.
2. Funds have been received that should completely cover the container shipping and clearing costs.
3. Funds have been received for the overhaul of our generator.
4. Funds have been received for the Chimala School of Preaching.
5. Funds have been received to continue organized weekend evangelism efforts
6. Funds have been received for a new Butterfly ultrasound and iPads.
7. Funds have been received for the building of a new sterile operation theater for the Chimala Mission Hospital.
8. Funds have been received for school fees to assist the preachers' children for most of 2021.
9. Funds have been received to purchase Bibles.
10. Funds have been received to buy small gifts for moms who have lost their newborns.
11. Funds have been received for roofs of new church buildings.
12. Funds have been received for fetal Doppler monitors.
13. Funds have been received to purchase needed tools for the maintenance department.
14. Funds have been received to assist the farm program.
15. Funds have been received for airline tickets (Mary and me).

This list is not exhaustive by any means. Through the year, we have received items and made visits to pick up trailer-loads of donated supplies from individuals and churches. Some people have made special contributions to other particular items not necessarily included in the above list. Such things have included chain saws, microscopes, pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, paper clips, Crayons, scissors, tape, staplers, office equipment, medical equipment, furniture, religious and school books, batteries, reading glasses, canes, walkers, wheel-chairs, infant clothes, blankets, etc.

Once again, we are very appreciative of the "tools" God continually provide us to better serve and teach the people of Tanzania. *"To God be the glory, great things He has done!"* Howell



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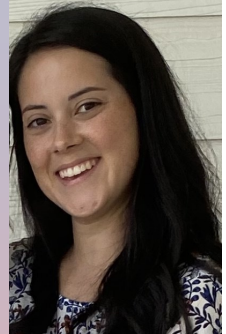


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**New Chimala Mission Secretary**

Please welcome our new stateside Chimala Mission secretary, **Amy Free** from Montgomery, Alabama. Amy began initial training before the end of 2020 and is now the official secretary starting in 2021.



*"Hi, my name is Amy Free. I will be the new secretary for Chimala Mission, and I am looking forward to my new role. I graduated from Auburn University. I am married and have one son. Also, I enjoy spending time with friends and family.*

*Again, I am looking forward to working with Chimala Mission and a great year ahead."*



We are especially thankful to the two-years of excellent service **Jill Bingham** gave to the Chimala Mission as the former secretary. This work is vital to the smooth operation of the mission.

**Thanks for the Ride**

A very special "Thank You" to the North Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson, TN who have been a long-time and current supporter of our work in world missions for nearly 17 years! We are very appreciative of their allowing me to borrow one of their buses to transport all of us and our luggage to Nashville to begin the long journey to Chimala, Tanzania. Howell

