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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**

## New Elders and Preacher

*"So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed" (Acts 14:23).*

We were very thrilled to hear the good news that Chimala "B" (the mission congregation) had appointed two new elders. Linkos Mkwama and Venance Mwanjelile have been serving as elders for several years.

The two new men selected were **Bernard Kulanga**, and **Joster Mwilongo**. Bernard, who is no stranger to Chimala, is a current CSOP instructor and was the first director of CBC. He also served as hospital director for 27 years. Joster is married to Taifa (we know her as "Momma Dorcas"), and they have six children. Joster works his family farm.

We were also very happy to learn that Chimala B had decided upon a new man to serve in pulpit duties, teaching Bible classes, assisting in ministering to the body of Christ, and in the work of evangelism.

**Odeni Mwamundi** is about to graduate from CSOP from the English preacher-training program. He was personally taught and mentored by Bernard Kulanga in many of his classes. He and his wife, Huruma have two children.



**Linkos Mkwama, Joster Mwilongo, Venance Mwanjelile, Bernard Kulanga**



**Odeni Mwamundi**

*Nathan Ferguson*

## Farm Program Update

September is now finished! Now that October has come, we might finally get a few sparse rains that will signal the beginning of our next planting season.

We have been blessed with a pretty good harvest this year from our crops and livestock, but we are still a long ways from making a substantial profit for the mission operation. Even so, we cannot give up yet! As we are surveying our options and preparing our fields for the next season, it takes a lot of teamwork and cooperation to make important decisions of the farm's future. At Ailsa, we plan to expand our acreage of beans by hopefully 50% or more. We will also be growing a few acres of tomatoes down near the farm house.

Back on the mission, we will continue to grow more onions, beans, and a few other various vegetable crops.

As for our livestock, we have decided to narrow down to cattle and chickens. We have finished selling off the goats and ducks. While they were nice to have, they simply were not providing a substantial profit in comparison to our other options.

Please pray for us as we begin a new season. Lord willing we can reap what we will sow to further the mission here in Chimala.

A few notes from Howell: Three of our cows have recently given birth. Nathan and Kristi have been buying some of the extra milk to make butter. But the milk has been coming in faster than they can use it; and they are running out of containers to store and refrigerate it.

A large chicken house is being built using some of the proceeds from the sale of last year's crops.

At Ailsa, a small building now houses the spring water reservoir finally giving us better security. Power, water and wood heat are now fully operational.

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*Erhard Msanda—head master*

## Herring Christian Secondary School

It is October now, form four students are just counting days to complete their studies of secondary school at ordinary level. On November 15 they start writing the national examination which will take seven days to be done. The outcomes of this exam tell whether a student will go to advanced level of secondary school education (form five & form six) or not. However, there is still room for those who fail to join form five. They can also study at vocational training schools or study a specific profession at a certificate level followed by a diploma and then a bachelor degree.

Form two will also have “national assessment”; it is the national exam for assessing their progress academically before entering form three. Those who fail this exam are referred to the same class next year. The exam will start on November 1 - 9.

Teachers are working diligently to educate the students and so enabling them to score better grades in their exams, particularly national exams. In Tanzania, schools are evaluated as per their results in national exams among other factors. HCSS has been doing better in the national exams for five years. At district level we have always been number two among 30 schools. Our struggle is to be number one.

We are able to teach our students BIBLE at school. They learn TRUTH to be FREE from false doctrines. It has always been enjoyable for the teachers to use more time to help students in their studies. And since many students live at school for ten months in a year, teachers and other staff take a role of parenthood. It becomes a challenge because the students come from different homes with different environments, beliefs and behaviors. So the need is for counseling and mentoring to help them to adopt the culture of liking school and behaving well.

There are lots of activities in this month. There are presently 44 pre-form one students already here. As the name implies, it is for preparing grade seven graduates to join form one next year. For us it is also a way of recruiting form one for the next year.

The School Board's inaugural meeting is scheduled on October 6, 2021. School Board is an organ set by law to run schools. It is the advisory board to non-government schools. On the said date, the Mbeya Regional Education Officer (REO) will come to HCSS to officially put into work the newly appointed Board. That will be another heavy day!

Form Four Graduation. This is the most exciting event awaited by the form four and all other students. The event will take place on 22 October at 10:00 a.m (East Africa Time). We normally hold the event before starting the national exams. Their parents and other guests will be invited. First, there will be 15 minutes of listening to the Word of God followed by songs & music [non-religious], drama, talent shows, scout shows, speeches and various awards.

Please, your fervent prayers are requested and dearly needed for form four and form two, as they are approaching national exams, that they all should pass the exams with colorful grades. Thank you and God bless!

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## CMH Health Secretary Wanted

As regular readers of the *Challenge of Africa* newsletter, you know that the Chimala Mission Hospital is a big part of the overall Chimala Mission. In fact, it was with the construction of CMH in 1965 that the government of Tanzania recognized the Church of Christ as a legally-registered religious body in their country. Since that time, CMH has provided medical care and spiritual counsel to millions of people in the southern part of Tanzania.

The need has arisen in recent months, however, to find a new Health Secretary for the Chimala Mission Hospital. While it would be better if the person selected to fill this position were a native Tanzanian Christian, we are also open to the possibility of inviting a faithful Christian man from the United States who has administrative experience and some medical background. Yes, this person would be a medical missionary working full-time at the Chimala Mission. He would serve under the overseeing eldership of the Dalraida Church of Christ, and Menard Swila as the mission administrator. This person would need to raise his own support, but would live in one of the mission houses provided at no cost to himself and his family. He would also be provided with a mission vehicle for his transportation. His only costs would be family living expenses, a working fund, and travel expenses to-and-from Tanzania as needed during his mission time commitment.

While it can be appreciated how difficult it would be for someone with these experiences and qualifications to leave a successful practice in the US, the person needed for this position is someone who sees his talents from a missions perspective for those who cannot repay. It is admittedly not for everyone. Even if you could assist for one year, we would be interested in talking with you. If interested, call or text me at 731-267-4935, or send me an email at [howellferguson@gmail.com](mailto:howellferguson@gmail.com).  
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## CMPS Form Seven Graduation

**Nathan Ferguson**

The Chimala Mission is blessed to have not only the reputation but also the ability to train young men and women in our schools to be leaders. Our students consistently rank high in the region for their academics, regional testing, and sports. Our students will become advanced members of society as they are ahead of many other students due to their knowledge in education but also in their proficiency in English. A few weeks ago, we were able to celebrate the graduating class from Grade 7. This is the final grade for the Chimala Mission Primary School, and the students will be able to decide whether they continue into Herring Christian Secondary School or to go somewhere else. We always encourage our students to continue in our schools as we know they will advance both in education and also in their relationship with God. No public school in Chimala can offer what we can.

