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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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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*.

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Time for Another Shipping Container to Chimala

With the winter Chimala trip nearly over, it is now time to focus on our next major objective: **sending a 40-foot hi-cube shipping container to Chimala**. As you may remember, this is a huge undertaking, not to mention expensive. But to be able to pack every nook and cranny of a container with needed and hard-to-find items is so beneficial to the mission. For starters, we are needing to ship a back-up X-ray machine as well as a 3-bay refrigerated morgue for the hospital. There are also well over 200 boxes of supplies for the hospital and schools as well as Bible school materials. There is a possibility of acquiring some farm equipment pieces. There is the need for tools, estate supplies and equipment, missionary supplies and necessities. School and hospital supplies need to be picked-up as soon as I arrive back home. See the needs list in the October 2022 issue.

After returning home, setting up and taking down our Chimala Mission display for the FHU Lectureship week of Feb. 5-10; I will need to purchase, collect and inventory items in preparation to loading and shipping this container sometime in March. And then Lord willing, when we return back to Chimala in June-July, the container will be transported from Dar-es-Salaam to the mission and unloaded. Shortly afterwards in August, we plan to return home in time for PTP (Polishing The Pulpit) where the Chimala Mission booth will be set up again. PTP has me scheduled to speak there three times.

What this all means is I need to raise a significant amount of funds to pay for the shipping and clearing of a container. The last

container we shipped in 2021 was right at **\$20,000**. I do not believe it has gotten any cheaper since then, although we do our best to keep costs to a minimum. Nevertheless the Chimala Mission is in need of supporters capable of doing the heavy lifting to help us get over this hurdle. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



Howell Ferguson Dalraida Visitors

Chimala Mission is always glad to have visitors come for a visit to see the works that take place here first-hand. It is especially good to have representatives from the Dalraida church of Christ, the overseeing congregation.

Andrew "Gif" Gifford, Avery Hackney, and Perry Baker arrived at Chimala on the



13th of January and left on the 18th. Gif represented the Dalraida mission committee and is currently a Bible instructor at Faulkner University. Avery is a minister from the Arnold church of Christ, Arnold, MO. And Perry is a retired technician and member of the Wetumpka church of Christ, Wetumpka, AL.

Gif taught two days in the Ethics class at the CSOP; Avery taught Bible Knowledge classes at the HCSS; and Perry assisted in the shop area working with Nathan and the farm program.

After their six-day stay at Chimala, the three men continued their journey to Madagascar where they visited a native missionary supported by Dalraida. We praise the Lord that they are now all home safe-and-sound. Thank you Gif, Avery, and Perry for giving your time and contributing to the work at the Chimala Mission!

Howell Ferguson First Mission-Wide Workers Meeting

What is the future of the Chimala Mission? While no one has the exact answer to that question; the three basic goals are to make the mission self-sufficient, self propagating, and self-ruling. This is not a new formula for mission work; but it is a valid universal blueprint.



On January 24th at 10:00 am, a meeting was called for all available workers from all the departments. Other than the absence of essential workers at the hospital and guards, the attendance was excellent. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss three things:

1. Clarify the ownership, purpose and vision of the Chimala Mission.
2. Introduce the potential oversight by the Mission Congregation (Chimala B) in the distant future.
3. Challenges to the future of the Chimala Mission.

To those who know the long history of the mission, the second point is probably the most eye-catching. The belief has long been held that the oversight of the Chimala Mission should one day be turned over to a local Tanzanian congregation. How, when, and by whom have always been the crucial questions. Besides addressing the first and third points, the conditions upon which the oversight would one day be turned-over to any local congregation must include:

1. The mission becoming fully self-supported by means of the farm program or some other income-producing program.
2. The overseeing congregation must show itself as a faithful, talented, Bible-centered church which stands fully behind its elders.
3. The elders must demonstrate faithfulness to God as spiritual men, honorable men, qualified men (1 Tim. 3; Tit. 1), capable men, wise men, and men of vision.

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Preachers' Kids Program

A sensible and beneficial program begun under the oversight of the New York Ave Church of Christ is the Preachers' Kids Program. Its purpose is to serve as a scholarship program for orphans or children of preacher families who serve churches mostly for little or no pay. Under the Dalraida oversight, we are happy that this program remains stable and so beneficial to those children. Below are the children currently enrolled in this program for 2023 at the **Herring Christian Secondary School**:



**Abishua Bahati
Edward**

Class: Form 4
Her father preaches for
the church of Christ in
Iyawaya.



Aida Obby Lubimbo

Class: Form 1
Her father died, and
her mother and siblings
worship at Lyambogo.



**Debora James
Mwakalenga**

Class: Form 1
Her father preaches for
the church of Christ at
Inyala.



Happy Simon Mhindile

Class: Form 1
Her father preaches for
the church of Christ at
Soliwaya.



Musa Lenard Simion

Class: Form 1
His father preaches for
the church of Christ at
Mabadaga.



Naos Elly Vundwe

Class: Form 1
His father preaches for
the church of Christ at
Tunduma.



Timothy Naaman

Class: Form 2
His father preaches in
new areas near
Kitekelo.

The total scholarship tuition needed to continue the program for the 2023 school year is 12,420,000/- tsh (\$5,400); or \$771 average per student per year. Lord willing in next month's newsletter, when I can get the pictures and information, I will provide the names and pictures of the children in the Preachers' Kids program at the **Chimala Mission Primary School**.

Like any scholarship program, we cannot guarantee they will always be available. Both the primary and secondary schools have increased the number of students in this program. Educating their children is about the only way most families can lift themselves out of their meager income levels. Can you help?



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At the present time, we believe that the Mission church of Christ (Chimala B) is the most likely candidate due to 1) an existing leadership consisting of four elders, three deacons, and one preacher; 2) a church membership that is several times larger than most of the surrounding churches of Christ; 3) an existing yearly contribution that is significantly larger than most surrounding congregations and sizable enough to participate in the mission’s financial operations; and 4) a striking public presence of the existing meeting house on the front center of the mission property.

The feedback that was received was mainly positive. Some said that to their memory, such a meeting addressing the entire mission had never been held before. Some said this was the first time they had ever heard the history of the Chimala Mission. And others said they had a much greater understanding and appreciation of the ownership of the mission and its purpose as the work of the church of Christ; otherwise, they thought it was just a place to go to work.

These insights were indeed helpful as we continually try to increase the mission’s spiritual and practical influence in this community. We would be remiss and ungrateful if we didn’t express honor to those through the years who have labored for the existence and growth of the Chimala Mission. We must never forget their contributions.

Thank you!

