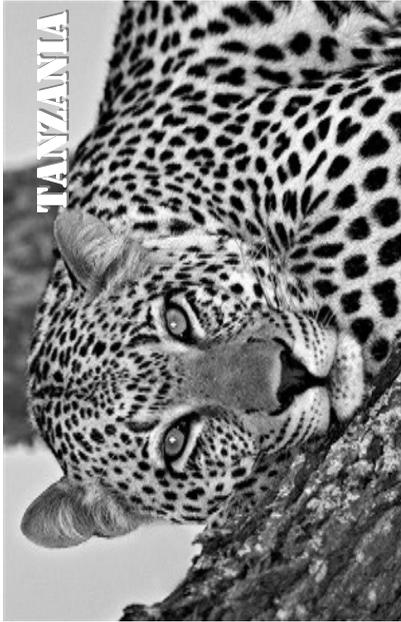


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Trent's Report

We need *everyone* to please pray for us as we move forward in our mission here in Chimala. Currently, I have been asked by the elders at New York Avenue Church to step into the role of “Missionary in Charge of Chimala Schools” to help with the Administration and Leadership of the Chimala Schools. I am still not able to speak fluently and need the assistance of a translator, and I have 10 weeks of learning left at school; BUT I will continue learning and return to Language School in the near future. As we step into this role of Missionary in Charge, we need your prayers for God’s guidance and wisdom to make the right decisions for the greatest benefit of the schools. We plan to have weekly Leadership Team Meetings and monthly Staff Meetings to ensure a positive direction of growth and improvement of the schools.



Trent Leading a Leadership Training Class at the Schools

The picture included with the article is of our first staff meeting to announce our new position and to encourage the staff by casting a new vision and goal to become the #1 school in our region and eventually all of Tanzania. This is what I call a “God Vision” because it is bigger than all of us and can only happen with God’s help. During our first staff meeting, I asked each staff member to write down 3 important improvements they would like to work towards in the next few months. Since then, we have met several times with the leadership to find out the greatest needs of the schools. One of the top requests from the staff was for help to improve the environment of the schools...including desks, chairs and teaching aid supplies. Many of the desks and chairs were built 14 years ago when the Primary School first opened in 2000. It’s hard to calculate the usage of the desks/chairs, but roughly 7000-10,000 students have been in and out of those desks/chairs 5 days a week. Needless to say, the schools are in need of funds to build or buy new desks/chairs. The difficulty is that one desk/chair cost 45,000 shillings for a Tanzanian family to buy, which is almost two weeks of pay. THE GOOD NEWS is that one desk/chair set only cost \$35 in American money. We greatly need your help to improve the environment at the schools. Currently, we are asking help to begin with 50 desk/chair sets for each the Primary School and the Secondary School. We understand if you are unable at this time to donate; but if you can help supply just one desk/chair set, you will be helping us become the #1 Schools in all of Tanzania. Please mark your donation as “Desk/Chairs for Chimala Schools.”

Blessings in HIM,
 Trent & Penny Price

Tragedy at Mpollo

Late last year, I met a preacher from the village of Mpollo. Since we had never been to that village, we went to worship with them and met the rest of the brethren there to encourage them. Getting to that village was quite interesting as you travel over several old, wooden bridges and through the bush to get to this far-flung village.

I had been encouraging Cheryl to start a mobile clinic in that village as she had done in many other villages. An evangelistic mobile medical clinic is a great way to showcase the church as well as directly reach and evangelize people of the village. We decided to visit the church at Mpolo which we had visited 6 months ago. After making the same trip to Mpolo over the bridges and through the bush, we found the church building. When we parked, the first thing we noticed was that the door was gone. We looked inside this perfectly good building to see that no one had cleaned the building in quite a while, the benches were gone, and no one was meeting at the church.

We began talking to the natives around the church building and found only one Christian who happened to be visiting to work in his field. We went to his house and held a worship service with several people looking onto the worship service.

We promised to return again in two Sundays to meet with any more fallen Christians. It is a shame and a tragedy to see churches that have stopped meeting. We need more evangelistic help from concerned Christians to see that we continue to support these struggling Christians. Chad Wagner

Seminar Success

Every year, we hold three seminars at the Chimala Mission. The first was a youth seminar, where over 150 youth from all over SW Tanzania came to Chimala to attend this annual event. Their theme was “the Church.” I taught on the “mission of the church” which emphasized the roll of the youth in the church. There was a strong evangelistic push during the meeting. Each day, we had baptisms at our youth seminar. On the last day, we had 10 baptisms!

The next week, we had our annual ladies seminar where again we hosted 150+ ladies from all of SW Tanzania. The theme for this week was a mixture of topics geared toward women in the church. I also taught on “teaching children’s bible classes.” At the end of this seminar, we had 2 women baptized.

Next week, we will have our last annual seminar: the Preacher’s Seminar. This year, our theme will focus on the “Apostasy of the Church.” Based on our previous seminars, we are expecting a large crowd for this seminar as well.

We would love to welcome speakers to come and help us teach at our annual seminars. Please prayerfully consider making plans for June 2015 and be present and perhaps teach at one of our seminars.



***On the Left is the Ladies Seminar
On the Right is one of the Successes***

Cheryl's Corner

So much going on...so let me get right to it! During May & June, Oklahoma Christian University and Harding University have both had college group here to visit and work. And let me tell you... they did a lot of work. OC helped at the primary & secondary schools as well as held 12 VBS classes with anywhere from 150 to 200+ kids per class. This was so EXCITING for kids and adults alike! The Harding Students worked day and night at the hospital caring for patients. I currently have two young ladies staying with me for 2 months. They have graduated from college and put their careers on hold for this summer in order to experience mission life. We are so blessed that they chose to have their experience here at Chimala with us!

Beginning this month (June), I now have 5 mobile clinics up and running. This outreach program has been a wonderful success! We see an average of 70 patients at each clinic bringing medical care and medications to many who cannot afford to go to the hospital. There are times when I do have to rush patients to the hospital who are too sick for us to handle at the clinic. And there have also been many patients who have needed frequent dressing changes and so I do home visits 2-3 times per week.

Below is a story about a young lady who I met at our mobile clinic last week. She will need home visits for several weeks to come.

Meet Christina

My name is Christina and I am a 29 year old mother of a 3 year old little boy. I was diagnosed with HIV during my pregnancy and now my child is also HIV positive. We are 2 of the more than 2,000 patients who are currently seen each month in the HIV clinic at Chimala Mission Hospital where we receive care and medications free of charge. I am struggling right now with many physical challenges related to this disease and the medications. My eyes water as if I am crying almost continuously and at times I can barely see at all. It is very hard to care for my son due to the severe herpes zoster sores on my hands and feet. At first the sores are very painful, but over time they become numb and it is difficult to feel anything. Please help the mission to continue to be here for us. We are so many and this is the only hospital in this area.



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