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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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## Chimala Mission to Receive New Equipment

With the conclusion of March, the month of April looks to be a very busy time as Mary and I return to Chimala, leaving the States on the 14th of April. We had originally thought we would leave in mid-February with Nathan and Kristi and children; but once their return date was extended, we decided to wait until April so we could cover as much of the activities at Chimala as possible. This is especially true with the two groups of nursing students coming in the months of May—July. Besides giving peace-of-mind to parents knowing that additional Americans will be at Chimala with their college-age children; there are a number of projects we plan to begin once we arrive. All of these projects are being made possible through the generosity of individual donors.

Lord willing, shortly after we arrive, we plan to begin laying the foundation for the new **sterile operational theater** at Chimala Mission Hospital. While it may not be open until a little later, we at least want to have the construction completed by the time we leave on the 8th of July.

Two other areas at the hospital that will be given an update will be the hospital morgue and the solar power system. A **three-bay morgue refrigerator** will be ordered and installed in our existing morgue building—which itself will need to be updated to accommodate the new equipment. We now also have the funds to get the hospital **solar power electrical system** back to full operation. Unable to find the parts for one of the two inverters, the hospital solar power has been only running at 50% capacity. Not only will we be able to buy and install the new inverter, we will also be able to replace the bad solar batteries. This will lower the hospital electricity bill, reduce the need to run the expensive diesel generator, offer better night-time security, and provide continuous power during critical surgeries.

A final need where the mission has been blessed is funds to buy a used **heavy-duty truck** for the farm program. For most of the 50-plus years of its existence, the Chimala Mission has had some type of heavy truck that served the mission well in many ways until a few years ago. We are now finally able to buy one for mission uses.

Most of these four items have been on the Chimala “needs” list for some time. There is no way to adequately express how grateful the Chimala Mission is to those who made these useful things possible. Big or small, you as our dear supporters believe in the work done by the Chimala Mission. You continue to promote the Lord's work here and carry that torch handed-down to us by those pioneering missionaries before us. Pray that the full blessings of this work are yet to come!

Howell Ferguson

## Gallus domesticus

The chicken (*Gallus domesticus*) is probably the most-eaten bird on earth. In every country I have ever traveled around the world, chicken was always on the menu. And it is probably the first meat children eat.

*"Never calculate your juvenile poultry before the proper process of incubation has fully materialized"* is the college-educated way of saying the old farm adage, *"Don't count your chickens before they hatch."* We take this rural proverb seriously.

As part of the farm program's design of turning the Chimala Mission into a self-sustaining work; we have built a chicken house with a capacity of 500 layers. We plan to sell the eggs rather than "hatch" them. Please pray for our success!



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## Cheryl's Corner

Whew, this first 2 weeks in Tanzania has gone fast. The first week was traveling and unpacking as well as greeting many old friends. It was wonderful! This second week has been a week of catch-up. I was at the hospital seeing what's new and what's happening. I actually received a LOT of information!

Today, I made a trip with Frank from CSOP to Kapunga to meet 2 children with the same birth defect. One of the children, Brayan is 10 years old. I believe in a previous newsletter, a story ran about Brayan. He has no rectum and has to use a stoma in his abdomen. His stomach was extremely swollen from the stoma not working properly. He had a very large surgery to help relieve his condition. He has a very large incision from that surgery and a new stoma. He has not, however, made his follow up appointments because his grandmother, who cares for him, does not have the funds to take him to Mbeya to see the doctor.

I also met Promise, who is 2 months old, with the same condition with no rectum. He has a stoma from birth which will need to be re-evaluated and modified as he grows. He is being cared for by his mother and grandmother.

Both of these families are very poor, and the children will need multiple surgeries as well as frequent follow-ups. Frank and I are going to work together to assist these families in the care of the children. Frank went to Mbeya to talk with the doctor who did Brayan's surgery. The doctor called to talk with me. The plan we have come up with is that both children will have surgery in June when a group of specialists will be here from Dar es Salaam. We will take the families to Mbeya in April for evaluation and apply for insurance. Insurance will assist the family with the expenses of the surgeries. Costs for the insurance is 54,000TSH each. (54,000TSH equals \$25.00 per year). You can read more about Brayan and Promise at [cherylinchimala.blogspot.com](http://cherylinchimala.blogspot.com).



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**Frank Mwashimbukulu, CSOP director**

## **Consistent Success of CSOP Weekend Evangelism**

Hello brethren. We are greeting you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here in Tanzania we are doing good. We are so thankful to God who helped the school between teachers and students to go out for evangelism. We visited six congregations, and we were [arranged in] six groups as follows:

Frank Mwashikumbulu with four students went to Igurusi Church of Christ. The work which we did there included preaching house-to-house, supplying Bible lessons, tracts and Sunday worship. The results of the work were one baptism, and two people who promised to be baptized next week. Attendance on Sunday was 23.

Remy Mfaume led the second group at Imezu Church of Christ with three students. The work which they did there was visiting the houses of Christians and going house-to-house. The result of their work was one baptism.



Xavery Ngulo led the third group with three students at Mswiswi Church of Christ. The work which they did there was preaching house-to-house, supplying Bible lessons and tracts and worshipping with the church. The results of their work was they succeeded to supply 260 tracts, 26 Bible lessons, and had one restoration.

Alphonse Simion with three students worked with the Inyala Iyawaya Church of Christ. The work which they did there was supplying Bible lessons and tracts, going house-to-house, and Sunday worship. The success of their work resulted in supplying 20 Bible lessons, passed out 222 tracts, and three people who promised to be baptized on Sunday.

Boaz Kasiba led the fifth group with three students at the Uyole Church of Christ. The work which they did there was preaching house-to-house, visiting the homes of Christians, supplying Bible lessons and tracts, and worshipping Sunday with the church. The results of their work included the supplying of 200 tracts, 36 Bible lessons, and attending Sunday worship.



Bernard Kulanga led the sixth group with three students at the Inyala Church of Christ. The work which they did there included visiting Christians who had fallen down, and attending Sunday worship. The results of their work included the restoration of two people back to the church.

The totals of this week-end's efforts are as follows: **1,366 tracts** handed out, **217 Bible lessons**, **two baptisms**, and **three restorations**.



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**Howell Ferguson**  
**Never-ending Quest For Souls**

As long as this earth continues to turn, there is the constant need to preach the gospel to the lost and train and send those to preach (cf. Romans 10:13-16). The Chimala School of Preaching works hard to do its part in the training of gospel preachers. Several women also study in the **CSOP** program to gain a greater knowledge of God's word in their role as teachers of women and children.

Other opportunities abound at the Chimala Mission for teaching the message of salvation. Weekend evangelism (see page 3) is always a great occasion for CSOP students to teach. Young people enrolled at the **Chimala Primary School** and **Herring Christian Secondary School** who come from non-Christian backgrounds hear the gospel regularly several times a week. The **Chimala Mission Hospital** never ceases to be a place where people need not only the physical healing of their bodies; but more importantly, the spiritual and eternal healing of their souls. *"Behold, now is the accepted time!"*

