



# The CHALLENGE of Africa

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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)*

## WANT TO SCHEDULE A CHIMALA MISSION PRESENTATION?

When I am not overseas or on the road, I schedule appointments for presentation reports to supporting churches or churches interested in learning more about the **Chimala Mission**.

If you would like a report, please contact me by email, phone or text!

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## Returning Missionary—Cheryl Bode

We are happy to announce that Cheryl Bode will be rejoining the Chimala Mission missionary staff next year. Cheryl has been an RN for 30 years after graduating from college in 1991. Nursing has been incredibly satisfying as she loves making a positive difference in the lives of others. In the early 2000's, she began going on medical mission trips to Guatemala with Health Talents International. She found she loved helping those who were unable to afford healthcare to receive care which could make such a big change in the quality of their lives.

In 2011, she took a full-time position as a medical missionary in Ghana living there for one year. Then in January 2013, she moved to Chimala Mission where she worked for six years helping at the hospital and starting mobile medical clinics to remote villages. She returned to the US at the end of 2018 where she has continued her nursing career in a local hospital in Guthrie, OK while spending time with her elderly parents. She has always desired to return to Chimala Mission, and God willing, she will achieve that goal in February of 2022. If all goes as planned, Cheryl will be traveling to Tanzania about the same time in February that Mary and I, as well as Nathan Ferguson's family, return to Chimala, Tanzania.



Cheryl has already begun working to raise her support and work fund. If you would like to assist Cheryl financially, please direct her funds to:

**Dalraida Church of Christ**  
**Attn: Chimala Mission—Cheryl Bode**  
**3740 Atlanta Hwy**  
**Montgomery, AL 36109**

If you would like more details, you may contact Cheryl by phone or text at (405) 640-2015 or email her at [cheryl.bode@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl.bode@yahoo.com).

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Nathan Ferguson

## RAINS

[Nathan, Kristi, Eden, and Emmy are currently stateside on furlough reporting to churches and awaiting the arrival of their baby. Below is a brief report on the farm program hf].

Staying in touch with Ezekiel, he is updating me on things taking place on the mission. For starters, the rains have still not arrived. This is a big deal, and we are desperately praying for them to come soon. The crops, animals, and the whole community is relying on the rains to come soon.

On top of that, since Tanesco (the local power authority) runs a hydroelectric plant, they have been conserving electricity to allow the dam to fill up. This means between 8-16 hours a day of no power, which is another major issue halting a lot of progress.

While none of this is necessarily new, it is a continuous reminder of the challenges that the Chimala Mission faces. Water and power being so vital to the work, it is a harsh reality we must come to terms with. Please continue to pray for the Chimala Mission, its workers, and all those trying to help it succeed. Please pray for rain!



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## Ways You Can Help The Chimala Mission

The Chimala Mission has been truly blessed by faithful supporters for many years because you believe in the works that continually promote the kingdom of God in Tanzania. About this time last year, you responded positively to our requests for help with various needs.

The Chimala Mission continues to operate to this day through donations in specific areas that you made last year. We were able to continue the Preacher's Kids program, buy and distribute Swahili Bibles, rebuild our much-needed generator, send and clear a 40-foot shipping container full of much-needed supplies, receive a new life-saving ultrasound for the hospital, and a host of other items. Also, we have funds on-hand to build a new sterile operation theater with construction beginning early next year. For all of these blessings we say, "THANK-YOU!"

As we come to the end of 2021, we cannot let our guard down. The resources for operating a mission the size and scope of the Chimala Mission are continually needed. We ask that you please consider helping the Chimala Mission in the following areas:

1. Become a regular supporter of the Chimala Mission thereby not only helping to maintain a solid financial base but also protecting the mission against unforeseen financial burdens. 
2. Assist CSOP director, Frank Mwashikumbulu fulfill a request from churches of Christ in Mwanza that are asking him to conduct a public preaching meeting beginning on December 28th for seven days. The amount needed to cover his travel, lodging and food expenses is \$304. 
3. Repairs still need to be made to buildings and roads about the Chimala Mission. Some repairs and painting to mission houses were accomplished last year; but there is still much that needs done in other areas including the hospital, schools, CSOP, and staff housing. As this is an on-going need, any amount is helpful. 
4. The Chimala Mission Hospital remains in need of a refrigerated morgue. This has become a real concern as the Tanzanian government cites us as negligent in the area of properly handling of the deceased. The estimated cost for the morgue is \$15,000. 
5. In addition to the morgue, the hospital's solar power system is operating at half-capacity due to a bad inverter and several dead batteries that need replaced. The estimated cost to fix the hospital's power issue is \$10,000. 
6. The farm program needs a medium duty truck to haul seed, fertilizer, tools, equipment, crops, livestock, etc. up-and-down the mountain to the Ailsa farm and local markets. We lost an old Isuzu truck several years ago due to an accident on the mountain and have been hiring transport since we have no replacement. We are looking at a used Fuso Canter 6-ton truck for approx. \$12,000 in Tanzania. 
7. Howell and Mary Ferguson will need to buy airline tickets to Tanzania for the February trip to Chimala. While it is unknown what will happen with jet-fuel prices; typical round-trip tickets for two range from \$3,000 to \$5,000. 

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# THE GREAT WORK OF WEEK-END EVANGELISM

One of the great benefits of working with the Chimala Mission is receiving the encouraging reports about the week-end evangelism efforts conducted by the instructors and students of the Chimala School of Preaching. Frank Mwashikumbulu sends me reports nearly every week summarizing the names of villages, how many tracts were handed out, the number of Bible studies conducted along with baptisms and restorations that might have occurred. Our instructors - Bernard Kulanga, Boaz Kasiba, Remmi Mfaume, Alphonse Mwampogolo and printer, Lai Mkwama all lead their student teams by example. The students take their examples to heart and are ever-bit as active and effective. They thoroughly enjoy and love doing this not only because of the Word of God that changes people's lives, but because it also enriches their souls in the process.

## Results of 2021 CSOP Evangelistic Efforts:

- **14,500 tracts distributed**
- **3,500 correspondence courses set up**
- **850 Bible studies completed**
- **196 baptisms**
- **164 restorations**





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- For several years the Chimala Mission Primary School and the Herring Christian Secondary School have been in need of library books. They are in need of text books of various disciplines and for various ages written from a God-worldview if at all possible. You can either donate funds to buy the books in Tanzania or contact me for a pickup to be shipped. 
- After the shipping, clearing and arrival of our last shipping container, we were short around \$5,000 from having enough to finish the project. Any help to reimburse this expense would be very much appreciated. 
- There's nothing like a good night's sleep. Our CSOP students have been sleeping on mattresses that were new when the student dorm was built about 15 years ago. CSOP is asking us to consider replacing these mattresses at a total cost of \$524—a bargain! 



**Chimala Mission - Aerial View of the Hospital**