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Warm Greetings from Tanzania,

But, not as near warm as what we have been hearing it has been back home. Actually, it has been very nice here weather wise. We have mornings in the 50's and highs in the 80's. That is pretty easy to live with, in my opinion.

July has been a very busy month as usual here at Chimala. I am going to try to at least touch on some of the highlights that have taken place. As I mentioned in last month's letter, we started off with Joyce and Leon McManus here, along with Ron and Jan Haker, Eddie Stinson, and Debbie Dow from Arlington doing LST. Then on July 3rd we had 10 medical students from Ireland arrive to work at our hospital. So, you can see we had 16 visitors here at one time doing various works here at the mission. Leon and Joyce were busy visiting congregations that they had worked with in 2005 and they did have some success in reaching some new souls and restoring some that had fallen away. I know that they touched the hearts of many and I also believe that their love the work here in Chimala was definitely rekindled.

The group from Arlington which included one of my brothers and some old friends was able to teach many about Christ and we know that the seed was planted in several people's heart. It was also nice to be able to spend a little time with them. We always look forward to them coming to the mission.

The Irish Students have been busy at the hospital and they have told us that they really enjoy getting to work here. Their presence is always beneficial to the hospital. The local people are encouraged to see Wazungu (white people) working at the hospital and helping give them care.

On July 4th, the first day that the students were here, the long waited container finally arrived here at the mission. It was nice to have so much help here to unload it. We have been using our spare time (which we do not have much of) to work on getting the much needed items delivered to the different areas of the mission.

On July 10th, Leon and Joyce left, but on the 18th, Tony Hopper arrived from Montgomery, AL. Tony came here via Malawi where he had spent the previous two weeks working there with various churches teaching lessons on the Beatitudes. Tony has devoted many years of deep study into this part of the Bible and he has an outstanding depth of knowledge on this part of the Sermon on the Mount. He did 4 seminars here, plus taught some lessons here at the mission to both our preacher students and some of the workers here at the mission.

Everyone who heard his lessons were very impressed and wanted to hear more, including myself. At Mbuyuni where he taught the first seminar, there were 3 baptisms. We are hoping that Tony gets to return next year along with his wife Iva Kate. There are still a lot of people in this area that need to hear these lessons, including many of our preachers.

To give you a little insight into how busy it has been around here, I thought I would share some details of what is involved in coming to and leaving Chimala. Currently it takes almost 12 hours to travel one way to Dar es Salaam from Chimala by vehicle. Between the distance (760 km), the road construction, and the hundreds of speed bumps they have added, it is almost daylight to dark trip each way. With this in mind, here is what has taken place in the last few days. On July 18, Tony Hopper arrived at the Malawi border. On July 21, Garry Hill and Kara Wells arrived in Dar. On July 22 Don and Susan Logsdon (our newest missionaries) arrived in Dar. On July 24th, 3 of the Irish students left from Dar. On July 25th, Tony Hopper left from Dar. On July 26th, the 4 LST workers left from Dar. On the evening of the 26th, we arrived back in Chimala with Don and Susan. We have been busy the rest of this week showing them around mission, getting them settled in, working on the container items still trying to get everything sorted and handed out, and taking them to Mbeya so they can see where to shop for food and other items.

Also, on July 18, the Gospel Chariot arrived here. The next day the truck along with several of our preachers traveled to Dodoma to start the first campaign. They had a good week there which resulted in 6 people being baptized for the remission of their sins. So, when you combine that with the seminars that Tony was doing we had 9 baptisms last week. This kind of news always makes us more willing to do what we do.

Garry Hill is busy teaching at CBI. He has told me he loves being back and we are glad that he is, since he is a very good teacher. Kara Wells has come for 3 weeks to visit the mission and is a very talented person with a camera. She is doing some work on preparing new pictures and videos for us. We will use these both in our presentations and post some of them on our web site, chimalamission.com.

I have also started a new program at one of the local congregations and that is where we just read from the Bible and let the people ask questions and make comments. It seems to be arousing much interest and I am hoping this plan will continue after we leave. I got this idea from Leon and I believe it is a good one.

We did have something bad happen this week, but it could have been much worse. While we were traveling back from Dar es Salaam, one of our drivers had gone up the mountain behind of us to pick up a load of firewood for the Primary School. When he started down, he lost control and rolled the big truck over, destroying the truck and injuring his leg. Fortunately his injuries are not too serious and it seems that Yotham Kaduma will be ok. He has been in the hospital the rest of this week recovering. There were several others riding on the truck, but when they saw that the truck was going to crash, they were able to jump to safety. So, like I said, it could have been much worse. We lost a truck, but we are thankful that no one was killed.

Late today, there has been a bad bus accident and many have been brought to our hospital with serious injuries. It has also been a blessing that we have the medical students here to assist. This has just happened in the last couple of hours and I still don't have a lot of details. But, we will be praying that many can be helped.

We are now just two weeks away from the end of our stay this time. We will be home in the later part of August and ready to visit some congregations. Hopefully we will get to see many of you.

P.S. We had several pictures in which we wanted to include in this letter, but it was already so long, we decided we will save them for the next Challenge of Africa.

In His Service,

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