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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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Welcome New Missionaries: The Fergusons

Finally, we have all arrived at Chimala! There were a couple of hic-ups and unavoidable obstacles; but that has seldom been unusual when you are determined to get to the Chimala Mission. **Nathan, Kristi, Eden, and Emmy** are pretty-much settled-in their new home—a house which is locally known as the “Mays” house built for and being named after Dr. Jerry Mays, the first American doctor to live full-time at Chimala Mission.

Already they have their first permanent pet, “Rudi” (means “return” in Swahili), a puppy they bought locally for Tsh 3,000/= or \$1.30. Yes, that’s one-dollar and 30 cents. They had a rooster named “Rulu” by two granddaughters ages five and three. But Rulu has been donated to a new short-term home as Nathan and Kristi are not yet ready to get into the chicken business.

There has never been a missionary family at Chimala Mission that did not have to go through an adjustment period. That has been true personally with Mary and me; and I’m sure other former Chimala missionaries would say the same. What is a little unusual this time around is that every time you have a sniffle, sneeze or cough people say, “Coronavirus”. Now that may be a slight exaggeration, but you get my point. Won’t it be nice when COVID has finally run its course so the world can return to “normal” again? Furthermore, missionaries from the US mid-south know all too-well that these types of symptoms are just a part of living there.

As the weeks go by, however, Mary and I as well as Nathan and Kristi will finally begin to



Nathan & Kristi Ferguson with Eden (5) and Emmy (3)

feel normal again from the change in time zone and altitude. The girls seem to be unfazed by their new world as children are often unusually flexible.

We welcome other interested families or individuals who would like to join Nathan’s family as missionaries at Chimala. Just contact me by phone, text or email to discuss details.

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Brief Notes of Long-Term Vision of Chimala Mission

Contrast between short and long term goals of the Chimala Mission. Are we working towards long term or short term results?

Jesus' disciples could only see the short term—a physical and temporal kingdom. Jesus spoke of a spiritual and eternal kingdom defying the disciples' beliefs.

Give a man a fish and feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and feed him for a lifetime. It is tempting to try to change immediate financial circumstances with money. But one cannot effect a quick change in the financial situation of 60 million people.

We must have a better vision and plan. If a plan depends upon a person or a few people, that person or persons may die leaving the plan to die with them. (Cf. Early mission efforts were generally "patriarchal".)

Everything we do should have a goal which will out-live ourselves. That is why a self-sustaining, self-propagating, and self-leading approach is necessary. Only then can we see a pathway to succeed more clearly .

This work must eventually belong to the Tanzanian Christians so they may become equipped and matured through the exercise of responsible and accountable service (cf. Eph. 4:12-16).

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Camera Snaps at Chimala



Howell preaching with Menard translating at Chimala A



Nathan introducing his family at Chimala A



Remmy speaking to CSOP students during morning chapel

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CSOP CLASS OF 2021

The current existence of the Chimala School of Preaching is the result of several approaches and transitions over the years. In the 1950's and 1960's, preacher-training began in the form of the Tanganyika Bible School at Kitekelo (Ailsa farm). In the 1980s, the Chimala School of Preaching was formed which was designed to work around farmers' existing planting and harvesting seasons. Many of the older local preachers are graduates of these earlier schools.

In 2005, the name of CSOP was changed to the Chimala Bible College as Chimala Mission partnered with Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver's (BVBID) foreign extension program to offer Bible degrees (BA & MA) in preacher-training for English-speaking students. A few years later, the English and Swahili programs were combined and the name was changed to the Chimala Bible Institute. From this program, most of our existing instructors have attained the MA in Bible .

After successfully training literally hundreds of preachers through the years, the leadership of the Chimala Mission decided the time was right for the preacher-training program to return to standing upon its own feet. The existing teaching staff are educated and experienced to teach and make application of Bible knowledge to



From the beginning of the Chimala Bible College in 2005, we have attempted to get a yearly photo. The picture above is the second-year of the 2021 class of 12 students.

the local Tanzanian people and culture. And the name of the preaching school was returned to the original name issued with the Tanzanian government: the Chimala School of Preaching.

Gradually over the years a comprehensive and sizable English Bible library has been built fitly named after perhaps the oldest preacher in this area—Linkosi Mkwama Library; named after Linkosi Mkwama, one of the elders of the mission church of Christ (“Chimala B”).

All of our current teaching staff are graduates of either the Chimala Bible College or the Chimala Bible Institute. Although American guest teachers are welcome; these men completely run the CSOP from creating the course schedule, assigning instructors, documenting grades to creating their own curriculum. They also organize week-end evangelism with students and staff as well as schedule and organize the summer seminars and Gospel Chariot campaigns. Lord willing, later this year the class of 2021 will be celebrating their graduation.

We are very proud of the work of preacher-training conducted by the current staff of CSOP. We are thankful for Nazzi the secretary, Tedy the librarian, as well as Bear Valley Bible Institute and all the American instructors who have taught short and long courses through the years. May God be glorified! -Howell



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Two Heads are Better Than One

Any success Chimala Mission has ever had was inevitably the result of team efforts. This is simply because it takes the bringing together of diverse minds to turn the best ideas and dreams into workable plans and solutions. Chimala Mission is blessed with a number of highly-talented men who serve in different departments. Most of these men have worked for Chimala Mission for a number of years. Some of them were even born here!

Every month we encourage the department heads to meet and discuss their particular areas of work as well as help encourage one another. While we continually encourage the men here to take the lead, we do not want to give the impression that American insight and assistance is not still needed or wanted. **THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IS STILL A NECESSITY** as there still remain several obstacles to overcome. Yes if you have any interest in Chimala Mission **NOT ONLY ARE YOU NEEDED, YOU ARE WANTED.**

Howell



March 2021 Department Heads' Meeting