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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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One Another

Recently I was looking through some old sermons (a common past-time of preachers) trying to find lesson material to share with a good brother. In my search I ran across a "One Another" series where the phrase "one another" is used to emphasize the relationship God wants his people to have with each other. There are many "one another" passages in the New Testament, but I highlighted six such examples that I felt encapsulate most of the others. They are as follows: Love One Another, Serve One Another, Prefer One Another, Edify One Another, Bear One Another's Burdens, and Forgive One Another. These are six simple, yet powerful spiritual principles without which God's spiritual family cannot survive.

On a mission field such as the Chimala Mission, the vital necessity of these principles is quite often magnified in ways that much of our modern western society seldom thinks about. For example, I recently heard a comment in a Bible class that we rarely realize the importance of Paul's admonition parents, and the circumstances neglected widows. Social Security types of situations for us today. such organized assistance is for countries which causes mission Timothy 5 and 6.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another"
John 13:35

While we cannot, and do not highlight every need (it would take a large church filled with full-time workers), it is part of my work to regularly bring proposals and personal stories of worthy works and people at Chimala for your consideration. On page two, I introduce two stores. One story is about the need for a new deep well to provide fresh clean water for the hospital as well as the remaining houses on the mission that still use river water. A second story also on page two is about the need of a faithful servant of the Lord at Chimala Mission: Newton Lazima who needs eye surgery. Then on page three, I remind everyone of the on-going crisis for the existence of the Chimala Mission Hospital due to the continual deterioration of life-saving medical equipment due to the poor quality of local electricity.

And last, but not least, on page four we are saddened to hear about the death of Tara Wright's father, Joe King. Sickness, daily needs, and death--so many areas that provide God's people opportunities to consider "one another".

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Howell Ferguson Help Us Drill For Water

A reoccurring complaint by patients at the Chimala Mission Hospital is that their linens are dirty and dingy looking. So I asked a question about our hospital saline water purification system. I always thought that the purification system was also a filtration system. That was not completely true. Yes, it does sanitize the water, but it does not have a high filtration system, only large particle filtration. This is very noticeable during the rainy season which causes the "fresh" water to become murky and brown.

This brings up the subject that has been in the background for a long time: the need for a second deep water well. Presently, we have one deep well that provides good clear water to the schools and mission houses. But, the remaining part of the mission only receives gravity-fed river water provided by our hydraulic ram pump from canal water with no means of filtration.

What I am proposing is drilling a second deep well to not only provide clear water for the hospital, but also for the remaining personnel houses. At this early point, the estimations have ranged from \$8,500 to \$25,000 depending upon geological conditions and depth of the well. We also have to lay down new or replace old lines.

I was reading where a 14-year-old girl raised \$100,000 to provide fresh water for people in Africa. At the age of 9, after seeing a video of children who didn't have access to clean water, she contacted her friends and family and raised \$3,000 in one year by selling cakes and pies. After the next 4 years, after her story got out and she came up with new ways to raise money, she and her family had raised \$100,000 funding multiple water wells.

I use this illustration to cause us to reflect on the possibility of what we can easily accomplish at the Chimala Mission. We take for granted our clean water. Can you help provide the same clean water for others?

Howell Ferguson Can You Help Newton Lazima?

Any organization that has been in existence for a long time has a history of names and faces. Many of them have come-and-gone, and yet a number of them remain with us to this day. While their efforts have been forgotten by most, the Chimala Mission would not be the work it is today had they not left their mark in its history.

One such person is **Newton Lazima**. I don't know his exact age, but I do know he was one of the early "young men" who studied at the old Tanganyika Bible School at Ailsa operated in the 50's and 60's. You can do the math and give me your best guess! But brother Newton's early training led him to become one of the instructors at the Chimala School of Preaching for many years. Later, he began teaching Bible Knowledge at the Chimala Mission Primary School where he retired eight years ago.

Just recently, mission administrator, Menard Swila informed me that Newton needs eye cataract surgery which will cost 1,000,000 TSH (approx. \$420). This surgery is to take place at the eye clinic of the ELCT -SD Lutheran Hospital in Ilembula.

While there are some minor medical benefits for retired Tanzanians, brother Newton's treatment needs are beyond the scope of what is available to him. Many of our missionaries and indigenous church workers who have given themselves to the Lord's work of spreading the gospel to the lost have little to show physically for their years of labor. And when it comes towards the autumn years of their lives, they are frequently at the mercy of whatever circumstances they find themselves. I am confident Newton would be most appreciative of any assistance with this cataract surgery he needs.



Newton Lazima at the Chimala Mission Primary School

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Follow Up On The Hospital's Needs

A good story once told bears repeating, I always believed. That good story is the success of the Chimala Mission Hospital. Countless bodies have been healed and souls saved simply because good brethren had a vision to reach the lost through the pure doctrine of Jesus Christ coupled with true Christian benevolence and compassion. That ideal was the dream; and to a large extent, that same dream still guides our way. But the road hasn't been easy. And it is getting more difficult every passing day due to the simple fact that things wear out. Structures, equipment and people age with time. And no program or business can carry on without the means to continue.

In the eyes of the government, the churches of Christ own the Chimala Mission Hospital just as churches today own their properties, land, buildings, water fountains and other appurtenances. If you cut your finger while at worship, a deacon might run to the first aid box and put a "band aid" on your finger. At Chimala, if you contract malaria, you run to the hospital (a rather large first aid box) to get a blood test and malaria prescription. In the States, someone had to buy the first aid box. At Chimala, someone had to buy cement, bricks, lumber, nails, beds, IVs, operation table, sutures, ultrasound, x-ray machine, anesthesia machine, and a thousand other medical-specific devices and supplies. Helping people--in small or large ways costs money.

Yes, the hospital's needs are large but we can't continue without these things. So, let me list them again with several added details:

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Stabilizer (2 options)

50kva 21,000,000 Tshillings (**\$8,750**)

100kva 27,000,000 Tshillings (**\$11,250**)

Batteries (*already purchased*)

20 deep-cycle 12v 200ah 14,000,000 Tshillings (**\$5,833**)

20 deep-cycle 12v 200ah 15,700,000 Tshillings (**\$6,541**) Note: higher quality

Hospital Washing Machine



Samsung WD21T8300GV/NQ washer/dryer 7,000,000 Tshillings (**\$3,000**) Note: Need two units

Other items not priced include an anesthesia machine, ultrasound, x-ray computer & printer, lab refrigerator, etc.

We had a new **Butterfly IQ+ Portable Ultrasound** probe, but it became inoperable over a year ago. Since then, we bought a local machine in Mbeya. It is adequate but has inferior imaging and features. New **\$2,699**.





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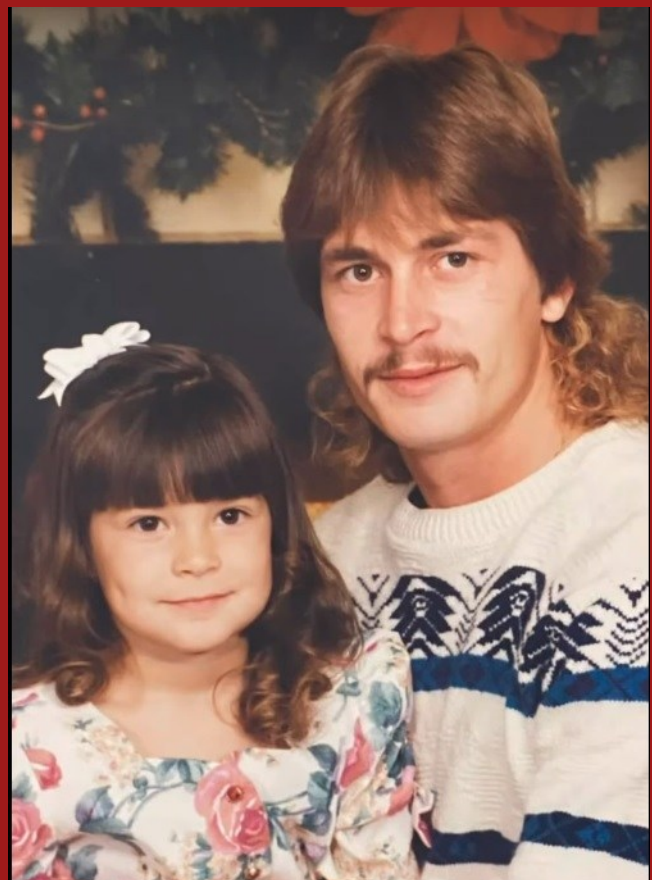
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Sympathy to the Wright Family

We are saddened at the news that Tara Wright's father, Joe King succumbed to lung cancer on May 15th after a long hard battle. Tara knew when she left the States that she might not see her father again. It was a very hard decision, but Tara kept her focus on the task of her Heavenly Father. Please remember Tara, Lee, Emily and Brody in your prayers during this difficult time.



Tara at a very young age with her father, Joe King.