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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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This Holiday Season, give HOPE...



Our 2023 Chimala Mission's Hope...

Is that each & every heart be filled with the spirit of charity so that we may fulfill the Great Commission given by Almighty God Himself.

In these uncertain times in America, we remain very fortunate in material wealth compared to the economy in Africa.

Money is given from the heart and not from the pocket-book. So if you have a choice and an opportunity to give, please consider the

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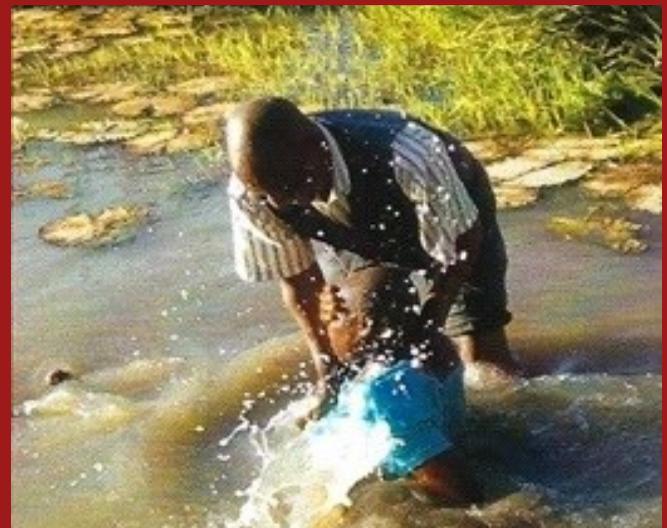


HOPE FOR HUMANITY FUND DRIVE

As Chimala Mission closes out another year we would like to thank all our supporters who contribute to the work at Chimala. You make it possible for us to send those willing to go and help spread the Light to those living in darkness.

At the end of the year it has been our custom to ask congregations and individuals to consider taking up a special contribution for the various works at Chimala. We are grateful for your support and continue to ask for your daily prayers for this work.

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Notes From Nathan

It took a little time, but Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy and Rowan have basically gotten adjusted to living back at Chimala. The rains have begun, although the ground is still brown and dry. But change is definitely in the air as the planting season is now upon them. Nathan says that James has been up at Ailsa with the tractor preparing the fields for the upcoming days of planting.

A quite large job Nathan and Kristi are facing right now is the follow-up work of going through the hundreds of boxes and equipment pieces shipped over in the last container earlier this year. You have to understand that when a container arrives at the Chimala Mission, it has to be unloaded very quickly as per shipment instructions. Understandably, that doesn't give much time to do a thorough job of dividing the inventory more than only into major categories.

Because there is such a diversity of items shipped; what Nathan has to do now is use the long inventory sheet to identify and disburse each box or item to its proper storage location or individual in charge. As I wrote in a previous newsletter, we are excited about the arrival and use of special media and computers to help with CSOP, CMPS and HCSS. There are also lots of books that have to be divided. We have a system to identify everything; but because the TZ government doesn't always like the Lord's church, we try not to put too many marks on the outside of boxes especially those identifying religious materials.

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Martha Frances Leath (1935—2023)

Born December 8, 1935, Martha Frances Leath lived a long and full life until her departure from this world on October 9, 2023. She was the oldest of 10 children and the mother of 6 daughters, 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Not wanting to be called grandmother, she was affectionately known as "Gran".



Martha and Malcolm (a preacher of the gospel who left this world tragically over 37 years ago) raised their 6 girls in a Christian home. I was fortunate enough to meet Mary, one of the twins who has been my steadfast wife for more than 40 years. With a sense of humor, Martha often referred to me as "My favorite son-in-law named Howell". That was good enough for me, as I knew she loved all her family and treated me like her own son.

Martha loved the Lord Jesus Christ, God's church family, and never missed a single worship service or Bible study unless she was unable. Her priorities were God, family, others, and self—in that order. She loved to read, study and teach the Bible in ladies' classes. She was always interested in the welfare of people she knew and how she could help them if they were sick or in need. She kept a spotless house and loved hosting people in her home for a meal. And for years, I was always amazed at how Martha could take a few items out of the fridge or freezer and—presto!—out came a feast fit for a king. She never had a lot of this world's treasures, but she was always so thankful for what she had.

She often told me she read every newsletter of my mission efforts and always looked forward to receiving them in the mail. And she never threw them away. Not only was she interested, she wanted to help our mission efforts whenever possible.

Lori Woods, another daughter and her husband, Bryan took Martha into their home and personally cared for Martha's every need. Even then, Martha never complained but expressed how blessed she felt and how thankful she was to have such loving and caring people in her life. Mary and I were so thankful to be close to her side in her final days.

It is never easy to lose a mother; but the pain is greatly eased when your confidence rests upon the fact that the faithful Christian "*sorrow not, even as others which have no hope*" (1 Thess. 4:13).

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55-57).

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by Patsy Loden

Betty Ferguson

by Howell & Mary Ferguson

Charlene Franklin

by Kevin Decker & Stephanie Franklin

Charlene Franklin

by Kenneth Franklin

Kenneth & Dorothy Frazell

by Dorothy Brooks

Shelia Garner

by Harold Reynolds

Jerry Herring

by Carolyn Herring

Jerry Herring (2)

by Carolyn Herring

Martha Frances Leath

by Howell & Mary Ferguson

Jack R. Lee

by Peggy Stone

Jack Cecil Mattingley

by Nancy Downey

WC Miller

by Dorothy Brooks

Larry Reed

by William & Vickie Seniker

Bob and Millie Sullivan

by Dorothy Brooks

Judy Tarver

by Ralph & Cynthia Williams

Marilyn French Winiers

by Connie Jones

IN HONOR OF

Rita Bond

by Nancy Downey

Emma Lucy (birthday)

by Elizabeth Mitchell

Belinda & Cathy Mattingley

by Nancy Downey

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CMPS and HCSS Preachers' Kids Program

It has been nearly a year ago when I made a plea in behalf of Chimala Mission's preachers' kids scholarship program. The outpouring of response in financial support was overwhelmingly positive and so heartwarming. In a recent email from HCSS Head Master, Erhard Msanda writes:

Greetings from Chimala. As this time approaches the end of the school year, we become so occupied with work. Form Two had finished the national exam on November 7, 2023 and went to their homes. Form Four started the national exam on Nov. 13 and are finishing today. School will close on Dec. 8 for Form One and Form Three, but will have Pre-Form One to Dec.15. The 2024 school year will start on January 9, 2024.

Erhard indicates there will be 11 preachers' children enrolled in the 2024 school year needing a total of 19.8 mill T-shillings (\$8,609) for tuition. Lord willing, in the next couple of issues of the *Challenge of Africa*, I will have pictures and a brief detail of each student enrolled in this program from both the Chimala Mission Primary School and the Herring Christian Secondary School. If you are able to help these children continue in school whose fathers are making great sacrifices to preach the gospel, please contribute. Thanks!



Long-time friend of Chimala Mission, the late Charlene Franklin standing next to HCSS head master, Erhard Msanda.



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Sharing A Chimala Thanksgiving



Two second-generation Tanzania missionaries—Nathan & Kristi Ferguson and Noel & Jessica Stafford and children—enjoying a traditional American Thanksgiving meal at the Chimala Mission.