

Chimala Mission, Hospital and School

Randy's Gray's Report

June 2010

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The month of May has been a time of getting my physical body back to this time zone. I returned to Arlington on April 22nd and it was so good to be back home. My time in Chimala was spent preaching on Sundays, teaching in Friendship Seminars, keeping the mission running, and opening the Jerry Herring Christian Secondary School. I am a very richly blessed person to have had so many individuals continually praying for me during my time in Tanzania. I am also blessed to have fellow elders who assumed my responsibilities at the New York Avenue Church of Christ for the four plus months that I was absent.

The volcanic ash from Iceland was a concern this month with its potential to prevent guests from making their yearly trips to Chimala. For a time, it appeared that the Harding University Nursing students would be unable to come and work in the Chimala Hospital for the

first time in 15 years. This would have been a big setback for the hospital. Not only do the nursing students bring supplies and spiritual encouragement, their presence brings more patients to the hospital. The additional patients bring in additional revenue that allows the Hospital to stay open. [Yes, we are still in need of an American Christian physician to work at the Hospital.]

An advertisement in the Christian Chronicle for individuals to work at Chimala has resulted in several inquiries from interested individuals. We are in the process of interviewing these individuals. Most of these applicants want to work with Primary School and the Secondary School. Our Mission sits on 400 acres and we are using less than 10% of the land. We also own 375 acres located at the Ailsa Farm on the mountain behind the mission. A very large part of all this land could be used to grow crops

to help feed students and the workers on the mission. We need people who could supervise such a project. Bill and Cyndi Stinson are not able to take on this task along with their present duties. We definitely need more people to maintain and grow this very large work. We still need persons that have a desire to do evangelistic work as their focus or to work as the administrator over the Hospital, the two schools of preaching, and the maintenance of the estate grounds.

The Chimala family realizes that nothing is ever accomplished without prayer. God has blessed this work and we are praying for His continued blessings. We continue to ask for your prayers for more workers to serve at Chimala Mission, Tanzania, East Africa.

Another servant for Christ,
Randy Gray

Habari Za Leo (News of the Day),

Howdy, from Tanzania. I have now been back 2 months and have been as busy as ever. Cyndi is doing well and she has been really busy getting caught up on the collection of all of the school fees. This is a huge task to keep up with normally. With missing the first 3 months of the term, she has really a big hill to climb to catch up. We probably will not get everything straight until school starts back in July. We now have all of the collections recorded, but we still need to verify the list of students. They are having their mid-term exams now and we hate to disrupt class.

It seems like we have spent a lot of time traveling these last few weeks. The Harding group was due to arrive on May 17th and we were in Dar waiting on them when we got word that their flight had been turned around in mid flight because of the volcano in Iceland. So, I cancelled the room reservations, handed all of the keys back to Charles at the hotel, left early the next morning and went back to Chimala. We arrived back in Chimala late on the 18th of May. They were able to get their flight re-scheduled to arrive on the 23rd. On the 22nd, we got up at 5:00am, got in the bus, and made the trip again.

One of the great things about our second trip was that we were able to visit the congregation in Dar called Mabagala. I had been there one other time on a Wednesday, but this was my first time to be there on a Sunday. We don't go there often because the road there is really bad. We were pleasantly surprised at their growth and the work they are doing. They invited me to preach and so I did. I preached a sermon on the need of each member to be in the fellowship, actively involved, and producing the good fruit for the Lord's body. The sermon was well received. There were about 150 people present.

After the service, they wanted to sit and talk with me. They are really doing growing in maturity. They have started three new congrega-

tions and are preparing themselves to appoint elders. They asked me to come back on June 13th to preach a lesson on church leadership and I agreed to do so. I be traveling to Dar with a group leaving on that weekend, so the timing was good.

I want to make one additional comment about the work in Dar. Our brother Dale Dennis did a great job in my opinion with the work in Dar. He was able to get several good congregations established there that seem to be standing on their own today. Some are doing better than others concerning growth, but they are all doing well overall.

At the hospital, the Harding group went right to work and they have been busy helping in many ways as they always do. Between Janice Bingham who is a nurse practitioner, Dr. Paulsen and his wife Lori, who is a surgical nurse, they have been very busy seeing many patients. The students have been busy working in all of the wards. We also have a group of Tanzanian nursing students working at the hospital at this time. As a result, we are better staffed right now and that is always a big help.

The evangelism work at the hospital has gone well this last month with 3 baptisms, 3 restorations, and many Bible studies. Actually the evangelism work is doing well all over the mission currently. Baptisms are being reported in all of our departments, especially in our Bible department which provides leadership for most of the evangelism work. They have been averaging 2-3 baptisms every weekend. I am so encouraged by the work that these men are doing on their own accord and the success that they are having. I still confer with them when they ask my help, but they are taking this responsibility well.

This is the time of year when we will be picking up the pace with campaigns for the summer. June is the month for Seminars starting with the young people's seminar next week. Earlier today, I talked to Joseph Haonga and said the turnout for the seminar looks good.

The Bible Schools are on break at this time, which is how we can have the seminars. We use the dorms for the Bible Schools for the people to stay in during the seminars. We are also planning a Leadership Seminar for July which will be for couples. I think this a first for us. From what I am hearing, I think many of the congregations are planning on sending couples for this.

I am still preaching and teaching every week at Chosi A on Sunday and Wednesday afternoon. We continue to visit different congregations all around this area on Sunday mornings.

I have also been busy working on some of my projects that need to be completed. The well is now fully operational and providing water to all but two of the mission houses. We now have it working fully automatic. At first we were controlling it manually, but now we have it controlled with a combination of a float valve, pressure switch, and a timer. Because of the way I had to design the system, it took a little bit of a complicated control system to regulate it (or it was complicated to me with my limited electrical knowledge). We are really enjoying having clean water at most of the houses. I plan to connect the last two houses this month, having all 8 houses being fed by the well.

We also got the Land Cruiser's motor rebuilt. I got to teach the mechanics how to cut the cylinder ridge out of a block and how to properly hone a block. They seemed to enjoy the lessons and the motor is running well now. The Land Cruiser is one of our best vehicles for going to Dar and I am glad to get it back in service. Thanks to those who have given to our vehicle fund. We are starting repairs on another vehicle now and hope to have it in good shape by next month. We have also worked on the bus some this month. I think we finally have the air suspension problems resolved. If I can get the A/C repaired, it will be in great shape.

I am starting back to work on the construction at the Secondary school. My plan is to have the

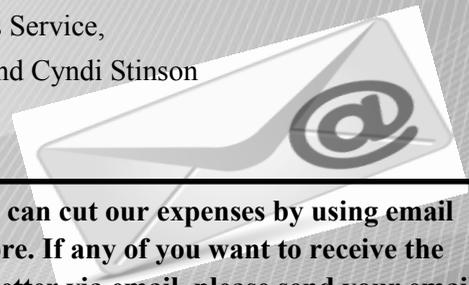
roof completed and drying before the end of the month. Then we can start construction on a new dorm at the primary school. I am going to be busy building the next 3 months, trying to get these projects finished before fall.

We have a busy schedule this summer for guests. We have 5 different groups that will visit the mission this summer, with several of them overlapping. So, by the end of the summer, I will be very familiar with the road to Dar.

We are still looking for more missionaries at this time. If you would like to work in a Christian education system, a Christian Hospital, teach in a Bible School, do evangelism work, or if you a business background and would like to apply your skills in administrative work, we have a place for you. If so, please think about it, pray about it, and if you think you would be interested in doing any of the above, please get in contact with me or the elders at New York Avenue church of Christ.

I guess I better wrap up this letter though there are many more things I could talk about, but these are a few of the highlights that have been going on here in May. Tell everyone hi for us and please keep the work in your prayers.

In His Service,
Bill and Cyndi Stinson



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