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Warm Greetings from Tanzania,

Cyndi and I arrived back in Tanzania on January 14th. It was quite a shock to our system after leaving Dallas on Wednesday with temperatures hovering near freezing and arriving in Dar with temps near 90 and high humidity. But, I must admit that I prefer the warmer temperatures to the cold. Arriving with us on the same plane was Garry Hill and Rebecca Benson. Garry of course continues to teach at our preacher training schools and Rebecca is going to work as our librarian at the school and teach our students how to do research work. She is also completing her Bachelors' Degree in Bible by joining the second year class. Rebecca has already completed her first year of study at Bear Valley's school in Denver. We went right to work as soon as we left the airport and went straight to the Ministry of Health and turned in paperwork for an American doctor that is visiting the mission for 3 months later in the spring. Then we went from there to the office where you

must do your Trusteeship paperwork and got that taken care of. We finished that just in time to head back across town to the airport to pick up Donald Logsdon. Don is back doing further preparations to start some agriculture projects on the Mission. I think that Don is coming up with some really good plans. There is so much potential here that you are limited only by funds. When we got back to the mission, it was nice to see everything green and lush. It is so different here when it is raining from the dry season, which is

what we were in when we left. When it rains, it also cools the air and makes for a very comfortable climate. Unfortunately, it has not rained in the last few days and it is starting to warm up some. We are hoping that it rains soon, not just for us, but more importantly for the people and their farms. The people here really suffer if we do not get good rains this time of year.

Cyndi and I are busy doing lots of accounting work. When we left, we had hired a person to take care of the accounting for the mission, but unfortunately, she left only a month after we did. We are very thankful to Erhard Msanda, Menard Swila, and Bernard Kulanga for stepping up and taking up the slack and making sure that everything continued. Of course, they are not trained accountants and we need to make sure everything is in order. We have found a few mistakes, but overall it seems that they have done pretty well.



Don Logsdon &
Garry Hill

I also found that we only had one mower running when we arrived, so we have been working on getting the riding mower rebuilt. We finally got it going and we are getting caught up gradually on the grass cutting. We are in the middle of the rainy season, so the grass is really growing. This is something that the mission really needs; some commercial grade mowing equipment. If you know of someone who could help us out with this, please let us know.

While we were back in the states we were able to get several projects accomplished along with a lot of traveling that took us to 10 different states. We were able to get the new web site up and we encourage all of you to check out www.chimalamission.com. Cyndi and I, along with Randy got the items ready to load on the container. We also want to thank the other members of NYA that also helped us out.

Since we have gotten back, we have been able to visit some churches and do some preaching, which I enjoy. Garry has also asked me to do a special series on Church Leadership at the Bible School. I did my first lesson this morning and there seemed to be a lot of interest. Speaking of the Bible Schools; it is now one school. This is something that we have been talking about for some time and finally decided to implement the idea this year. We feel like that there are some real advantages in doing this. First, it better allows us to make good use of our resources and it also builds more unity amongst the students. The first year students from both the English and the Swahili program will be in one dorm and the same with the second year students. Garry is working hard to make Chimala Bible Institute one of the finest preacher training schools in Africa and Rebecca has been working hard helping in planning and keeping records for him.

Evangelism continues to go well with a new work starting this month in Sumbawanga, which is a large town located about 275 km west/northwest of here. Sumbawanga is not very far from Lake Tanganyika. It is a long ways off the highway, but it is the regional headquarters of that area. We have had two different groups go there on two different trips this month and both times we have had 5 baptisms. Of course the work has just begun and there will need to be many more trips made to continue growing and maturing the church in Sumbawanga.



In Him,

Bill and Cyndi