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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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New Commitment: Lee & Tara Wright Family

Convincing a person to move across the globe to a foreign land is not something easy to do. Convincing a person AND his wife AND children to do that is an even greater challenge. But **Lee, Tara, Emily and Brody Wright** plan to do just that.

In March of this year Lee's family had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania, East Africa and visit the Chimala Mission. Lee had visited Chimala a couple of times on prior trips to assist with the early efforts of the farm program. But after this last trip, they were hooked.

They have already met with the Dalraida eldership and have received their blessings. Lord willing if their support is raised by the end of the year; the Wright family plans to travel with us in January to get settled in their new Chimala home.

But for now, the Wrights have a lot of work to do before they head for Chimala. And one of the most daunting achievements to accomplish is raising their funds. Being from Texas, they are in a perfect location to meet a lot of good congregations that are willing and able to assist such a family; but they need opportunities to visit and explain the details. If your church or you as an individual (doesn't have to be in Texas) would like to meet this fine hard-working Christian family, please contact Lee at **(432) 271-6873** or email him at: leew4442@yahoo.com. They would love to talk to you.

We are pleased to recommend the Wrights to Chimala and have included their family bio and additional information on the next pages. Any donation for the Wrights may be made out to the **"Chimala Mission", C/O Dalraida Church of Christ, P.O. Box 3085, Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery, AL 36109**. Please indicate for the **"Lee Wright" family**.



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Urgent Short-term Needs

While we wish we knew more details, the “Urim and Thummim” worn on the high priest’s ephod was a device for receiving oracles from God for Israel. Information and insight into various situations were made available through consulting these insightful stones of light.

And yet, I doubt the Urim and Thummim were employed to determine when a chariot axle was about to fail or a hidden foundation crack was about to cause the collapse of a lookout tower. Neither can we anticipate when things break at the Chimala Mission or when additional costs are added to existing projects.

But these things happen. Just within the last week, we are learning of a couple of unanticipated expenses. First, our 40-foot shipping container is costing us around **\$3,000** more to clear than was originally budgeted. It’s supposed to be released from the port this week!

Second, the newly-fabricated hydraulic ram (hydram) clapper valve is costing us **\$1,205** to ship by boat from Great Britain to Dar-es-Salaam. This thing weighs 550 pounds! But the hospital needs the pump to provide for water purification (not to mention other essential mission water needs). The little electric back-up pump is being pushed beyond its normal ability.

I do my best to anticipate these needs; but I have no Urim and Thummim. God provides our needs through His people. We need a little help from some of you now if you are able to help us settle these needs. Thank you!

Lee Wright

Dear Brethren

OUR FAMILY:

Before I give more information about the unique field of the Chimala Mission, please allow me to introduce myself and my family. My wife, Tara, and I have been married for 18 years this July. We have two children: Emily, 14 years old, and Brody, 11 years old. Tara and I were converted in our early 20s, back in 2006. I attended Southwest School of Bible Studies from 2006-2008, where I graduated with my diploma in Biblical Studies. I also received my Bachelors in Management Communication from Amridge University in 2011 and my teaching certification in 2015. My wife, Tara, graduated from LeTourneau University in 2013 with her Bachelors in Education. In December of 2022, both Tara and I graduated from the University of Texas Permian Basin with our Masters in Special Education, Educational Diagnostician. She currently teaches 2nd grade at the local school, where our children attend.

Our family has always had a heart towards mission work and has had the opportunity to be involved in many great missionary works throughout the years. Here are a few of the works:

- Manna Project- I was able to participate in many wonderful works with the Manna Project. One of the biggest works I was blessed to be a part of was to set up a preaching school in Talawanda. The Manna Project’s mission is to teach men to preach, farm, and be self-sufficient in ministry.
- Chimala Mission- I have had the opportunity to visit and work with the mission in Chimala a few times—teaching at the preaching school, helping at the farm, and helping with local outreach.
- Russia- I had the opportunity to teach a course on Revelation at the preaching school in Syktyvkar, Russia in 2018.

Having been in both the fields of ministry and education, we feel we are able to bring a skill set to our mission work that will be a benefit to those we are able to work with.

THE CHIMALA MISSION:

The Chimala Mission offers a unique opportunity in the mission field. The mission itself hosts a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, a farm, and a preaching school. The Chimala Mission’s purpose is to teach others about Christ and the sacrifice He made for us, and the importance of belonging to Him. The hospital and primary/secondary schools offer the chance to help those in need physically and reach them spiritually by opening God’s Word together.

The preaching school’s purpose is to prepare those who are willing and able to become leaders in the church in Tanzania, and surrounding areas. Like here in America, these young leaders need to have strong faith and knowledge of God’s Word to stand firm against false doctrines and the heart to take the gospel to the lost in the community.

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Lee Wright

Dear Brethren (cont).

OUR FAMILY'S OPPORTUNITY:

As I previously mentioned, we had the opportunity to work with the Chimala Mission in March of 2023. I also had the opportunity to labor with the mission previously on two prior mission trips. We have seen the need for faithful teachers and the great potential for reaching lost souls. Our family would like to continue to work with the Chimala Mission full-time. Lord willing, we will move to Chimala, to live on the mission grounds in early 2024.

I will work in various areas of the mission but will focus mainly on helping the preaching school. One of the greatest opportunities for spiritual growth is in evangelistic campaigns. Along with the preaching school students, I will be able to coordinate trips to local villages and communities around the area where they will have meetings, seminars, hold individual/group Bible studies, as well as feed the people. Some of these places have small congregations already established. In these places, the students and I will have the opportunity to visit with and encourage them to continue in their work for the Lord.

Tara and the kids will also have the opportunity to be involved in many of these campaigns, and also plan to work directly with the students at the primary school. We are not unaware of the challenges that mission work would present to us as Americans. This is an opportunity that we have thought and prayed about, we have counted the cost for, and we are prepared for. We know that it will not be easy but our hearts are with the work in Chimala and we are committed to laboring with and assisting them in any way we can.

OUR FAMILY'S NEED:

First, and most importantly, we need your prayers. Paul says in Phil 4:6 "...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." We have been praying for this opportunity and we ask that you pray for our family as well.

Secondly, we need your help financially. We need to raise support for our living expenses prior to moving. We are currently seeking to raise \$52,000/year and are making a three-year commitment, though we hope to continue to work with the mission longer. There are also many initial costs we will have to pay before we leave, including getting our work and residency permits, transportation to Chimala, initial transportation and housing renovation costs in Chimala, etc. We estimate these initial costs to total about \$25,000. If you are able, there are a couple of ways you can help financially. You can make a one-time donation (i.e. towards our initial expenses), you can make a lump sum donation towards our monthly support (i.e. \$100/month x # of months you want to support), or you can make a commitment to support us monthly when we begin our work. If you are able to help financially in any way, we would be incredibly grateful.

We appreciate you and your prayers for our family as we begin this journey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us, and if you would like more information on the Chimala Mission, please visit their website at chimalamission.com.

In Christian Love,

Lee, Tara, Emily, and Brody Wright



A good sense of humor — absolutely essential to becoming and remaining an effective missionary in a foreign land.



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**Howell Ferguson
Home on Furlough**

It's been nearly a month since Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy and Rowan Ferguson returned home with us from Chimala. Even though PTP was right around the corner, we all came down with a "bug" soon after arriving home that plagued most of us even throughout the event in Sevierville. But the good news is everyone is basically back to normal.



Boarding our first plane on the series of long flights for home.

Nathan and I both are now making appointments with supporting churches to give reports about the work at Chimala. And after having to pay special attention to the final stages, we finally can say that the shipping container has been cleared, delivered and unloaded at Chimala!