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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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You Made This Possible

Another major task has been accomplished with the recent unloading of a 40-foot shipping container at Chimala Mission full of supplies, tools, equipment, clothes, furniture, Bibles, books, etc., either purchased or donated by caring churches and individuals. Typically the hospital is the big "winner" as a sizable portion of this year's container held expensive equipment such as the portable GE X-ray, a 3-bay refrigerated morgue, two examination tables, and numerous other techy medical gadgets, supplies & tools. The hospital also received the largest number of boxes of medical linens and clothing as well as handcrafted items for children and newborn babies.

The primary and secondary schools (CMPS, HCSS) also benefited from an abundance of school supplies, teaching aids, bookbags and books. CSOP received Bibles, books, Swahili tracts as well as a large-screen teleconference system. The estate and farm received much needed updates in the realm of shop tools, hardware and equipment. Computer upgrades also arrived for the departments in need. And the missionaries received their usual resupply of soaps, shampoos, supplies, and personal effects. All-in-all, it was like Christmas time at the Chimala Mission. *Thanks and God bless to all of you who helped, great and small!*



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Developing a Strategy to Reach the Nations of the Earth in the Next Generation

It will always be necessary to find ways and methods that are the most useful in reaching the lost people around the world who differ from us in location, language, culture and behavior. There are certain elements, however, that are central:

- **Acknowledge the Power of God.** God has given us the only power to accomplish the salvation of souls – the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:14-16; 2 Cor. 10:4-5). Accept no substitutes.
- **Adapt to the Target People.** We need to study the people to whom we are being sent and learn the approach that will be the most effective to reaching them. Be focused, smart, realistic and service-oriented (Matt. 25:15).
- **Advance a Termination Policy.** Whatever approach is used, the focus has to be bringing those indigenous churches towards becoming self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-ruling. An exit strategy must be created and followed.
- **Accept the Providence of God.** You must be willing to accept that God will provide what is needed even after you've done all that you know to do (1 Cor. 3:6). Remember, His word will not return void (Isa. 55:11).

Developing an effective evangelistic strategy is an exercise of human wisdom and judgment, and requires a great deal of patience and humility. Yet, God can turn our weaknesses into successes (2 Cor. 12:9).

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The Evangelist from Kyela

Evangelism is second-nature to so many of our brethren at the Chimala Mission. This is especially true with the instructors at the Chimala School of Preaching. In fact, most of our teachers were already good evangelists before coming to CSOP. But now not only do they continue to evangelize, but their efforts are multiplied by teaching others in the classroom and in the field.

Alphonce Simion, one of our instructors from the Kyela Region bordering Malawi, also has the duty of overseeing the Bible correspondence course program. All of the instructors are active in evangelism, but there is a certain excitement in Alphonce's heart and voice when he is engaged in teaching people about Jesus Christ and His church.

After graduating from CBI, Alphonce went to work as a guard at the mission. When a position became open at CSOP, Alphonce jumped at the chance. Since that time, Alphonce has grown in God's knowledge, grace and wisdom. The evangelist from Kyela surely doesn't disappoint.



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Small Churches Need a Boost

The New Testament churches of Christ in third-world countries frequently lack the things that we consider to be normal and expected. A roof for a church building, for example, is quite a challenge for small village churches. CSOP instructor and interim director, Remmy Mfaume made me aware of a handful of churches that are in need of roofs or assistance in construction. These churches have done what they could by building the foundation and walls; but they are short having the means to complete the roofs. I told Remmy I would do what I could to make people aware of their needs; but I would need information and pictures. He sent hand written letters from these churches with a breakdown of expenses. What you see below are pictures and a brief conclusion of their requests.

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These congregations, as Remmy explains, are small in number ranging from 15 to 30 members. Regardless of their many struggles, they have managed to persevere. And by pooling together from their own meager means and efforts, they have constructed their own places to assemble. Doing their best to show hard work, sacrifice and diligence, they are asking for help to finish what they started. Remmy said they are strong in faith and are continuing to grow more fully to maturity.

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As the rainy season is just around the corner, these small churches will be facing even more challenges with unroofed buildings. They will certainly do whatever they can to preserve the existing structures even during the rains. Many times I have seen first-hand what heavy rains can do to mud-brick buildings. These brethren, however, have used the fire/burned brick-making method which makes a much harder and more durable brick. Yet, even these bricks will not last indefinitely without a proper roof. ***If you can help any of these brethren, please earmark your contributions towards "church roofs."***



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Making Life a Little Easier

Momma Betty, a mission cook pictured below, told us about her sister who is no longer able to walk. She asked if there was an old wheelchair she might could have for her sister. It just so happened that a wheelchair—basically brand new—had just arrived at the Chimala Mission which belonged to a good and faithful brother in the USA who recently passed. His widow asked if the mission could use it. Donated items like this can and are being used to help people who would otherwise never receive such incredibly rare and useful things.

