

Visitor's Application and Policy Form

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APPLICATION & EMERGENCY CONTACT

Last Name: _____ Given Names: _____

Gender: M F Date of Birth: _____ Date of Application: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City/State: _____ Country: _____

Nationality: _____ Languages Spoken: _____

Phone Number: _____ Passport Number: _____

If A Minor, Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____ City/State: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (1): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (2): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

The purpose of my visit to the Chimala Mission: _____

MEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION

Allergies

Types of Allergies	Last Date of Reaction	Reaction	Treatment
_____ /	_____ /	_____ /	_____
_____ /	_____ /	_____ /	_____
_____ /	_____ /	_____ /	_____

Immunizations

___ Tetanus	___ HepA	___ HepB	___ Chickenpox
___ Influenza	___ MMR	___ Yellow Fever	___ Meningitis
___ Typhoid	___ Polio	___ Polio Booster	___ Other: _____

List Any Medical Or Psychological History

_____ Date of Diagnosis/Onset: _____
_____ Date of Diagnosis/Onset: _____
_____ Date of Diagnosis/Onset: _____
_____ Date of Diagnosis/Onset: _____

Recent Surgeries

_____ Hospital: _____ Date: _____
_____ Hospital: _____ Date: _____
_____ Hospital: _____ Date: _____

Medications

(Include birth control, prescriptions, over-the-counter, vitamins, inhalers, supplements, etc.)

Name: _____ Dose: _____ Frequency: _____ Reason: _____
Name: _____ Dose: _____ Frequency: _____ Reason: _____
Name: _____ Dose: _____ Frequency: _____ Reason: _____
Name: _____ Dose: _____ Frequency: _____ Reason: _____

Other Questions (Yes or No)

Do you wear glasses? ____ Do you wear contact lenses? ____ Do you get car/air sick? ____
Are you prone to depression or anxiety? ____ Do you have frequent anger or mood swings? ____
Do you have any special needs related to foods, time of eating, etc. If yes, please explain: _____

Explain below any medical conditions or concerns that are not listed above: _____

Chimala Mission Policies

It is an honor to visit the Chimala Mission or participate in one or more of its many good works. The mission estate is a safe environment in which to stay with 24-hour security protection. It enjoys the respect and a warm relationship with the surrounding community. The Dalraida Church of Christ, which oversees the Chimala Mission, and the mission administrative staff warmly welcome visitors or volunteers to the estate as mutually-beneficial occasions for spiritual, benevolent, educational, and cultural growth. It is our prayer that each visitor will enjoy an enriching and unforgettable life event. Experience has proven that in order to provide a safe and successful visit for our visitors, carefully chosen mission policies must be understood and agreed upon. *If any of these policies cannot be followed or seem to be unreasonable, then the potential visitor should not come.* The Chimala Mission staff expect adherence to these policies below and any violation will result in appropriate discipline and possibly to be sent home. **Visiting the Chimala Mission is NOT the time or place to try to change mission rules or policies.** Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Please note: If your interest in visiting the Chimala Mission is for personal reasons, and you do not desire the oversight of any department, then only the general items pertain to you while on the mission with the **exception of items 5, 6, 9.** If you choose this option, then by initialing this blank _____ you agree that the Chimala Mission cannot be held responsible for any harm occurred while off the mission estate.

1. Model Christ and display servant leadership in every situation.
2. Tobacco in any form, drugs, alcohol, and firearms are not permitted at any time during your visit to the Chimala Mission.
3. Foul or vulgar language is not acceptable.
4. Sexual promiscuity, dancing or any such lascivious actions in any form are not acceptable.
5. All visitors and participants on the Chimala Mission must be on the mission grounds by 7:00 pm.
6. No visitor shall be allowed to leave the mission without the mission administrative permission, and only with an approved Chimala Mission escort. Do not follow a stranger or someone you just met off the mission regardless of how friendly he or she may seem.
7. Abide by the instructions of the department director in charge or mission administrator.
8. All those visiting or working on the mission are directly answerable to the department director in charge or mission administrator.
9. All Christians (members of the church of Christ) including resident missionaries are required to attend all services of a local congregation unless there is a legitimate excuse, or if you are visiting for non-mission reasons (see above).
10. Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and respect for the customs and culture of the local people in relation to such things as proper dress and behavior with members of the opposite sex.
11. Leave your political and social baggage at the border; experience has proven it is neither wise nor effective to try to persuade the Tanzanians that you're ideas are better than theirs.
12. Function as a team player and demonstrate flexibility, sensitivity, and consideration for those with whom you may be working.
13. Demonstrate a spirit of gratefulness and appreciation at all times and refrain from complaining.
14. Upon arrival at the mission, drink lots of water, spend some time in the sun, and get plenty of

- rest so you can quickly overcome jetlag and work productively.
15. Take all medications prescribed and report any signs/symptoms of illness promptly to the department director in charge or mission administrator.
 16. The Chimala Mission is always very appreciative of any financial assistance it may receive. It is advisable, however, to refrain from giving money directly to those on the mission who may ask. It is always best to first check with the mission administrator.
 17. Do not make monetary promises you cannot or may not be able to keep. To a Tanzanian, “maybe” or “I will think about it” may mean you will.
 18. Dress modestly at all times, or at any time in the presence of the opposite sex. No tight leggings or pants, halter tops, low-cut blouses, form-fitting clothes, mid-drift tops, and any skirts or shorts above the knees. Such dress is disrespectful to Tanzanians and could possibly be interpreted as a sexual invitation.
 19. If there is an electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or structural malfunction in your guesthouse please consult the department director in charge or the mission administrator. Do not attempt to make repairs yourself.
 20. Do not remove mission equipment, furniture, supplies, or any items from any of the Chimala Mission buildings without first getting permission from the mission administrator.
 21. If you wish to book a safari to a game park, you will be responsible for making those arrangements yourself. Chimala Mission cannot make such arrangements for you.
 22. The Chimala Mission estate is also home to a wide variety of wildlife including poisonous snakes. While an encounter is rare, should you happen upon a snake, slowly and carefully retreat from the snake and contact a nearby guard, the department director in charge or mission administrator. DO NOT attempt to approach one of these snakes for a picture or a better view as some are VERY FAST & DEADLY and may strike you before you realize it.
 23. While malaria is the number one killer in Africa, it is easily treatable or preventable. You should consult your disease control center for a proper prophylaxis. Also, it is recommended that at night you should keep all screen doors and windows closed; and if desired you may sleep under a mosquito net. Mosquito repellent with “Deet” applied to exposed skin is also effective if you are outside at night. In the rare event that you show symptoms indicating you have contracted malaria, contact the department director in charge or mission administrator immediately who will have your blood tested at the hospital and prescribe the proper malaria medication.

I hereby affirm that I have carefully read and filled out this visitor’s application and policy form to the best of my ability and all statements and answers given within are true. Failure to read this form carefully does not excuse one’s failure to follow mission policies. I also am fully aware that if I fail to abide by any of these policies, I may face serious consequences. If the violation is to the extent that the department director in charge or mission administrator deems it necessary to send me home, I must do so immediately and will be expected to be financially responsible for my return travel and accommodations.

Signature

Date

Religious Teaching Section

The Chimala Mission is a religious organization with specific beliefs and practices which are in harmony with the New Testament. Inasmuch as the Chimala Mission is a work of the Dalraida church of Christ, one of thousands of churches of Christ recognized around the world; the church's overseeing eldership requires all visitors to the mission to respect the beliefs and practices of the church. As a visitor, if your purpose for coming to the Chimala Mission is **NOT** to teach, preach, publish, or in any way disseminate any religious information while on the Chimala Mission estate you must sign the following statement:

I hereby declare that I will NOT teach, preach, publish, or in way disseminate any religious information while on the Chimala Mission estate. [If you plan to teach, preach, etc., skip down to the next paragraph.]

Signature

Date

However, if you **DO** plan or may possibly at some time teach, preach, publish, or in any way disseminate any religious information while on the Chimala Mission estate, you must read and sign in agreement to the following statements:

1. What is taught concerning the inspiration of the Scriptures.

I believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. It is my conviction that the entire Bible is God breathed (2 Tim. 3:16) and that the very words recorded are exactly what God wanted expressed (1 Cor. 2:13; Eph. 3:3-4; 1 Cor. 14:37). Furthermore, since the entire Bible is inspired, I also believe that it is our responsibility to obey it. I believe the New Testament is the complete revelation from God to man, and only in the New Testament do we have everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3; cf. Gal. 1:8,9; Rev. 22:18,19).

2. What is taught concerning the distinct nature of the church.

I believe that the church is that which was built by Christ (Matt. 16:16-18), was purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28), and that which He will save (Eph. 5:23-25). The New Testament teaches that the church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:18), and that Christ is the head of that body (Eph 1:22). Therefore all authority belongs to Christ. It is the church's responsibility to obey the commands of Christ and to be a pillar and support of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). Since the church is the body of Christ, He naturally has only one body. Ephesians 4:4 teaches that there is only one body, and that one body is the church. Therefore, I believe that only those churches which pattern themselves after the church built by Christ and established by the apostles in the New Testament is the true church.

3. What is taught concerning unity and fellowship. What is taught concerning there being Christians in all denominations.

As John instructed in 1 John 1:3-7, I can only have spiritual fellowship with those who have spiritual fellowship with God. Those who have spiritual fellowship with God are those who are “walking in the light” (1 John 1:7). Thus, it is impossible for us to offer “the right hand of fellowship” (Gal. 2:9) to those who do not “obey His commandments” (1 Jn. 2:4). I believe the New Testament teachings are clear enough that it is possible to distinguish those who are in the light from those who are in darkness (Eph. 5:8-17). I cannot have spiritual fellowship with those who do not abide by the teachings of Christ (2 John 9).

4. What is taught concerning marriage, divorce, and remarriage?

I am convicted of the following truths concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage.

- a. God’s original plan, from the beginning, was one man and one woman for life. (Matt. 19:3ff).
- b. If one marries another, while the first mate lives, he/she is guilty of adultery (Rom. 7:1ff).
- c. However, Jesus offers one exception to #b above: fornication. If one’s mate is sexually unfaithful (commits fornication), the innocent party has the right to divorce his/her mate and marry another (Matt. 19:9). I do not believe or teach that the guilty party has the right to remarry. He (or she) forfeited that right when he/she was unfaithful.
- d. The so-called “Pauline privilege” of 1 Cor. 7:15 is not an additional reason to divorce and remarry. Paul is allowing one to leave his or her mate under an extreme circumstance, but does not provide an additional reason for remarriage. Earlier Paul had stated that if one left his or her mate it left but two options: (1) remain unmarried, or (2) be reconciled to his/her mate.

6. What is taught about the nature of music used in worship, i.e. use of instruments, choirs, leader groups, etc.

It is my belief that the New Testament teaches that in the worship assemblies there should be congregational singing. This singing should be with the instrument of the heart, not with the use of mechanical instruments (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19). Therefore, only a cappella singing is taught and believed, and that the entire congregation should engage in that singing. Having a choir replace the congregational singing is not authorized in the Scriptures. In addition, the New Testament teaches that men are to assume the leadership roles in the assembly (1 Tim. 2:8-15; 1 Cor. 14:34-35), therefore I do not believe it is appropriate to have women serve as group leaders in the congregational singing.

7. What is taught concerning the role of women in the church, i.e. during worship services, leadership positions of elders/deacons, etc.

It is not a part of God’s plan for women to assume leadership roles in the assemblies of His church. Based on the teachings of 1 Timothy 2:8-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, both men and women have

divinely specified functions. Those functions include the men leading the worship and the women assuming a submissive position of silence. I do not believe these teachings indicate an inferior status for women. We are all one in Christ (Gal. 3:28). However, that “oneness” in Christ does not eliminate the various roles God has in mind for His church (or in the family). The man has been designated by God as the “head” of the wife (Eph. 5:23), and the men are to be the leaders of the church. The New Testament recognized no women as elders. The teachings (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1) are clearly speaking to male leadership, and the examples in the New Testament support this.

8. What is taught concerning salvation by grace and man’s part in salvation.

The basis of man’s salvation is the blood of Christ, and God’s grace is manifested by what He did for our salvation (Eph. 2:8-9). Therefore, God determines to whom He extends His grace. The gift of God’s grace cannot be received by one who disregards His commands in the Gospel, or one who stubbornly continues in sin (Rom. 6:1-2). God gives man His grace when he comes to God through faith and obedience. Therefore, the acts of obedience we do are not to merit or earn our salvation. Those are simply the loving acts done by those wanting to please God (John 14:15). Our works are done to demonstrate our faith (Jas. 2:14-26).

9. What is taught concerning the role of baptism in salvation and what is taught concerning denominational baptism.

The Scriptures teach that one receives forgiveness of sins when he is baptized (Acts 2:38; 22:16). There is no other point in one’s initial obedience where he/she receives forgiveness. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that one be baptized (immersed) to be saved. Otherwise his/her sins will not be forgiven. While there are clearly other Biblical steps necessary (hear-Rom. 10:17; believe-Jn. 8:24; repent-Acts 2:38; confess-Rom. 10:9-10), it is when one emerges from the waters of baptism that he is united with Christ (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal 3:27), and has received the benefits of His shed blood on the cross.

I am in full agreement with the above stated positions. I affirm that I have read and agree with these answers. _____

Signature

Date

I do not agree with one or more of the above stated positions. Therefore I affirm that I will in no way teach, preach, publish, or in any way disseminate any religious information while on the Chimala Mission estate. I also agree and understand that if I violate this agreement while on the Chimala Mission estate, I may be asked to leave the mission at the soonest possible time and return home at my own expense.

Signature

Date

CHIMALA MISSION

CULTURAL DO'S AND DON'TS

Basics of Tanzanian Social Culture

Please do not overlook this section

The following Cultural Do's And Don'ts are bits of wisdom gained from the experiences of missionaries at Chimala Mission over the course of many years. These points were learned through trial-and-error – many through innocent mistakes. They are not intended to be the “LAW” but merely suggestions that hopefully will make visitors’ experience at Chimala an enjoyable and memorable one.

When Meeting New People:

DO:

- Have and show respect for the older people.
- Always greet and respond to different greetings.
- Greet everyone in the room when you first go in. It is the responsibility of the one approaching to start the greetings.
- Stop visiting with others when someone is trying to greet you; give the newcomer the full attention.
- Always shake hands with your right hand; if your hands are dirty, offer your wrist/arm.
- Always hand things over to people with your right hand.
- Be aware that young people will not look you in the eye when speaking to you.

DON'T:

- Greet people of the opposite sex with anything but a handshake, even Americans.
- Shake hands or hand things to someone with your left hand.
- Hug. (But, Tanzanians may hug someone that they have known for a long time. This is rapidly changing.)

When Socializing:

DO:

- Gradually build up to a point. (They frequently think our directness is rude.)
- Realize that people often say what they think you want to hear.
- Realize that they may say, “Yes” or act like they understand even when they did not understand the question or statement.

DON'T:

- Go anywhere alone with members of the opposite sex.
- Show affection to any member of the opposite sex.
- Cringe, guys, if the guy walking beside you holds your hand. This means nothing more than friendship.
- Cringe, girls, if the girl walking beside you holds your hand. This means nothing more than friendship.
- Point at people.

Dress Code:

DO:

- Girls, wear dresses or skirts most of the time. After 3:30 P.M. and on weekends, pants are acceptable.
- Dr.'s and Nurses can wear scrub pants to work at the hospital.
- Dress in a modest way at all times.

DON'T:

- Wear a lot of jewelry.
- Wear shorts above the knees, or tank tops. (Guys & Girls)
- Wear leggings, yoga pants, or any spandex-type form-fitting or tight pants.

When Visiting An African Home:

DO:

- Greet every visitor who may come into the house.
- Say goodbye to everyone on the premises before leaving.
- Pay attention to customs you may not be familiar with and abide accordingly.

When Leaving Host Missionary Home for the U.S.:

DO:

- It is appropriate to give workers a little money as a "thank you" for their help, but ask a long-time missionary for an appropriate amount.
- Tell all workers, "Goodbye" as can be offensive not to.

Additional Cultural Tips:

- Do not call people over motioning with your finger as this is culturally very vulgar. Instead, call people over with the palm of your hand facing down.
- Girls, avoid direct eye contact with men as it may be considered sexual/that you are interested in them.
- Always ask a missionary when it is appropriate to give gifts to those who ask.
- Don't promise something you can't deliver. (school fees, etc.)
- Don't expect that "yes" means you were understood.
- Interrupting is not rude; do not be upset by it.
- Always ask before taking a picture of someone.
- Never take a picture of the airport, in any government office/structure, or of an official.
- Realize that being told you are fat is a complement. It shows you have money to buy food.
- Avoid flashing money or wealth. And refrain from saying, "In America we..."