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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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## Hot, Dry and Happy To Be Here

One would think that leaving the Nashville airport with temperatures nearing 100 degrees and arriving at Chimala Mission with mid-80 high temperatures would be quite a relief. But one who would think that has never been to Chimala in October. Lately, It has been dry enough in Chimala to make West Texas look humid. And most of any remaining air conditioners on the mission are old and many don't work—besides, electricity is expensive and often unstable. But, it's been great to be here! Nathan and Kristi and kids are doing great. Extra-fine dirt is a great pastime for kids! And everyone is so thankful for bathtime.

I enjoy getting many opportunities to speak at various chapel devotionals about the mission. Just last Friday, Nathan and I sat through a 6-hour Form Four graduation ceremony, and Mary and I spent another three-hours Saturday morning giving me two opportunities to address another group of graduates. Mark Teske, after having a little rough start on his flights, worked with us—especially with the Chimala Mission Hospital, and returned home safely just a few days ago. We truly appreciate Mark making personal sacrifices of his time, talent and resources to help the hospital. We now have a new x-ray machine and hematology analyzer thanks to some very kind supporters.

As we continue to participate and interact daily with the people here, it makes us very aware of how much is at stake. In a couple more weeks, we will begin the long journey back home. But the objectives here never end: *"to seek and to save the lost"*. Thank you for caring!



**HCSS Form Four students about to graduate.**

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## Preacher's Kids Program

The scholarship program for assisting preaching families educate their children has been a huge success for many years. There are currently 13 Herring Christian Secondary School students enrolled in this program—five students in Form Four, three students in Form Three, and five students in Form Four.

As valuable as this program is for preacher families whose fathers rarely receive any pay for ministering to local churches, the program is running short on financial support. Currently there is a shortage of nearly \$4,400.

We have received assistance with special fundraising drives in the past, however continued existence of the scholarship depends primarily upon regular contributors. We have a few who support this program monthly; and while it is very much appreciated, it simply does not meet the yearly cost. We could reduce the number of preachers' kids, but that would weaken the very purpose of the program—to help struggling preachers' families. Can you please consider helping?



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## More Than Just A Class

One of the many activities Mary and I enjoy when visiting Chimala Mission is the opportunity to teach the secondary school students their Bible devo lessons on Thursday nights. These students range in age from 12 to 17 years old and come to Chimala from various places within Tanzania. Mary teaches the girls, and I teach the boys. Of course, it takes them a little time for the students to get used to our “American” accents rather than the British pronunciation of words that they are accustomed to.

The girls Mary teaches normally enjoy beginning their class with religious songs. And because I'm more on the silly side, I usually begin the class telling a couple of “lion jokes.” I told them this was how one of my professors at Freed-Hardeman University usually began his classes.

But more seriously, we truly enjoy the opportunities to study the Bible with these young people. They are respectful and eager to listen. Perhaps one of the greatest blessings for Mary and me is realizing that the time we spend with these students is about much more than simply teaching a class. We are able to build



relationships, encourage their faith, and hopefully plant seeds that will continue to grow long after we return home. Every visit to Chimala reminds us that the work of the Lord is ultimately about people. We are grateful for the opportunity to play even a small part in helping these young people come to know God and His Word.

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## **HCSS Form Four Graduation**

Friday's graduation was a happy event for the 31 Form Four graduates of the Herring Christian Secondary School. We pray for their future success!





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## **Getrude Begins Medical School**

One of the areas we have been trying to encourage is assisting young Christians who desire to further their education in fields such as nursing, medicine, teaching, and other professions. In return for this support, they agree to remain at the Chimala Mission for at least five years, serving in their particular field.

Currently, we have four such young people enrolled in educational programs. The most recent is **Getrude Innocent Iwitiko**, a Christian young lady who desires to become a clinical medical officer. I met Getrude and her mother, Tupokigwe, at Chimala Mission Hospital and presented Getrude with a laptop she had requested to assist her in her studies. Both Getrude's scholarship and the laptop were made possible through the generous support of loving and dedicated Chimala Mission supporters.

