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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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Time to Donate Container Items is Now

The Chimala Mission is so thankful for everyone who cares for this great work demonstrated by your prayers, financial support, donations, working hands, visits, and in other ways. You would be surprised to know the effect you have on people whom you have never met. Without you, a void would be created that could not easily be replaced.

As I normally write this front page after completing the following pages, I am encouraged at the many opportunities afforded by the Chimala Mission to do so many good works. **One of the current good works that I wish to emphasize now is helping us fill the container list on page three of this newsletter.** Some of you have already contacted me about collecting supplies, but there is still much to do.

Our original idea was to send a container to Chimala in late March or early April in hopes of it being shipped, cleared and received at Chimala by mid-July before PTP (Polishing the Pulpit). One of the many reasons for wanting to move-on with this project was to get another X-ray machine to the Chimala Mission Hospital as soon as possible.

Naturally, we know that we will not receive everything listed. For that reason, we will look over the list for items not received and decide what to purchase. This gives us the flexibility to prioritize what is loaded now or held back for a future shipment. If at all possible, we would like to finalize receiving donated items no later than the **end of April**.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to mail items or schedule a pickup.



CMH director, Exavery Ngullo (left) and Dr. Abdul Hydar (right) receiving newly donated surgical equipment.

Howell Ferguson No Sweat?

Things break, rust, and wear out. That's why God told Adam, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Oxen and mules were known to be stubborn. Tractors and implements are prone to collide with hidden rocks and roots. The bottom line is this: trying to grow food is going to make you sweat!

We knew the farm program was going to require special patience as decades of uncultivated land awaited us. When discussing maintenance and repair of farm equipment, I often mention that there are no Lowe's, Home Depots, Tractor Supplies,



or other convenient stores where you can drive for a few minutes to get whatever you need. Instead, it often requires a few emails and waiting for someone from the States to bring the parts to Chimala.

But we move on. Prayer, perseverance, and patience are the three "P's" for success at Chimala. I wouldn't exactly say it's "no sweat!" But I would say we're making progress with the help of Nathan, Ezekiel, James and our farm workers. Thanks guys!

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Updated Shipping Container List for Chimala

The October 2022 newsletter contained the original list of items needed at the Chimala Mission. That was five months ago. Since then, the list has been adjusted to more accurately describe what is needed. Below is the updated list of items:

- School supplies:

- ◆ Pens (black, blue, red), #2 pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners
- ◆ School scissors (for younger & older), protractors, rulers, paper cutter, document tray organizer
- ◆ Spiral notebooks, Duo-Tang pocket folders, typing paper, file folders, 3-ring notebooks
- ◆ Encyclopedias, Webster's dictionaries
- ◆ Scotch tape rolls/dispensers, staplers & staples for teachers
- ◆ Crayons (24-ct boxes), white *dustless chalk* (Hagoromo or Crayola)
- ◆ Washable markers, colored pencils, dry-erase markers & erasers
- ◆ Liquid Paper, bottle glue, glue sticks
- ◆ Classroom clocks, basketballs, soccer balls, tennis equipment

- CSOP:

- ◆ Pens, pencils, colored pencils, rulers, dry-erase boards & markers
- ◆ English Bibles, Bible maps, sleeping bags for student campaigns
- ◆ Printing/typing paper, spiral notebooks

- Missionary supplies:

- ◆ Bar soap, soft-soap/refills, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant
- ◆ Small appliances (toaster, mixer, coffee maker/grinder, etc.)
- ◆ Pillows, irons, ironing boards, wall clocks, kit knives, meat grinder
- ◆ Anti-itch cream, triple antibiotic ointment, anesthetic cream
- ◆ LED bulbs (110v screw type), acetone, bath & kitchen towels
- ◆ Long-lasting cookware (wood, stainless steel, cast iron, glass)
- ◆ Plastic food containers, foil, cling wrap, wax paper, zip-lock bags

- Special requests:

- ◆ Used desktop or laptop computers (w/MS Office). A good way to get rid of unused working computers taking up closet space!
- ◆ Student microscopes, used X-ray machine (operational)
- ◆ Used medical/surgical tools—German made in good condition
- ◆ Hospital grade steel or plastic tables or cabinets
- ◆ Freezer for school kitchen, sewing machine, clothes dryers
- ◆ Heavy-duty gloves, rakes, extension ladders, wheelbarrows

There are more items needed that are not listed above that have technical specifications. These are mostly mechanical items and tools for the estate and farm. Rather than list all of these technical specs and risk receiving the wrong items; you may donate money so that these items can be bought locally, packaged and loaded. If you would like to have more details on these items; feel free to call, text (731) 267-4935 or email me at howellferguson@gmail.com. **Please remember that items with expiration dates can be no less than one year from the time the container is shipped.**

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Preachers' Kids Program

In last month's newsletter, we highlighted children enrolled in the "Preachers' Kids Program" in an effort to make readers aware of the current effort to educate the children of local preachers who are unable to send their children to one of Chimala Mission private Christian schools. Below are the children currently enrolled in this program at the **Chimala Mission Primary School**:



**Nongwa Bonifaci
Manyaji**

Grade: 7—Her father preaches in Dodoma at the Chamwimno church.



Shango John Mbuga

Grade: 6—Her father preaches for the church in Ilongo/Inyala.



Irene Mhanga

Grade: 5—Her father preaches for the Ipogolo church in Iringa.



**Robin Paul
Mwalugamba**

Grade: 1—His father preaches for the Chimala A church.



**Evance Emmanuel
Nkyami**

Grade: 5—His father preaches at the church in Mbuyuni.



**William Paul
Mwalugamba**

Grade: 7—His father preaches for the Chimala A church.



**Bless Ezekiel
Mwafwandilo**

Grade: 6—His father preaches for the old Airport church in Mbeya.



Jeska Mark

Grade: 6—Her father preaches for the Chang'ombe church at Ukwavila.



Zanibu Daniel

Grade: 6—Her father preaches for the church at Luhovelo church in Ruaha.



Esther Naamani

Grade: 6—Her father evangelizes in the Kitekelo area.



Shilo Obed Naamani

Grade: 2—His father evangelizes in the Kitekelo area.

The total scholarship tuition needed for CMPS to continue the program for the 2023 school year is 13,200,000/- tsh (\$5,739); or \$522 average per student per year.

As many of you know, it has long been the policy that the Chimala preaching school program does not guarantee a job or salary to its graduates. Yet, educating their children is about the only way most families can lift themselves out of their meager income levels. For that reason, the Preachers' Kids Program is a wonderful benefit to these families. But with more preachers' kids enrolled this year, it is indeed a financial challenge. We want this program to continue and succeed because what these preachers do for little-to-no-pay is a great spiritual service to the churches of Christ in Tanzania. Can you help?

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Flowers at Ailsa

Flowering plants take very little from the soil when compared to the beauty and brightness they offer. Similarly, love evidences its greatest form not by what is kept, but by what is given away. Like a flower, our life is short but soon withers and fades away. For that reason, NOW is the time to show love and demonstrate goodness.

