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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)

WANT TO SCHEDULE A CHIMALA MISSION PRESENTATION?

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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Please Take Notice of Dalraida Address Change

In an effort to increase the security of donations received by the overseeing church, the **Dalraida Church of Christ** is now receiving all mail through a post office box. This means that mail will no longer be arriving directly to the physical church building address. Therefore the elders are requesting that all future contribution checks or correspondences please include the new post office box number 3085 to the address line of your envelopes. The new address should appear as follows:

**Chimala Mission
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Change of Address

Amy Free, the Chimala Mission stateside secretary writes, *"Mail forwarding will be available for 1 year. However, if the new address is not on mail we receive, then the mail will be sent to Birmingham to be forwarded to the new address. So, it is best for everyone to start using the new address as soon as possible."*

In addition to the above information, if you are sending large packages or boxes, the following procedure should be followed:

USPS (United States Postal Service) should use the new **PO Box 3085**.

FedEx or **UPS** should use the **3740 Atlanta Hwy** address.

Please accept my apology for this inconvenience as I know those of you who regularly support Chimala Mission have become accustomed to the Montgomery address. But because you are very important to the welfare of Chimala, this announcement is placed on the front page of this month's newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nathan Ferguson

Visitors at Chimala

It has been some time since we have had visitors join us on the mission. It is always exciting for all of us when we get news of people coming. Visiting us for a couple weeks in March was **Lee and Tara Wright** from Knott, TX and their two children **Emily and Brody**. Lee is no stranger to the Chimala Mission, as he has visited before in years past. This was the first time, however, he was able to visit with his entire family.

It was truly a blessing to get to know



Lee and his family. Lee is a gospel preacher out of Texas and his wife is a 2nd grade teacher. We enjoyed many cups of coffee together learning about their family and the works that they are a part of back in the states.

As with most of our visitors, we always try to find areas that we believe they would be a good fit. Lee naturally wanted to participate with CSOP and get to know the many people and works involved within it. Tara and her daughter, Emily were also invited to spend time at the elementary school and read English books to many of the students. It is always exciting for both Bible students and primary school students to get guest speakers and guest teachers.

Nathan Ferguson

New Computer Lab

It has been another wonderful month here on the Chimala Mission. One of the greatest pieces of news to share this month is of the completion and opening of the new computer lab at Herring Christian Secondary School. This has been a long requested improvement at the school both by faculty/staff and the students. The computers are fully furnished with a multitude of programs and software pertinent to education - from typing, encyclopedias, even graphic design and coding.

This will be a tremendous asset as the school moves forward, but also demands competent instructors who can teach in these areas. For now, basic computer skills and typing will be offered, but the plan will be to go more in depth as more proficiencies are obtained.

This computer lab is a huge boost to the HCSS, and to the



community as a whole. We are currently the only school in this area with a computer lab like this. We pray that we will be able to use this blessing to improve education and encourage more students to choose our school. Chimala Mission is certainly thankful to all of the supporters and donors who helped make this project a reality. God bless you all!

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Nathan Ferguson **A Plea For Water**

[After multiple repairs, our old hydraulic ram which has long been the workhorse for the mission's water supply is in need of a major repair. Nathan gives a good overview of the current situation. hf]

I do not believe I have written a newsletter where I have directly requested support in some way or another. This month, however, the mission has a dire need, and I want to try and share this with as many people as possible.

To quickly give a background, the Chimala Mission installed a hydraulic ram pump ("hydrum") back in the 1950s. This pump moves water from the river (via a canal) to a holding tank at a higher elevation. This water is then stored and then deposited all over the mission, from outdoor spigots to the hospital water purification tanks, with zero electricity. In the 1980s, the hydrum was replaced, and further work and maintenance was done on that model for the next four decades.

Since we have been here, we have had a lot of issues with the machine, but the dedication and ingenuity of our plumbers and machinist have allowed the machine to continue pumping year after year. Unfortunately, we are at a point with the machine that it cannot function at all. There are only so many repairs that can be done. This is a major issue on the mission. The hospital purification tanks are no longer able to use this free water and must run electric backup pumps to keep water in the hospital. All of our water sources on the mission are dry which means no easy access to this water unless you are on the canal. Water for cows and chickens must be transported manually by buckets from the canal losing time and efficiency.

This pump has been as much a part of this mission as any other aspect. While it isn't flashy and may not peak the interest of many of you, I urge you to consider helping us in repairing this machine. I have been in contact with the manufacturer, Blake's Hydrum in the United Kingdom, for several days. The estimated cost to completely replace the waste valve system is £3,000, which comes out to around \$3,700, not including transport from the UK to Tanzania. If you or your church is interesting in helping us to raise these funds, the mission would be deeply grateful.

I certainly understand the enormity of this request, and would be so thankful for your consideration. The Chimala Mission is a unique work that brings a lot of unique challenges and complexities. For this very reason, God has blessed the work to endure through these challenges and come out persevering. I pray that God continues to allow us to serve His kingdom for years to come. As always, may God continue to bless you, your families, and your congregations.





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**Howell Ferguson
Evangelism Report**

Frank Mwashikumbulu is the evangelism leader at the Chimala School of Preaching. He sends me fairly regular reports concerning the week-end evangelism which involves both the instructors and the students. In a recent email report, Frank provided the activities involving three different areas in just one weekend of March 18-19.

By dividing up the students under the leadership of their instructors, the results of their work were as follows: Working in the areas of Uturo, Kapunga, and Chang'ombe, there were **850 tracts** handed out, **90 Bible studies** set up, and **three precious souls baptized into Christ** for the remission of their sins. We praise God for the continued good work of CSOP.

