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# Chimala Mission, Hospital, and Schools

September 2011



*From the Elder's*

For some time now, the Chimala Mission work has been struggling financially due to the economic situation affecting so many in our country. We are thankful for those that have responded with additional help over the past few months, but the work continues to receive letters from individuals and congregations that must either reduce or discontinue their support due to financial difficulties. Our efforts to reduce expenses have helped, but the elders have been faced with some difficult decisions to ensure that the work continues to reach and teach souls of Tanzania.



After considerable review and prayer, the New York Avenue church of Christ elders have determined that we must reduce the stateside Chimala staff and realign the job responsibilities to reduce costs. Since January 2007, Bill and Cyndi Stinson have served in Chimala as mission administrators. It became more apparent through time that the Stinsons would need to spend more time stateside to help care for Cyndi's aging parents. Recently we've had the opportunity to meet with the Chad Wagner family, who has demonstrated a desire to move to Chimala and administer the work on that side beginning next summer. Chad's doctrinal knowledge, experience in foreign evangelism, and strong leadership skills make him a great choice for this position. Because of the Stinson's vast and direct experience in the Chimala work, the elders believe that they are the best choice for being the stateside coordinator. With the lack of sufficient finances, that unfortunately leaves us in the sad position of relieving Randy Gray of his direct responsibilities associated with the daily administration of the Chimala work. This change is effective immediately.

We are so thankful for all of the hard work and dedication that both Randy and his wife Jennifer have given to Chimala Mission. Randy has always been an eager servant ready to help in any way needed. Both of them have made numerous trips to Chimala, including Randy being there for 2 extended stays. They have provided countless hours in dedicated service to the work. As an elder, Randy will continue to have a role in decisions related to the overall Chimala Mission work. He has also agreed to continue making some presentations and helping however he can to enable the work to continue. Such unselfish dedication to the Chimala Mission work demonstrates the love Randy and Jennifer have for the Lord and for reaching the lost souls in Tanzania. The elders commend them for their example and dedication. We pray God's blessings upon them for all they do.

We ask you to continue to pray for the elders and all those associated with this work. This is a difficult time with many tough decisions, but we know God is in control and we have faith that He will answer those prayers that we may continue to reach the lost of Tanzania.

The Elders

## *Bill and Cyndi's Report*

I first want to say thanks to Randy and Jennifer for all of the hard work that they have given to Chimala. As you saw in the article by the elders, we have been going through some hard economic times, but even with us having less money than we would like to have, great things continue to happen through the blessings of God at Chimala Mission. Our summer campaigns with the Gospel Chariot ended in August with a total of 40 new souls being added to the church. This number does not include numerous other baptisms that have taken place through other works that are continuing on a regular basis. Our hospital has been busier than it has been in a long time with many babies being born. The people have been very appreciative of the baby items that have been provided by many of you. It has been great to finally get a container again. We just graduated another 7th grade class from the Primary School with many of them being baptized believers. We are in our second year of the Secondary school and it is already getting good remarks from the government. Our preacher students returned at the end of July with great reports of many baptisms from several different congregations that they work with both in Tanzania and Malawi. As you will see in the article below, we have two new families that have committed to come to work full time at Chimala and an article by our new couple, Don and Susan, that has just joined the work. We also have two other couples that have expressed an interest in joining the Chimala Team in the near future and they plan to make visits this next year. The future I believe is brighter today for Chimala than it has been in a long time.

I am confident that God will provide a way for this work to continue. Cyndi and I are working hard trying to visit as many contacts as we can. If you or your congregation are interested in learning more about the current work that is taking place in Southwest Tanzania, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email. We would love to provide you with any information or make a presentation of the work.

In His Service,  
Bill and Cyndi Stinson



## *New Missionaries Coming!*

We are excited to announce that God has blessed the mission again as we have two new missionary families that have decided to join the work full time in 2012.

Leon and Joyce McManus who worked with the mission in 2005, visited the mission this summer and have decided that Chimala is where they want to be. Their plan is to join the work full time in January.

We have also meet with Chad and Rena Wagner since we have been home. The meeting went very well and both the elders and the rest of the Chimala team are excited about them joining us full time next July. I will have more information about both families in next months letter.

Bill

## *Don & Susan's News*

Don and I arrived in Tanzania to work at Chimala Mission on July 22nd of this year. Don is a retired farmer and I am a retired nurse. Once we made the decision to come and work at Chimala, we settled into the task of selling our home and belongings. Some precious keepsakes have been stored with family for the time we may need them again or wish to pass them on to others. One of the most difficult things we did was trying to decide what things we should bring with us to Tanzania. We struggled with our 50 pound weight limit per bag and the fact that what we packed would be all we had left of the life we left behind. We have lived in other foreign countries before, so I knew that chocolate chips was one of the essential things we needed to take with us. I packed 10 pounds of chocolate chips with my clothing and my bags were overweight. Don had packed the things he needed and his bags were overweight. So I reduced my stash of chocolate chips to 6 pounds and I knew I could figure out a way to bring them with us. Before we left the States, we drove from Illinois to Tulsa, Oklahoma to visit our son and his family. When we got to Oklahoma and 90 to 100 degree temperatures, I discovered my chocolate chips had melted together. Since we were still repacking and taking things out to get our luggage to the correct weight, I decided that maybe God didn't think I needed my chocolate chips. We had already given so many things away. Gathering up the chocolate chips, I left them with my daughter-in-law. At the airport, our bags were below or at the right weight for the airline. One bag was actually a half a pound over, but the man at the counter overlooked that half a pound. One of the first jobs I helped Cyndi with was straightening out the storage room and sending boxes of goods to the school, Chimala Bible Institute and hospital. So many wonderful things were sent over in the container to help the mission. On our second or third day, we had a box that just didn't sound like rolled bandages. We opened it and there were chocolate chips, brown sugar and canned cherry pie filling. My only thought was God is giving us chocolate chips. Thank you to everyone who helped pack the container and the special gifts for the missionary families to make our lives a little bit more like home.

The past month, Don has been making plans for the farm and hopes to start clearing land in the next month. He has a very nice young man named Hamisi to work with. Don has also been teaching an agriculture class at Chimala Bible Institute once a week. He has been talking about soil types and planning your crops. His classes are well attended by students and a few others who have requested to be a part of his class. I volunteer at the primary school two days a week in the third grade class. It is a class to read English. There are 38 children in one class and 40 children in the other. Even though they don't always understand me, they are well-behaved and try hard to pronounce the English words correctly when they read to me. Every other day, I go to the hospital maternity ward and deliver bundles of blankets and baby clothes to the women who have just had a baby. Each bundle has a large blanket, small blanket, several diaper shirts, a knit cap and a toy. There is a note inside telling these women that this gift is from Christian women in America and Chimala Mission. These bundles are possible from the donations that came in the container. We received an abundance of baby blankets and clothing in the container. These women and their families are always appreciative of the gift. We travel to a different congregation every Sunday morning and Don has been preaching with the help of Menard to translate. On Sunday evening and Wednesday night, we go to Chosi A for a Bible study. Attendance varies, but there is always a lively discussion as we study the book of Matthew. It has been a blessing to meet with these brothers and sisters in Christ. Their love of God and willingness to share with others has been an encouragement to us. Each day we are learning more about Tanzania and developing relationships with our workers and other Christians. We are reminded daily how God has blessed us and provides for us. Please keep us in your prayers and Chimala Mission as we strive to work for the Lord.

Don and Sue