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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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Chimala Mission Gospel Meeting

In place of the typical summer campaigns we normally have at Chimala, the mission congregation hosted an outdoor gospel meeting and campaign during the end of July. Speakers included Nathan Ferguson, Remy Mfaume, and James Mwakalenga. Nathan doesn't consider himself a preacher per se, but he could have fooled me. One of the things a man learns very quickly as a missionary at Chimala; you are expected to

preach on any occasion at any time. All three men spoke powerfully to the village community with the aid of a really good PA system. Area sister congregations participated in various ways including daily door-knocking. Many Bible studies were set-up and a great number of tracks were distributed. Several baptisms resulted and on-going studies are producing even more conversions. We thank God for adding more souls to His Kingdom.





Brayani Mfumbulwa at Kapunga Village



Jeremy Hall speaking during chapel at hospital

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Follow-up Need for Brayani

The following letter was from CSOP director, Frank Mwashikumbulu concerning the little boy we helped with a much-needed surgery last year. He now wears a colostomy bag but is now in desperate need of follow-up surgery. Frank's words say it better than I could.

Hello sisters and brothers. Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here in Tanzania we are going good. This is a short story of BRAYANI MFUMBULWA. His mother got pregnant when she was form two at Igrusi Secondary School. After knowing that she is pregnant she left the school. At that time she was 14 years old. She returned back to her parents who are very poor. There she delivered a child. This child was born different with all people born because he was born without having any system of going to the toilet. The doctors helped that child by giving him surgery and put a pipe to his side in order to help the child going to the toilet. The doctors gave advice to the mother to bring the child after two years in order to make the big operation for the child, but her mother didn't do so. Last year I was at Kapunga for evangelism where I met with this child. He was crying much. I went near him and perceived that the child was in pain because his stomach was swelling. I talked to the child's parent. There I understood that the child was living with her mother and grandmother. All of them are drunkards. I asked them history of disease of the child. They told me that he was born without any system of going to the toilet. The first step which I take is to write a request of asking some money which can help the child to go to the hospital for the treatment. Thanks to our God who helped the money through brother Howell Ferguson. I took the child to Mbeya Referral Hospital. The doctors helped the life of the child by giving him surgery to his side, and they told us to go back after six months for the second surgery of making the whole system of going to the toilet. My request again to you is to help TSH 1,200,000/ [\$522]. This money will be used for the second big operation which will be the last. These are the pictures of BRAYANI by now.

Money has already been sent for Brayani's surgery as we felt this was something that couldn't wait. If you would like to assist with this expense, the mission would be most grateful. Having this type of condition is difficult here in the States. Having the same type of condition is unimaginable in Brayani's world.

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Water Hydrum Woes

One of the early things that amazed me during my first visits to Chimala Mission was a water system called a “hydrum,” short for hydraulic ram. Without going into a lot of physics details, the principle of downward water pressure creates the ability to pump water to a higher elevation than the source water. It’s not magic, just simple water physics with a couple of check-valves using no fuel or electricity. This hydrum pumps water non-stop, 24-7 without a hiccup...until something breaks or wears out.

While we were at Chimala this summer, the “clacker” valve broke leaving a large part of the mission without water. We removed the valve unit and sent it to Mbeya to be welded. The repaired valve was reinstalled and worked for a few days but broke again at the weld. We were told we could weld it again ourselves at our shop. James and Nyenye managed to weld it, but it broke again. Again we attempted to weld it adding reinforcement pieces and bars. The hydrum worked maybe overnight but again broke.

The man who welded the hydrum in Mbeya said he could fabricate a replacement; so we gave him the go-ahead. By then, Mary and I had to return home before he finished. Nathan sent me a video showing the hydrum working again. But now, Nathan says the hydrum stopped and the guys are working on it.

Bottom line, I don’t think another “patch” is going to work as the original part is damaged from so many welding attempts. I will have to do some investigating on the cost of replacing it and report on the details later.

Howell



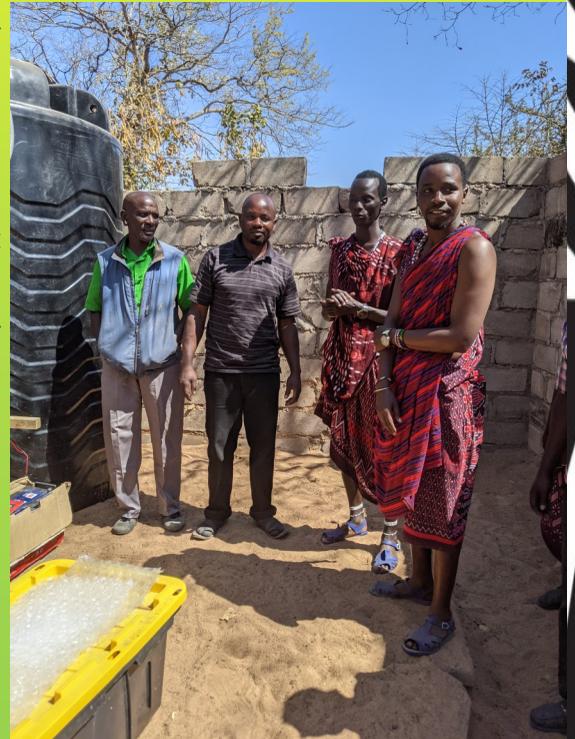
Pure Water Purification System at Masai Village

It may come as a surprise to people that it has been hotter in the States than it has been at Chimala. The stereotypical view of Tanzania—even all of Africa—is that it is a very hot and dangerous place filled with wild and vicious animals. It is common to hear the words: *Everything in Africa can hurt you!* Of course that is an exaggeration of the facts. The truth is you can get hurt in your own backyard. Furthermore, I only remember one place on this planet that was hotter and more miserable than the US mid-south; and that was India!

To the Masai who live in Tanzania, water is vital to their lifestyle as cattlemen and ranchers. And while they have a reputation of being fierce warriors and capable of single-handedly killing a lion with a spear; many Masai actually wished that people did not fear them. The Masai we know are very peaceable and friendly people. Their traditional nomadic lifestyle in many instances is giving way to a more settled existence; that means villages with houses and the need for constant and clean water supplies.

In the month of July during our two-month visit to Chimala, we were invited to attend a ceremony at the Masai village called Matabete. The event was to celebrate a new clean water purification system similar to our system at the Chimala Mission Hospital. We were honored to attend the event even though our part was merely to transport some of the purification equipment from the US.

As a result of former efforts by previous missionaries, a Masai congregation exists at Matabete. We are grateful for opportunities to continually influence the Masai people in such ways as in the water project. In the few words I spoke to the community that had gathered, I emphasized the importance of seeking the water Jesus gives wherein mankind will never again thirst. Howell





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Jeremy and Sarah Visit Chimala

We were thrilled to have Sarah and Jeremy Hall, our daughter and her husband with us for the last two weeks at Chimala. While they endured a few bumps and missed flights getting there, we were very pleased when they finally arrived. Jeremy preached, spoke in chapel services and taught a class on the book of Malachi at CSOP. Sarah had an opportunity to teach a group of children using Swahili that she had learned in her early teens when we all lived in Arusha.



Yes, we love having family visit; but we are always interested in other Christian families or individuals who would like to visit Chimala either just to see the mission or come for a survey trip with possible plans for long-term work. Feel free to contact me if such a trip is possibly in your future. Howell