

Chimala Mission, Hospital and School

February 2011

Randy Gray's Report

The Chimala Mission Hospital will have an American doctor, Dr. Rollin Olden, for three months beginning in April. In 1997, Dr. Frank Black completed his tenure of medical service and returned to the United States. Since then, we have had physicians come to help us, but usually for less than a month. We are very excited to have an American physician again.

Dr. Olden works with the organization of Healing Hands, Inc. He has worked in China and in Alaska representing this special group. Having an American doctor is important for the potential impact on the hospital's patient census.

You may be wondering why? The Tanzanian doctors who work at the hospital are paid by the Tanzanian Government to work from 8 am to 5 pm. Most afternoons, the doctors are gone by early afternoon, because they are seeing patients in their own offices in the town of Chimala. They are in direct competition with Hospital and often spend more time in their own offices than they spend in caring for the Chimala Hospital patients, even though they are still receiving full salary to be working for the Hospital. They are collecting fees and this is taking

revenue away from Chimala Hospital. This is a very sad situation that has threatened our ability to maintain the hospital financially.

Because of having an American doctor, we expect the Hospital patient census to have a large increase. We provide care to our patients for a small fee. As a result, patient census directly influences the revenue of the hospital. From past experience, we know the Tanzanian people will come to the Chimala Hospital to see the American doctor, instead of going to see the Tanzanian doctors across the road in Chimala. The Tanzanian doctors will be more likely to stay at the hospital the full day in order to learn from Dr. Olden's experience and US medical education.

Having stated these facts everyone can understand our thanksgiving to have Dr. Olden coming to the Hospital. The Lord willing, we will now have enough revenue to buy much needed medicine and equipment, pay for proper nurse staffing in our Hospital wards, pay our electric bill, and pay all the government taxes on time each month. Please join us in praising God for this blessing.

Another servant for Christ,
Randy

Container of Supplies on the Way to Tanzania

On January 22nd, a 40-foot container started its journey to Chimala Mission. While Bill and Cindy Stinson were in the States, they and Randy Gray worked many days in the warehouse, selecting the most critical supplies and equipment to send to the mission. Over the past several years, several members of the New York Avenue church family have volunteered and worked in the warehouse. We are very grateful to a particular group of retired men who have donated thousands of hours to sorting, listing, and packing the donations that we receive. Each item, down to the number of needles in a box, were entered into the computer to produce the shipping documents. The majority of the items loaded into the container were supplies and equipment that you, our supporters, have donated over the past several years. We were able to purchase additional specific pieces of equipment that were needed because of the generosity of our donors. What a privilege to inventory, pack, and load a container to bless the missionaries, hospital patients, and others who benefit from the work of the mission. To God be the glory.

Bill Stinson's Report

Warm Greetings from Tanzania,

Cyndi and I arrived back in Tanzania on January 14th. It was quite a shock to our systems to leave Dallas on Wednesday with temperatures near freezing and arrive here to high humidity and temperatures near 90. I must admit I prefer warmer temperatures over cold ones. Arriving with us were Garry Hill and Rebecca Benson. Garry, of course, continues to teach at our preacher training schools. Rebecca is going to serve as our librarian at the school and teach our students how to do research work. She will also complete her Bachelors Degree in Bible by joining the second year class.

We went to work as soon as we left the airport, going straight to the Ministry of Health to turn in paperwork for an American doctor who is coming for 3 months this spring. We went from there to another office to submit Trusteeship paperwork. We finished just in time to drive back across town to the airport to pick up Donald

Logsdon. Don has returned to continue preparations for some agriculture projects. Don is developing sound and exciting plans. There is so much potential in this area, limited only by funds and manpower.

Cyndi and I are busy doing lots of accounting work. Before we left, we hired a person to do the accounting for the mission. Unfortunately, she left only a month after we did. We are very thankful to Erhard Msanda, Menard Swila, and Bernard Kulanga for stepping in to make sure that the records were kept in order. Of course, they are not trained accountants and we have gone over everything carefully to be sure it was all in order. We have found a few mistakes, but overall, they did well.

When we returned, only one mower was running. So, I have worked on mowers and rebuilt the riding mower. We finally got it going today and cut some grass. We are in the middle of the rainy season, so the grass is growing quickly. Commercial grade mowing



Bill Stinson's Report cont.

equipment is something the mission really needs.

While we were back in the States, we completed several projects and traveled to 10 different states on behalf of the mission. We were able to get the new web site up and encourage all of you to check it out (address in box below). 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 who helped load the container and complete the paperwork.

Since being back, we have visited a few churches and preached a few sermons, 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.

Evangelism continues to go well with a new work being started in Sumbawanga, a large town located about 275 km west/northwest of here. Sumbawanga is not very far from Lake Tanganyika. It is a long distance from the highway, but it is the regional headquarters. We have had different groups go there on two trips this month. Both trips resulted in 5 baptisms. Of course, the work has just begun and more trips will need to be made to grow and mature the church in Sumbawanga.

In Him,
Bill and Cyndi

Garry Hill's Report

Chimala Bible Institute opened its doors with 28 students on January 17. Through the partnership of the mission and Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, the former School of Preaching and Bible College have been combined into the Chimala Bible Institute. We are now authorized to offer the Associate degree and the Bachelors degree for our hard working students.

The start of a new school year was as new students and old were greeted with the new opportunities to study God's word with new curriculum and programs. I returned to the mission to start the school year. Rebecca Benson, who traveled with me, will be the Librarian and Dean of Women, teaching the research classes at the school and ladies classes in the villages.

We immediately began preaching in the village churches on the Lord's Day, preaching at Mbeya, Uturu, and Chimala. Our students receive a well rounded education with opportunities for practical experience. This past weekend, several teachers and students went on evangelistic campaigns. Also Ezekiel Harrison, one of the CBI instructors, and Rebecca taught two large children's classes at area congregations.

Please pray for us as we continue the Lord's work here in the southern region of Tanzania.

Garry Hill

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