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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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## At-a-Glance: Herring Christian Secondary School



Children from Form 1 - 4 of the Herring Christian Secondary School stand at attention during the morning devotional/announcement period. Included among these children are former Chimala Mission Primary School graduates whose parents wish for them to continue in the Chimala Mission education system. Also included are some from the "Preachers Kids" scholarship program supported by several of our readers. An education from the Chimala Mission is not only the fastest and most successful way for these children to succeed in the highly-competitive Tanzanian job market; but more importantly, it creates the greatest likelihood for them to learn and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ for their eternal souls in heaven!

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## Howell Ferguson Samuel Vundwe

"What are our preaching school students doing after they graduate?" This is a common question supporters of the Chimala Mission occasionally ask. Obviously we don't have an answer for every graduate; but we do have good information on many of them. Samuel Vundwe, a 2012 CBI graduate easily comes to



mind.

Samuel is the "Bible Knowledge" teacher at HCSS. I recall Samuel not only as an "A" student, but also as a capable debater who participated in a mock debate while in CBI on the question of "social drinking" of alcohol. Even though he was the "devil's advocate" in that debate, Samuel evidenced a solid understanding of the subject and biblical arguments condemning such practice. Men like Samuel Vundwe are the kind of capable men HCSS needs to handle teenagers' probing questions. He is an example of your support dollars working at its finest!

## Howell Ferguson "A Merchant of Hope"

It was said by Napoleon that "A leader is a merchant of hope." It is not by accident that one of the unique qualities of the Herring Christian Secondary School is its spiritual emphasis. To my knowledge, HCSS is the only secondary school in Tanzania envisioned, built, operated and overseen by the Lord's New Testament church. What that means is that HCSS is the only secondary school that lays out a foundation beyond a secular education; it also offers HOPE to each student through a consistent invitation for its students to become Christians and all its attendant results. Here are some ways this hope is realized:

**Hope in building strong homes.** Homes are the building blocks of any society. HCSS children learn the biblical principles that make for strong families: husbands leading, loving, and admonishing; mothers submitting, loving and guiding, children respecting, learning and obeying.

**Hope in being model citizens.** Respect for others begins by first



learning to respect yourself. Rather than believing that humans descended from apes, a healthy self-respect is created by realizing that all people are made in the image of God. These young people are not the products of mindless evolution; but every human being is created for a purpose and place in the great plan of God (cf. Acts 17:26-28).

**Hope in bringing ethics to the workplace.** The great teaching of Jesus, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 7:12), serves as the framework of behavior expected of HCSS students. Potentially, these young adults provide the Tanzania job market with the hardest working, most honest, and conscientious job force. Becoming leaders themselves is a very realistic prediction for HCSS youth.

**Hope in an eternal home.** This is the ultimate long-term purpose of HCSS. We have them for four years in which to open unto them God's Living Word. Here they learn of God's love demonstrated by the giving of His Son, Jesus who died for their sins so that Heaven becomes the fulfillment of their faith and hope!

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**Erhard Msanda**

## **The Need of Education to Tanzanian Christians**

The first President of Tanzania, late Julius K. Nyerere had once said there were three enemies in Tanzania, namely; Ignorance, poverty and diseases. And indeed, we are still battling against these enemies even today. Observing critically these enemies, you may agree with me that ignorance is the greatest enemy of all because it can cause poverty and diseases.

Soon after independence, all non-government schools (many were of Roman Catholic Church) were nationalized by the Government of Tanzania (GOT) so as to allow all children to be educated. Then, GOT formulated policies that required those who wanted to start churches, they had also to start social services such as hospitals and schools for serving the surrounding communities. Church of Christ was also required to do the same. In 1962, Chimala Mission Hospital started and was officially opened by Julius K. Nyerere, the then President of Tanzania. In 1987 Chimala School of Preaching (CSOP) started for the goal of educating and equipping young men to become preachers of the Truth (Word of God). In 1999, Chimala Mission Primary School (CMPS) started, and in 2010, Herring Christian Secondary School (HCSS) started. Thanks should go to the brethren in US for their benevolent contributions that started these departments that make up Chimala Mission.

HCSS has been working tirelessly to impart secular and spiritual education to the students. Unfortunately, many of the Tanzanian Christian families cannot afford cost of bringing their children here. Again our deepest thanks should go to individuals and churches in the US for continuing supporting the preachers' children program; currently there are 11 preachers' children studying at HCSS. When these children graduate form four, they join form five in other schools. Christian students find themselves in a place where there are no congregations of the Church of Christ, and many of them start drifting away from the Truth.

We abundantly thank for the presence of Herring Christian Secondary School as a tool for the Lord's Church to proclaim His Will to mankind by opening up the minds of girls and boys and filling in with godly enriched education. I am dreaming for form five and form six at HCSS in the near future that would allow students graduating from form four to continue with their studies of form five and form six. It will be a great opportunity for preparing youth to serve in the various departments of the Chimala Mission, and in various capacities in the country. We need Christian leaders, doctors and nurses, teachers, agriculturalists, and highly educated preachers like Paul in the Bible (Acts 5:34; 22:3), plumbers, and electricians, just to mention a few.

After form five and form six, the next is having a college or university within the Chimala Mission. Not all may agree with me, but the truth is, the church in Tanzania needs more educated Christians. I heard one brother saying, the church in Nigeria is the strongest and most flourishing in Africa. But the secret behind that is education. Many Nigerians are educated, hold various positions in their government and they are involved in making policies of the country, and so they cannot make policies hindering the growth of the church. I have been visualizing for more than fifty years of the church's existence in Tanzania, yet the church is not known; the problem is formal education. There should be Tanzanian Christians who can write articles or books about Christ and His Church, and positively utilize opportunities on social media. They need to be prepared; and having schools, colleges or universities are the means of preparing them. We need righteous people to exalt a nation (Prov.14:34a).



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