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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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A Critical Moment for the Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Every department at the Chimala Mission is working hard to serve our community, often while facing serious challenges. Underfunded and underequipped, our team presses on with faith and dedication. Our long-term vision is to become a self-sustaining mission by using our land and resources wisely—but we aren't there yet.

For many years, the Tanzanian government allowed us to operate with relative freedom. However, there are trends that could ultimately reduce or remove those freedoms. The first area feeling the effects is the **Chimala Mission Hospital**.

New government clinics have reduced our patient numbers significantly. As a result, we are now overstaffed for the number of patients we serve. We've already had to make painful staff reductions. Meanwhile, our aging and broken equipment is making it difficult to provide the level of care our community needs and deserves. Understandably, people are hesitant to seek treatment where equipment is outdated or nonfunctional. We simply cannot compete with newly-equipped government clinics.

This has pushed our **debt-to-income ratio to a critical level**. Without urgent support, we may soon face the heartbreaking decision to close the hospital.

If you've ever considered supporting the hospital in a meaningful way—**now is the time**.

We do have hope. Our farm program is showing promise and may, in time, help meet the mission's basic operational needs. But essential departments like the hospital and our schools must either become financially self-sustaining or face the risk of closure.

We ask for your prayers—and, if possible, your financial support—to help keep the doors of Chimala Mission Hospital open to those who rely on us.

Thank you for standing with us.

With gratitude,

Howell Ferguson

Stateside Coordinator

Howell Ferguson Conversions at Itamboleo

Preparing people for eternity must remain the top priority at the Chimala Mission. CSOP instructor, Boaz Kasiba, always the evangelist, gives the following brief report with photos:

“Today at Itamboleo church of Christ. All the family obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the preacher gave them Bibles--the father, Mr. John Malia and his daughter-in-law, Azineth Ngogo, and his wife, Nidnes Malia (not shown), and their son. They were Pentecostal. We debated about women preaching.”



Itamboleo Church of Christ



New Christians with their new Bibles

Howell Ferguson New CSOP Bookstore

Anyone who has visited the Chimala School of Preaching in the past few years can attest to the organization and improvement of the Linkos Mkwama Library. Thanks to the hard work and skill of a number



of people but especially our librarian, Teddy Senga and the late missionary, Carol Rogers; library books are catalogued, digitally recorded, and can be searched by title, author, and subject. More recently, according to Bernard Kulanga, a new book store has been organized and opened *“as a new mini library to enable effective book reading for everyone”*.

Current efforts at translating good, doctrinally sound English religious books are making it more realistic for the Tanzanians to have a good Bible education in their own language. We applaud CSOP’s efforts at providing a book store and assisting in translation efforts. *“Give heed to reading”* (1 Timothy 4:13).



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CSOP Highlights

Among the many emails that flood our inboxes these days, the ones I enjoy the most are from the department heads of the Chimala Mission sharing pictures, stories and various bits of information. I particularly like receiving accounts of Bible studies, baptisms, restorations, acts of kindness, overcoming obstacles and other stories about spiritual fruit. Brief accounts of such stories are shared below by CSOP director, Bernard Kulanga.



"Studying the Word of God with my uncle, Leonard Mderefa, in May 2025, at my home village, Ukwavila, about 30km from Chimala."



"Realizing that eternal salvation was more important than refusing to be immersed even into a pond of dirty water, he finally was baptized into Christ Jesus, on Tuesday, 27 May, 2025. May the Lord Jesus be praised."



"Brother Lai Mkwama baptizing a soul into Christ. Praise to the Lord."

GIFTS IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE

In Memory Of

Tyler Amburgey

by Mr. & Mrs. John W. Amburgey

Melba Cox

by Randy Rice

Dan Fredman

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by F. Mark and Elaine Fredricks

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Chimala Summer Activities**

It's that time of year again that brings a lot of visitors to the Chimala Mission particularly because of the summer seminars and evangelistic campaigns. Already, the three major week-long seminars for preachers, ladies, and youth are now history. We are very happy to report that there were two baptisms during the week of the youth seminar.

Furthermore, the "Gospel Chariot" campaigns in four different locations are already underway. The locations chosen this year include Iringa, Igawa, Mswiswi, and Ntapisi (near the Malawi border town of Tukuyu). Details on results and pictures will be coming soon!

