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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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## Merry Christmas and 'So Long' 2022

Every year at this time, we are usually amazed at how quickly another year has come and gone. And with that same amazement again, we say "so long" to 2022. On Christmas Sunday morning, Mary and I along with Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy and Rowan visited the Chimala A congregation. We worshipped for our first time in their nearly-completed new auditorium where I was asked to preach. After services, some of the church leaders expressed their heartfelt thanks for the funds donated from the States to further the building's construction. Then three young ladies expressed their desire to put on Christ in baptism for the remission of sins—Tabitha, Happy, and Esther. It gave "Christmas Day" a more meaningful sense than we usually think of, as I explained to these new followers of Jesus that they would never forget the day of their spiritual birth.



We were also glad to be with Nathan's family for Christmas Day (celebrated on Sat—Dec. 24th) and deliver the presents we packed in our luggage. Furthermore, I don't believe I heard a single fire-cracker on New Year's Eve. The cultural differences between the USA and Tanzania are striking especially when you experience what is normally our two biggest holidays in the States.

With the coming of January, Chimala School of Preaching (CSOP), Chimala Mission Primary School (CMPS) and Herring Christian Secondary School (HCSS) will be starting the 2023 school year. CMPS and HCSS will begin on the 9th with the CSOP beginning on the 16th. Three men from the Dalraida congregation will be visiting for a few days: Andrew "Gif" Gifford, Perry Baker, and Avery Hackney. Please keep these three men in your prayers for a safe and productive journey to Chimala.

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*Display Console  
Needs Replaced*



*Listem REX-525R X-ray  
PC Boards Need Replaced*

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## Gratitude for Hospital Tools and Supplies

The response to the request in the September newsletter for assistance to buy new hospital surgical tools and supplies was very positive. Up to this point, we have been able to buy most of the tools that were requested; and some of the supplies remaining on the list we will buy soon. To all of you who have so graciously responded, we give a hearty, ASANTE SANA! (Thank you very much!).

Anyone who has ever managed even a very small hospital or clinic knows the non-ending needs for supplies, repairs, upgrades, continued education, and a thousand other requirements in an attempt to stay current with even the most basic medical needs. Equipment and tools wear out, and replacements or spare parts are sometimes hard to find. Add to this, operating in a third-world country and the inefficiency and lack of resources that go with it, and you have some real challenges.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we are still without a working X-ray machine. The devastating lightning strike that occurred back in May of 2022 has left us with a deficit of this essential piece of equipment. Anudha Ltd, the company which the X-ray was purchased from, has been contacted numerous times. At least two times they have sent out their technicians, but were unable (or unwilling) to get to the bottom of the problem; and each time we had to pay them plus any components that were replaced. The severity of the lightning strike knocked out several PC boards. The company doesn't believe it is worth spending more time and money to repair it, even though it is only three years old (and out of warranty) and cost around \$65,000. I disagree. And since we have been here at Chimala, I have been working with Barton, our hospital electrical technician, to find a solution. I have also been in communication with the Listem company from South Korea working to buy a new display console and a particular PC board which Barton believes are the only remaining problems. He also found a broken electrical joint in a critical relay board that he has repaired.

In the meantime, we are still without an X-ray machine with a loss to the hospital of 20 mill Tsh per month. At this point, we have basically four options: 1) We can buy new from Anudha's in Dar-es-Salaam for \$59,000. 2) We can borrow funds from NHIF to buy new and pay back monthly at 10-12 percent interest. 3) We can buy the PC board and display console for **\$3,226**. 4) We can buy an X-ray machine—possibly portable—in the US at a much lower price and have it shipped on a container which we hope to raise funds for, with many other items around the middle of next year (2023).

Option #3 is the least expensive option and the one we are currently pursuing. But as anyone who has ever lived at Chimala can attest to, it is not something that will happen quickly. We do not enjoy asking for more funds, but we need to get the x-ray fixed. Thank you!

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## Ailsa—Worship, Work & Time Spent



*Naaman leading singing during Sunday morning worship inside the Ailsa farm house.*



*Nathan making comments from Scripture in preparation to partaking of the Lord's Supper.*



*It has been eight years since Mary and I moved to Chimala to begin restoring the old Ailsa farm house to help re-establish that work which had been abandoned in the late 1970s. After a major setback, we have finally completed the off-grid electrical system as TANESCO does not provide power in that area. Finally there is now both solar and wind power adding both livability and security to the work at the Ailsa farm.*



*Since Naaman & Zariah and children have moved to the Ailsa farm, Naaman has been trying to restore the church that once worshipped regularly in that area many years ago when Ailsa was a flourishing mission work evangelizing and training preachers. This was our first time to worship at Ailsa inside the mission house. Afterwards Naaman and his son travelled where other Christians in a nearby village now meet to worship.*



*Mima, Babu, Emmy and Eden standing behind the Ailsa farm house with the lower farm land and pine trees in the background. With the beginning of the long rainy season, the time for planting is now. The future of a self-sustaining mission work is dependent on Ailsa's success.*



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## 2022 Chimala Mission Year End Brief Review

- 96 baptisms
- 18 restorations
- 18 students Chimala School of Preaching
- 4 campaigns conducted
- 3 seminars conducted
- 6,776 tracts distributed
- 1,000 Bible courses set up
- 420 students Chimala Mission Primary School
- 120 students Herring Christian Secondary School
- Chimala Mission Hospital - 24,863 patients, 1,408 births, 1,593 reproductive child & women health clients, 3,530 current HIV care and treatment center clients



*“be careful to maintain good works” (Titus 3:8)*