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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 Friendship Seminar

Helping Christians remain faithful to the Lord is an ongoing challenge in any country. Satan never stops working to distract and weaken God's people. While there are three basic "avenues" of temptation (lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life; 1 John 2:16), Tanzanians face a slightly different twist. **Frank Mwashikumbulu** reports on the following "Friendship Seminar":

Hello brethren, greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here in Tanzania we are going good. We are so thankful to God who helped us to do the Seminar safely. We met with three Congregations as follows: Church of Christ Mapangala, Church of Christ Matebete and Church of Christ Kapunga. Lessons which we taught in the Seminar are three as followers: (1) Why we are needed to worship God: Teacher Frank Mwashikumbulu. (2) Standing in the truth: Teacher Boaz Kasiba. (3) Answering the questions from the Christians: All teachers. Most



questions asked by the women whose husbands are not Christians were: What are they to do while their husbands [try to stop] them from going to Church? We tried our best to answer the questions according to what the Bible says and gave them advice on how they can talk with their husbands. Attendance of the seminar: Adults 26, Children 22. All Christians they enjoyed much for the seminar and they asked us to have friendship seminar even twice per year.

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Breaking Ground

A few weeks before we left Chimala, we were finally able to begin the first steps in constructing the new chicken house for the farm.

Ezekiel Harrison is our current farm manager, and his education and expertise in raising chickens gave us the perfect opportunity to implement a proper chicken program into the farm.

Our goal is to begin with layers - chickens we will use only for laying eggs. We will purchase them young, and after a few months of maturing, they will begin laying eggs daily. Eggs are extremely important to the community and will be an easy sell in the local markets.

Lord willing, we will get to a point where we can purchase more layers, and eventually start selling broilers (chickens for meat). As with everything with the farm, our goal is to have all of the funds put back into the mission, creating a self-sustaining operation that we can run wholly from within.



Breaking ground on the new chicken house

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CSOP GRADUATION

[The Chimala School of Preaching graduated its first full 2-year class upon returning to a self-running school in January 2020. This is a significant milestone in the history of the Chimala Mission. Nathan Ferguson and his family were able to remain in Tanzania long enough to attend and be the guest speaker for the Oct. 15th graduation. Nathan's article below reports on the highlights of the event. We are very proud of these graduates and pray for their success in the Lord's kingdom. We are equally excited anticipating the future of new students and the beginning of the new 2022 CSOP school year! hf]

Two years of hard work has paid off! I was tempted to use the expression "finally paid off", but the reality is that the knowledge these students gained from their studies had an impact on their day-to-day life from the very beginning. It is truly a blessing, honor, and privilege to know these students and witness their incredible growth.



We had a total of **11** students graduate this year. The CSOP director, **Frank Mwashikumbulu** had a very powerful and moving speech as he introduced the students and led the celebratory ceremony. One powerful comment he made was about how the class originally started with many more students, but these were the ones who prevailed.

The program these students go through is not an easy program. It is not a "simple" study, but rather a formidable curriculum. This promotes the students to work very hard both in and out of the classroom, and the ones who finish and graduate are well prepared to stand firm and defend their faith.

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*But in a great house
there are not only
vessels of gold and
silver, but also of wood
and clay, some for
honor and some for
dishonor. Therefore if
anyone cleanses himself
from the latter, he will
be a vessel for honor,
sanctified and useful
for the Master,
prepared for every
good work.*

2 Timothy 2:20-21

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(From page 2—CSOP Graduation)

With these students now returning home to their communities or new congregations, the task was set upon the administration of CSOP to recruit new students. This has been an ongoing process for several months, and there have been **21** students who applied and have been admitted into the program: **15** of these will go through the Swahili program, and **6** will enter the English program.

While both programs are very effective, the English program is where we have been pushing recruitment. It is common knowledge that the amount of English material at the mission is enormous, and so any student in the program will have a near limitless amount of resources available to them with our onsite library.

It has been a long dream to develop more Swahili materials, and we are slowly developing some resources with the assistance of native Swahili speakers. It is a big task, but one that will have tremendous value in the future.

The graduation was held on October 15th, and it was a



wonderful celebration with all of the students, their families, the faculty, and many local visitors invited to attend.

We pray for the CSOP program. We believe it is our most powerful tool in reaching the lost in Tanzania. We desire God's richest blessings on the program, the students, and everyone involved.