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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*.

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Howell Ferguson Pray For Golden Moments

Sometimes we take the gospel story for granted. Jesus, the Son of God lived, died for our sins, was raised alive on the third day, and sits on the right hand of God in heaven as the Sovereign ruler of the world (Heb. 1:3). One day every knee will bow before Him and every mouth will confess His name (Phil. 2:9-11). The appeal of Jesus' rule is not by force or rod, but by an invitation to be taught and to hear His story: "It is



Girls listening to the gospel being taught by Mary Ferguson at the Herring Christian Secondary School.

written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me" (John 6:45). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Those who hear, believe and obey will have eternal life; those who turn Him away will be lost eternally (Mark 16:16; Acts 18:8).

For this reason, opportunities to teach the gospel to listening ears are golden moments to exhibit one of the greatest marks of Christian love--leading someone towards salvation in Christ Jesus. Pray to God for these kinds of occasions, and then be ready to respond when God opens the doors.

Howell Ferguson

Smoking Transformer

No, the title to this short article is not about some new form of “weed” some crazed person experimented with. Instead, the image below is what I saw on a Tuesday morning while walking to CSOP for chapel. The interesting part of this story is that the loose high-voltage connection that caused the wooden pole to overheat and smolder was soon-after repaired by “Sparky”, the mission electrician. I’ll give you a few minutes to let that sink into your mind.

I seriously doubt he had anything to do with the smoking transformer. However, working in wet grass, Sparky just smiled at me when I told him there was a brand-new pair of high voltage lineman gloves inside the shop. 😊



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Collections on Hold

Several months back in 2023, we shipped and unloaded a 40-foot container with items collected and purchased since the previous container well over two years ago. I don’t need to reiterate all of the goods that the Chimala Mission received. However, what is becoming rapidly apparent is the incredible costs to ship these containers. The last three containers cost \$30,000, \$20,000, and \$23,000 respectively. That first container was a near disaster. But truthfully, there is very little control we have over the total costs to ship containers. And that doesn’t even include the costs for the items themselves nor the reimbursement for in-country mileage.

I am mentioning these things simply to underscore the reality of what may be the coming end of shipping items to Chimala on a regular basis. This has been a struggle hard to come to grips with for a number of reasons. Firstly, I know there are many Christians who have conscientiously labored with their own hands to make or collect specific items for the mission’s different departments. Who can put a price on that? Secondly, with what we spend on shipping and clearing these containers alone, we could purchase a major percentage of items that are now available in Tanzania and have money to spare. And thirdly, the Tanzanian people are so grateful who receive these gifts of love from giving hearts of Christian people back in the States. Yet we may not be able to continue sending these types of precious gifts.

Naturally, we never want to stop demonstrating Christian charity. But we simply have to find more efficient and smarter ways of continuing this blessed tradition. I have some alternative ways and ideas that I hope to share in a future newsletter. **But for now, I would like to kindly ask those of you who make or donate items to please put these good efforts on pause.** I will continue to visit supporting churches to provide update reports. But **I will not be receiving donated goods at least for now** until the leadership makes a final decision or we announce a new way to continue a timeless and priceless tradition but in a more effective manner.



Christian ladies picking out hand-made quilts and blankets donated by American Christians.

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Helping Where Possible

While there are many blessings received by the Chimala Mission, there are still many areas that we struggle to overcome. For example, a visit to the **Chimala Mission Primary School** brings to mind a pressing problem resulting from the low wet area very close to the Chimala River where the school is located. Makeshift bridges using stones and wood slabs are made to give access to pathways during the rainy season. While functional, these are not only unsafe but also unsanitary for the kids as the septic systems are simply unable to “perk” properly, exposing waste water to the surface rain water. While we can’t literally move the school to a dryer location, we can improve the situation by diverting the natural water flow with proper drainage, raising walkways, and installing culverts in key areas. It is an annual problem which peaks especially in the rainy season.

This brings me to a real concern: keeping the schools attractive to parents who want their children to have a Christian-based education in a safe and sanitary environment. Such a goal does not happen by

accident. It takes intentional planning and funding.

Both the Chimala Mission Primary School and the Herring Christian

Secondary Schools are self-supporting programs. And while we do not send monthly support to these schools as we do for the Chimala School of Preaching and the mission estate; the initial construction of these schools, however, was funded by American support. Please understand, the schools are able to do small projects. But in reality, at least for now, any significant repairs, improvements, or additions are simply beyond their means.

The leadership of the Chimala Mission realizes that it would take a sizable sum of money to upgrade the mission to the standards most Americans would accept as normal. But Chimala is in Tanzania where life is different and, as a general truth, more difficult. So while the kind of assistance the schools are hoping for may not necessarily be feasible, anything to move the conditions in the right direction would receive a positive and grateful reception. Thank you!





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**Howell Ferguson
Growing Missionaries**

What do you want to be when you grow up? All of us have asked ourselves that question. And frankly, most of us are probably not doing what we once thought we would do. The reason is probably because of the influences people had on our lives. Good or bad, it does make a difference. The world needs missionaries. The best way to fill that need is to "grow" missionaries. And the best way to grow a missionary is to become one yourself. Just a little food for thought!

