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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 Lasting Gift to Chimala Mission

Dear Friends of the Chimala Mission,

For many years, the work at the Chimala Mission in Tanzania has been sustained by faithful people who believe deeply in the power of the gospel and the importance of meeting both spiritual and physical needs. Because of your generosity, souls have been saved, churches established, preachers have been trained, bodies have been healed, and children have been educated—all to the glory of God.

As we look toward the future, we are mindful that the mission's ongoing impact depends not only on today's gifts, but on thoughtful planning for the years to come. One meaningful way to ensure the long-term stability and effectiveness of the Chimala Mission is through an endowment gift.

An endowment is a gift that keeps giving. Instead of being fully spent, it is carefully invested so its earnings provide steady, reliable support for mission work year after year. This enables the Chimala Mission to plan wisely, respond confidently to needs, and remain strong even in uncertain times. By contributing to the Chimala Mission endowment, you help secure:

- Continued support for preacher training and church leaders.
- Educational opportunities for children and preacher families.
- Essential care for the sick, injured, orphans, and those in need.
- The long-term presence of faithful Christian service in the Chimala region.

An endowment gift is also a powerful expression of faith—an investment not only in a mission, but in future generations who will hear the gospel because you chose to look beyond today.

We invite you to prayerfully consider whether an endowment gift might be part of your stewardship plans. Such a gift can be made during your lifetime or included as part of your estate planning, and gifts of any size make a meaningful difference when combined with others who share this vision.

Thank you for your love for the Chimala Mission, for your prayers, and for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that the work God has begun in Chimala will continue faithfully for generations to come.

With gratitude and hope,

Howell Ferguson

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*Nathan Ferguson*

## Returning to Chimala

After months on the road, the holiday season has been filled with meaningful moments—reconnecting with family, visiting supporting churches, and sharing firsthand reports of what God is doing through the work at Chimala. Countless highway miles have brought opportunities for encouragement, fellowship, and gratitude for the faithful partners who pray, give, and stand with us. These visits are a blessing, even when life feels far from routine.

At the same time, travel has come with its share of challenges. Colds, stomach viruses, fatigue, and the general weariness of living out of suitcases have reminded us how much we miss the rhythms of daily life at Chimala. Being away from what feels like “home” has tested our endurance, yet it has also deepened our appreciation for the love in our hearts for this work.

Now, we eagerly look forward to returning to Chimala and resuming the work that feels wonderfully normal—serving, teaching, building relationships, and walking alongside the community we love. The time in the States has been good and necessary, but our hearts are ready to be back on the mission field, where purpose, routine, and joy come together in familiar ways.



*Christmas at the Fergusons*

*Erhard Msanda*

## Help Faraja Teach at HCSS

**[Since becoming the coordinator in 2019, I have made it a priority to hire Christian people whenever possible. Honestly, this has been very difficult. However, if we want Christians serving the Lord at Chimala Mission, it is logical that we support Christians who wish to be trained for these positions. For this reason, I present for your consideration (below and to the right), two young Christian ladies. hf]**

This is **Faraja Salingo**, 25 years old, the first born out of five children. Her father, who was a peasant cultivating corn and planting avocados, died in 2022. She and her siblings are now fatherless; lacking the love of father and lacking a number of needs that were provided when the father was alive.

Faraja is studying at National Institute of Transport in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) to become Mathemarics and an IT teacher. She is expecting to start second year in November, 2025. The first year was done in a very difficult situation. Good enough part of the tuition fee is paid as a loan by the government of Tanzania, yet she has to cover 500,000/- shillings for the tuition fee. She is in need of 600,000/- shillings as addition funds for room rent, transport to and from college, food, and stationeries.

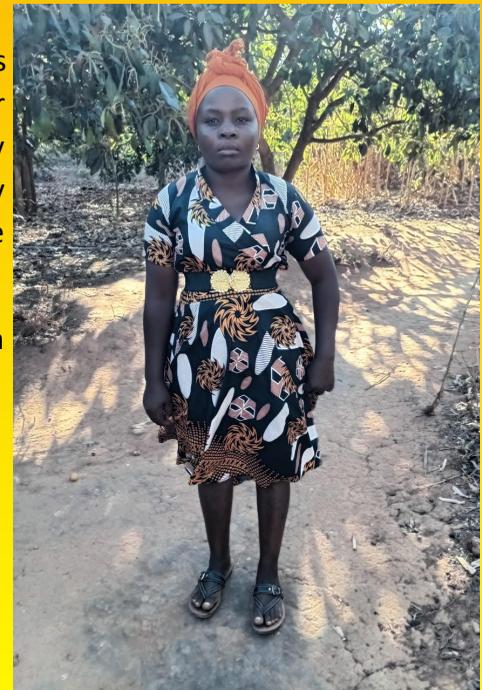
I am asking support for this lady, she is a faithful Christian. She was here at Herring Christian Secondary School for the teaching practice. I am praying and looking forward to having her teach here after her graduation in July 2027.

So the total amount needed is 1,100,000/- shillings [**\$440 USD hf**] per year. Your support will not only help Faraja eventually join our faculty at HCSS, but also serve her entire family from absolute poverty.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

Erhard Msanda  
Headmaster  
Herring Christian Secondary School



*Pictured above is Faraja Salingo at the Herring Christian Secondary School*

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## **Help Olipa Complete Her Studies**

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REF: REQUEST FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

Honorable Manager,

My name is **Olipa Isaya Mbuji**, and I am writing to humbly request financial support to pursue my university education. I am sincerely grateful for the support I have received from Herring Christian Secondary School throughout my primary and secondary education. which has greatly shaped my academic journey.

I come from a family with limited financial means, and I am the firstborn among five children. My father is a preacher at Luduga Church of Christ, and as the eldest child, I carry significant responsibilities at home. Despite these challenges, I have worked diligently and achieved first-class results in both 0-Level and Advanced Level studies, which demonstrates my commitment to academic excellence. I am now planning to pursue a Bachelor of Science with Education, specializing in Biology and Geography at the university level. I am passionate about teaching and helping others learn, and I truly love guiding students to understand and appreciate knowledge. My love for teaching is fueled by a deep desire to inspire and positively impact the lives of young people. The annual cost of my university studies is beyond what my family can manage. The estimated expenses are as follows:

- Tuition fees: 1,300,000 TZS per year
- Stationery and learning materials: 300.000 TZS per year
- Meals and accommodation: 2,000.000 TZS per year

Receiving support to cover these costs would enable me to continue my education without interruption. I am committed to returning to Herring Christian Secondary School to teach after completing my university studies, as a way of giving back and honoring the support you have provided me.

Thank you very much for considering my request. I would be deeply grateful for any assistance you may provide. and I sincerely appreciate the foundation of support I have received so far.

Sincerely.

Olipa Isaya Mbuji

**[Olipa's total needs per year translates into approximately \$1,500 per year. hf]**





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A New Year at Chimala**

January 2026 marks the beginning of a new year and our customary first visit of the year to Chimala Mission. As Nathan mentioned in his article, this trip comes on the heels of their furlough in the States. Lord willing, Mary and I will be escorting Nathan, Kristi, and their children back to Chimala. We plan to remain for two months—longer than most of our stays—but the extended time will allow us to accomplish as many of our objectives as possible and give needed attention to ongoing work.

Also traveling to Chimala will be Randy Rice and Eric Christensen from the North Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson, Tennessee. This will be Randy's second opportunity to visit Chimala and teach at CSOP. Eric has been a long-time friend and supporter of the mission in many ways and has hoped for years to finally visit and see the work firsthand. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to their hands-on involvement at Chimala.

Lee and Tara Wright have already returned to Chimala and are adjusting once again to the nine-hour time difference. In addition, Brad and Tanya Bell expect to return in the near future to contemplate their future work with the farm program, especially the cattle operation. While I don't have an exact count, the herd is approaching the 100-head mark—a significant milestone and a vital part of the mission's sustainability efforts.

This upcoming trip will be a busy one. Welcoming new CSOP students, engaging in evangelism, overseeing farm and cattle operations, digging a new well, repairing water drainage at CMPS, installing new hospital equipment, and tackling many other projects are all on the agenda. As always, we covet your prayers—for wisdom, for success in the work, and for safe travel as we return to Africa.