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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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Reflection of Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting once again on how truly blessed we are to be part of God's work at Chimala Mission. When I think of the many lives being touched—the students learning and growing each day, the patients receiving care at the hospital, and the souls being strengthened through the local congregations—I can't help but think of you. Your prayers, your financial gifts, and your steady encouragement make all of this possible. You've stood with us through challenges and joys alike, and for that, we are deeply thankful.

This year has brought its share of hard work, moments of uncertainty, and yet countless reasons to rejoice. We've witnessed God's hand at work—young hearts developing faith and obeying the gospel of Christ, weary souls finding comfort, and Christians growing in knowledge, hope and purpose. None of this would be possible without your faithfulness and partnership.

This time of year reminds us that gratitude is more than just a feeling—it's a way of life. As we gather around our tables and thank God for His goodness, please know that you are part of our thanksgiving prayer. Because of your support, the light of Christ continues to shine brightly in Chimala. **From all of us at the Chimala Mission -- may this Thanksgiving bring you peace, joy, and the deep satisfaction of knowing your love and generosity are making a lasting difference.**



Howell Ferguson Fruit from Faith and Field

We are thankful to share two special blessings from this past month at Chimala Mission as reported by Bernard Kulanga. Whether in the harvest of the field or in the harvest of hearts, we praise our Almighty God for His continual goodness and care.



“BROTHER LAI BAPTIZES MORE” [This] “was at Chosi A, where our faculty member is also a preacher, the Lord allowed the soul into His kingdom. Praise the Almighty God in our Lord Jesus Christ. “



“We had bumper harvest of tomatoes in September this year. The school sells a few and others used at our kitchen for food.”

Howell Ferguson Needed Prayers for Tanzania

The writer of Hebrews warned the early Christians that life is uncertain at-best. But there is one thing about which there is no question: “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Heb. 12:28). Paul gives similar words offering great certainty: “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His’” (2 Tim. 2:19).

The churches of Christ in Tanzania need your prayers as a recent controversial election has left some uncertainty in the air. We know that God’s people are frequently tested; and the recent events in Tanzania will surely test them. We’ve always known that the day could come when the



Tanzanian Christians might be forced to stand alone. In the dealings of “men” living in this physical world, you have to expect such things. But we have no doubt that our faithful brothers and sisters will not allow their predicament to quench their faith. In fact, Paul admonished the Philippian Christians, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6).

While we can’t predict the outcome, it seems that things may be starting to calm down. Chimala Mission administrator Menard Swila recently wrote, “things start coming to normal now by 40%.” We’ll gladly take that 40% as good news and continue praying for a steady decline in violent incidents.



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Help is Being Found

I have often told people who visit the Chimala Mission that if you want to help, all you have to do is look around. Everywhere you look, there are opportunities to serve in some specific area. From helping with preacher kids' and orphans' school fees to repairing cracks in many of the dozens of mission buildings; from purchasing needed medical equipment and supplies for the hospital to providing new tires and maintenance services for various vehicles; from buying rice, maize, vegetables, and meat to feed the CSOP students to supporting the expansion of the farm program by increasing our herd and improving fencing, gates, and enclosures—the opportunities are endless. And this is barely touching the “hem of the garment.”

Speaking of garments, the ladies of the mission congregation (Chimala “B”) have accepted the challenge of making school bookbags and baby blankets for the Chimala schools and hospital. You may remember from previous newsletters that, since we are no longer sending containers in the foreseeable future, we still want to continue delivering bookbags and baby blankets at the mission. The mission church has now purchased several new sewing machines and bolts of cloth. The ladies are meeting weekly, doing their best to make bookbags before the new school year begins in January. We still have a few bookbags remaining that we brought to Chimala in our luggage; but once these are delivered in January, any new items will have to come from the local congregation. We believe this is a significant step toward greater maturity and self-sufficiency in the Lord's churches at Chimala.



This new initiative has also brought a renewed sense of purpose and fellowship among the women. Their efforts not only meet physical needs but also strengthen the spiritual unity of the congregation as they work side by side in service to others.

Once again, we are deeply grateful that people have responded to our pleas concerning the needs of the Chimala Mission Hospital. This is one area of the mission that we simply cannot ignore, as it is vital to the people of the Chimala community.

All of us know that feeling when our washing machine or dryer breaks down. We either try to fix it ourselves (if it's not too complicated), call the repairman, or rush to the nearest Lowe's or Home Depot store to see what's available. Very few homes in Tanzania have washing machines, but the



Chimala Mission Hospital relies on them daily. When one breaks down, it may take months to raise the necessary funds and locate a suitable replacement—especially one capable of handling commercial-grade washing of bed linens, gowns, and other clothes. Thankfully, two new machines are now doing a great job at the hospital.

Happily, the Chimala Mission Hospital is now experiencing several important improvements, with additional upgrades planned after proper research determines the best use of available funds. These advancements bring hope for better healthcare services and occasions for spiritual growth for the Chimala community.



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**Howell Ferguson
Partnership in Service**

The work of the Chimala Mission has always been a shared effort. American missionaries who come to Chimala are able to devote their time and energy to specific areas of ministry where they are most needed. Meanwhile, many of the daily tasks that would normally occupy much of our time back home are carried out by local workers who, in turn, benefit financially from these job opportunities. This partnership is truly mutually beneficial—it supports the local community while allowing us to focus on the mission we were sent to accomplish. The principle behind this can be seen in the context of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 9:11: "If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?" Below, **Jane Kasiba**—one of our beloved mission cooks—is pictured sitting beside Mary Ferguson, who is holding Jane's little niece.

