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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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Nearly Three Months at Chimala

Experiencing two totally different time zones and cultures does a good workout on the body, mind and senses. This recent visit to Chimala Mission for nearly three months has been the longest Mary and I have stayed in Tanzania since we lived there in 2015-2016. We left Jackson, TN on a beautiful spring day of April 14th and returned to a mid-south heat wave on July 8th. But this particular visit was perhaps one of the most productive trips to Chimala since I became stateside coordinator in 2019.

Part of our first few weeks was spent visiting the different departments and evaluating the overall mission. A list of our objectives was enumerated in the April issue of the *Challenge of Africa*. The biggest project was the beginning construction of the new hospital operation theater. Upon our return, the basic structure was completed with mostly interior work remaining.

Another large part of events at Chimala was the arrival of nursing students from Harding University and Oklahoma Christian University. Including instructors and students, there was a total of 13 individuals. Their presence at the hospital is always beneficial and generally attracts people to come to our hospital to seek medical help. Most of the returning students will tell you they felt like they benefited more from being at Chimala than the services they provided the patients. However, one particular student without a doubt benefited more than any one else. Nicole Thornock, a Harding nursing student, put on Christ in baptism after hearing a number of Bible lessons at the mission and surrounding congregations. Nicole's obedience to Christ was certainly a highlight of our visit.



Nathan has been focusing much of his time helping the farm program in various ways. We found out by experimenting with a different variety of corn that we can far exceed our last attempt at growing corn at Ailsa. While we still plan to plant beans on as much usable acreage on the farm as possible, we will retain some land to give corn another try using this newer variety and pray for the best. In addition to crops, our new 419 chicks are growing and ready soon to be transported into the
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Snapshots at Chimala



Naaman and Zaria Sheiza have moved into a farmhouse at Ailsa to evangelize the area as well as serve as assistant farm manager and guard.



After weeks of patiently waiting, the new Zeiss ILED microscope finally arrived. A wonderful tool for more quickly diagnosing tuberculosis.



Eden and Emmy helping Mima spread tomato sauce on dough for Sunday pizza night.

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NEW SURGICAL THEATER WELL ON IT'S WAY TO BEING COMPLETED



Foundation, exterior brick walls and floor plan in the beginning stages of construction.



Inside hospital view shows joining of new construction with existing structures.



Foundation and floor plan in the beginning stages of construction.



Inside walls are plastered, with wood rafters and roof sheets visible.



New roof sheets give surgical theater a uniform appearance.

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2022 Summer Chimala Mission Seminars

Once again the 2022 summer CSOP seminars were a great success. Coming from all across Tanzania, 149 ladies attended the **Women's Seminar**, 81 young people attended the **Youth Seminar**, and 71 men attended the **Preachers' Seminar**. From these events there were a total of five people baptized into Christ.





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large newly-constructed chicken house. We will also be receiving an additional 400 chicks very soon. Also “layers”, these chicks will be held temporarily inside the old metal dispensary building modified to keep baby chicks safe and warm.

As an on-going project we have been improving the electricity and water at the Ailsa farm house I started back in 2015. A wind turbine system was part of that original plan and is proceeding slowly-but-surely. Finishing this project will greatly increase our presence in the Kitikelo area. All of these projects are designed for the purpose of creating a self-sustaining mission in fulfillment with the original dream put in place by the pioneering missionaries of the Chimala Mission to preach the gospel of Christ..



Harding and OCU university nursing students at Chimala Mission Hospital.