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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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## What Lies Ahead at Chimala

With great joy, Mary and I are happy to be back at Chimala Mission, having arrived on the 16th of January. Our itinerary matched that of Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy, Rowan and Ava as they concluded their furlough in the States. Lee, Tara, Emily and Brody had arrived around the 1st of January and were basically settled-in by the time we arrived. Traveling a few days before us, Randy Rice and Eric Christensen spent a few days in the Arusha area, and then arrived at the mission one day before us.

Randy's intention is to teach "Overview of the Bible" every other year in January with the new intake of students. The last information I've received, we have 16 new CSOP students. Having a classroom full of students was the best welcome Randy could have. For that we rejoice! Eric and his wife, Arlene are supporters of Chimala; and Eric wanted to finally see in-person the place he has heard and read so much about. His expertise in construction has been helpful as we continue to make improvements to the estate property. I asked Randy and Eric to provide their honest and objective evaluation of the mission, which is invaluable as we seek to make improvements that are both feasible and affordable.

It didn't take me long after we arrived to begin some of the projects we had planned before we left the States. One of the projects was to deal with the incessant drainage issues at CMPS. This project is already well on its way. Also, we have been able to make repairs to the portable GE X-ray with a new charging IC board. We have also been trying to locate the proper batteries for the machine. It's been a little difficult, but we pray to have them in the next few days. We are also continuing to study the circumstances of the hospital power system to determine which is the more important purchase: a new power stabilizer or to expand the solar power system. We could use both, but we are working within a budget which includes a possible diesel generator.

Finally, we now have around 133 head of cattle—a fairly large size herd. These all have to have proper enclosures and be tended to as we move forward with the goal of creating a self-sustaining mission. These projects only touch the hem of the garment of the efforts we wish to accomplish on this 8-week trip. I hope you will enjoy viewing the pictures in the next few pages highlighting some of the activities taking place at the Chimala Mission. Please keep these many good works and activities in your prayers, and all of us here who live and work at the mission. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless and keep you.

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## Howell Ferguson Continuing Projects



Above, Stella Msigwa, a dentist hired last year at Chimala Mission Hospital, is currently limited to basic cleanings and extractions due to non-working equipment and limited supplies. With your support, we are working to repair and upgrade the dental department so full services can be restored.



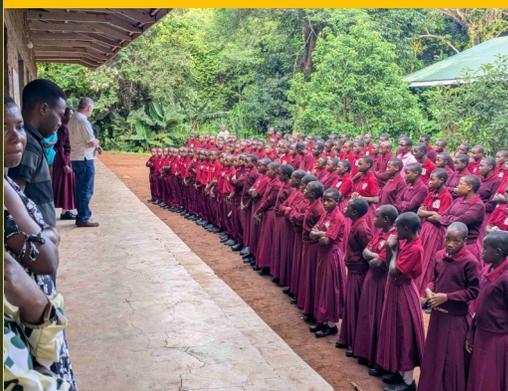
Above, 133 cattle return to their enclosure at Ailsa Farm, with 43 more soon to join them. Thus far, the cattle project is by far the most promising endeavor we foresee in moving the Chimala Mission closer to becoming a self-supporting mission. While we are still a long way from that goal, we keep trying!

## Howell Ferguson Life at Chimala



Lyda and Hawa of the Chimala B congregation are making book bags for the children of Chimala Mission Primary School, continuing a tradition inspired by the long-standing example of Christian ladies in the United States.

Lee Wright and Randy Rice conversing during Sunday pizza night while Eric Christensen watches Kristi helping Ava learn how to take her first steps.



Students of the Herring Christian Secondary School standing at attention while listening to a short lesson during the morning devotional period. Students learn both the spiritual and physical values of Christianity at HCSS.

Rowan, Emmy, Eden and Ava following Wednesday afternoon Bible class at the Chosi A congregation. Interesting fact: these kids have spent well over half of their lives in Africa—Rowan and Ava having spent most of their lives there!



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## New CSOP School Year—2026



*Singing being led by one of the new students during morning chapel. Among some changes at CSOP, the course load has been increased to 48 classes.*



*Boaz Kasiba (far left) and Randy Rice posing with students after receiving some gifts including spiral notebooks and a homemade quilt.*



*Pictured above are 14 new CSOP students for the 2026 intake, along with teaching and support staff. Since this photo was taken, the number of students has increased to 16.*



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One More Soul**

Having now been at Chimala for three weeks, there is no better news across the mission than to hear that a precious soul has given his or her life to Jesus Christ, our Savior, Creator, and Sustainer. As each of us will give an account one-by-one in the Great Judgment, we likewise seek out the lost one-soul-at-a-time. There is no greater endeavor in life. *"...he that wins souls is wise"* Proverbs 11:30.



**Suleman Mathias baptized at Uturo by Alphonce.**