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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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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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Howell Ferguson Child-like Giving

On a memorable occasion when the disciples rebuked people for bringing little infants in His presence, Jesus called and said to them: *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it"* (Luke 18:15-17).

Of all the donations I have ever seen or received in mission work, a most impressive gift that left me nearly speechless was donated by 4-year-old Maggie Colley,

daughter of Caleb and Rebekah Colley, our new preacher and his wife at the North Jackson Church of Christ. Little Maggie came up to me Wednesday night before Bible study and handed to me a zip-lock bag containing \$30 she wanted me to use for Jesus in missions. What is even more precious is that this money came from selling some of her toys and giving up a month's worth of TV privileges. I don't know if I can remember seeing anything like that kind of sacrifice. The enormity of faith demonstrated in the simplest and most innocent way—the faith of a little child.

So how do you use \$30 to help Jesus in missions? Well anyone who knows anything about Tanzania knows that even now the dollar still goes a long ways. With the help of Mary and her mom, I offered several practical suggestions. The one suggestion she liked was helping a child at the Chimala Mission Hospital whose parents were unable to pay their hospital bill. I assured her that this would be a big help; and all because of her tender, unselfish and sacrificial heart that was willing to give up something to help someone who couldn't repay. What a great lesson I learned that day. May I learn the lesson of having a child-like faith that will not be distracted by "shiny" toys and temporal possessions. May I be reminded of Maggie's giving heart.



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Preparing for Collections

As I am sitting at my desk writing this newsletter, Mary and I have 12 days left before we depart the US for Chimala. Our departure date is December 13 with a return date of February 2, 2023. For the past few months we have been receiving packages fairly regularly addressed to Nathan or Kristi for supplies they are hoping we can bring with us when we depart for Tanzania. These also include home-school books for Eden and Emmy as well as Christmas packages from "Santa". The books are obviously heavy, so whatever we can't bring with us will have to be shipped in next-year's container.

Other items include hospital surgical tools and supplies thanks to the generous donation of supporters of Chimala. Among a list of things too numerous to mention, we are also bringing a number of hard-to-find items needed at the mission.

Just a few days earlier, Mary and I made a quick trip to Montgomery, AL to deliver the Chimala tandem-wheel trailer full of boxes of supplies donated by churches and individual Christians. These will be shipped, Lord willing, next year along with whatever other donated and purchased items we are able to receive in the next several months.

If you missed the list of items needed at the mission, please refer to last month's newsletter. I do not have a deadline for pick-up of items at this point; but generally-speaking, mid-Spring would be ideal. Please feel free to contact me at 731-267-4935 or email me at howellferguson@gmail.com to schedule a pickup.

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A Way To Prosper At Herring Christian

The apostle John wrote: *"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"* (3 John 2). This young man, whose mother named "Prosper", made the decision of his life that will bring to his name a deeper and longer-lasting meaning. While his education at HCSS will certainly give him potential to prosper monetarily; his obedience to the gospel of Christ has placed him on the road where a spiritual prosperity and eternal inheritance awaits him. Please join



Erhard in offering prayers for Prosper to grow as a babe in Christ. Below is a letter from Erhard Msanda, HCSS head master.

This is **Prosper Boniface**, a form four student who said in his heart that he could not just graduate from his form 4 class without having made the most important decision in his life, of putting on Jesus Christ. On Wednesday evening of November 23, 2022, he was immersed in water for the remission of his sins. The baptism was witnessed by a number of students and a few Christians. This young man comes from a mixed-faith family; his father is a Roman Catholic and his mother is Muslim. He never missed asking questions on Bible classes; this shows, he was really searching the scriptures.



He comes from Ruiwa village, a 90 minutes drive from Chimala while going to Mbeya. There is no church in that area. Plans are underway to help this baby in Christ to grow spiritually. Your prayers are most important too.

Praises and Glory to God!

Erhard

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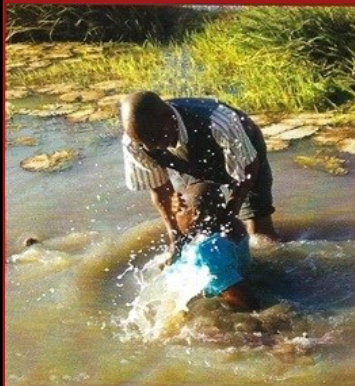
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In these uncertain times in America, we remain very fortunate in material wealth compared to the economy in Africa.

Money is given from the heart and not from the pocketbook. So if you have a choice and an opportunity to give, please consider the

HOPE FOR HUMANITY FUND DRIVE that supports our mission.

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As Chimala Mission closes out another year we would like to thank all our supporters who contribute to the work at Chimala. You make it possible for us to send those willing to go and help spread the Light to those living in darkness.

At the end of the year it has been our custom to ask congregations and individuals to consider taking up a special contribution for the various works at Chimala. We are grateful for your support and continue to ask for your daily prayers for this work.



Howell Ferguson Good-bye Momma

There are few things more true in life than the fact that death eventually catches up with all of us. Either in the personal occurrence appointed unto each of us, or in the indirect experience of those near and dear to us; there is no escaping this event (cf. Heb. 9:27). Nevertheless there are few blessings one can lose greater than losing a mother. Certainly the passing of my mother, Betty Ferguson on Wednesday, Nov 11th who lived to be 90, was one of those lost blessings.

Momma had been suffering from the results of several "mini" strokes and possibly some not-so small that occurred within the past two years. No longer able to stay at an assisted living home—which she dearly loved and thrived in—Momma had to spend some time in rehab which eventually became her permanent home. While it was not our first choice, my sister and brother and I had to come to the realization that we were not able to take care of her in our home in the way she needed and deserved. While that would not necessarily have prevented us from trying; Momma made the choice for us insisting upon living at either an assisted living or nursing home. But her greatest choice was giving her life to Jesus Christ and determining to the best of her ability never to do anything to jeopardize that imperishable relationship.

Our son, Nathan Ferguson has a nice write-up in his newsletter on his attempt and final success on coming home in time to attend his grandmother's funeral. Because of the cost and difficulty of traveling with the whole family for such a short trip, Nathan only brought along Emmy while leaving Kristi, Eden and Rowan at Chimala. [We have never felt it was unsafe to leave anyone at Chimala.] Mary and I enjoyed having Nathan and Emmy back home for a few days before having to take them back to the Memphis airport to return to Chimala. If you would like to receive his monthly newsletters, simply write Nathan at nathan.kferguson@gmail.com.



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