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"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matt. 28:18-20)

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Howell Ferguson Missionaries of Chimala

While the "mission field" is technically as close as our next-door neighbor; mission work has traditionally been patterned after the New Testament example of men like Paul, Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, Luke and others as described in what is known from the book of Acts as "Paul's Missionary Journeys." These men traveled and worked in foreign and not-always-friendly places to preach the gospel of Christ. As John Mark quickly learned, leaving family behind to do the Lord's work in a strange land, culture and language is not something easy to do, and not many are willing to do it.

We may be familiar with names like William Carey and David Livingstone who pioneered the pattern of modern missionary work. But less familiar to the world but known among our brotherhood are the names of Eldred Echols, Guy Caskey, J.C. Choate, Andrew Connally, Otis Gatewood, J.C. Bailey, Edwin Crookshank, and many others. I encourage you to get a copy of Rod and Brenda Rutherford's excellent book, "*Of Whom The World Was Not Worthy*", to discover the lives and works of so many unsung heroes of the faith. And as I have stated before in the past, there have been countless Christian families and their children as well as single Christians who have literally given of themselves to serve and promote the Chimala Mission in it's 60-plus years of existence. We today are eternally grateful for their sacrifices small and great as well as all those who supported them.

Following the example of the past three newsletters, where we highlighted the various departments of the Chimala Mission; this month's newsletter features our current Chimala missionaries. Just within a few days of writing this article, **Lee and Tara Wright** and their two children, **Emily and Brody** have arrived at the mission. They have joined **Nathan and Kristi Ferguson** and their three children, **Eden, Emmy and Rowan** as fellow-missionaries to become real-world neighbors on the Chimala Mission grounds.

While the Wrights' world has literally been turned upside down; they have now embarked upon exciting times filled with opportunities, adventures and challenges. They have now joined the tiny host of people before them who temporarily put their American lives on hold to serve alongside people whom they do not know but would come to love. Their lives will never be the same again. To our missionary families: we salute and honor you!

Howell Ferguson Prayer of Petition

A mission work without prayer is like trying to stay underwater without air. It will not survive. The prayer life of a missionary is an indispensable part of daily life. But missionaries also covet the prayers of Christians who send them to these places. In fact, without the prayers of their supporters, missionaries will likely never reach the full potential of the success God desires for them to have (cf. Acts 4:23-31).

I know for a fact many of you have told me that you pray daily for the people of the Chimala Mission, the missionaries and people we are trying to instruct, heal, and convert to the way of Jesus Christ. That means that for every child who hears for the first time the name of Jesus and the salvation He offers, you helped make this happen. That means that every person in physical pain and sickness that looks within the Scriptures for spiritual understanding or a stronger faith, your prayers are answered. That means that every soul who submits by faith to being baptized into Christ for remission of sins because of the preaching of one of our CSOP graduates, you are a fellow-helper.

What I am saying about the Chimala Mission, I am saying to the Lord's church everywhere: your prayers can open many doors; but the lack of prayers will leave many doors shut. "You have not, because you ask not" (James 4:2) should never be said of the missionary nor of those who support them. Praying for the salvation of souls, for repentance from evil desires, and for the building of righteousness within our homes, our communities and our nations are the petitions we should express at home and abroad. This is the wisdom that can only come from God and for those who ask for it. Mission works and all works need this. So let us ask!

Missionary Family Welcome Lee, Tara, Emily & Brody Wright

Sixteen suitcases and carry-ons plus two adults and two nearly-adult children arrived at the Chimala Mission Friday, July 19th. Their house (Pampa House) has already been cleaned-up, painted, complete with a new screened front porch--a must in Tanzania. Lee & Tara Wright and children are excited to be at Chimala and are ready to get to work. Welcome!



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Missionary Family

Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy & Rowan Ferguson

Beginning in 2021, Nathan and Kristi Ferguson and their children began their mission effort at the Chimala Mission. Half-way now towards their fourth year, they have added one member to their family-Rowan, and are looking forward to baby #4 near the end of December. They are excited now to have the Lee & Tara Wright family to join them as they work together serving the Lord in Tanzania!





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Chimala Mission: Great Work for a Family

When describing the Chimala Mission, I often tell people who have never been there that it's like a big Christian youth camp with a touch of exotic wildness. There are vervet monkeys, baboons, rock monitor lizards, pythons, black and green mambas, cobras, puff adders, occasional reedbucks and dik-diks, and a wide variety of birds, rodents, reptiles and insects. But to labor for the Lord with your family in a mission effort that is so multi-faceted as Chimala is a two-fold blessing - teaching and showing the way of eternal salvation to hungry souls while demonstrating to your children Christianity in action.

