



The CHALLENGE of Africa

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God' Solution to Save the World

"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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The Chimala Mission Estate

While the Lord's church is a spiritual kingdom with its throne in heaven (Isa. 66:1; Heb. 1:3; John 18:36; Luke 17:20-21; Matt. 16:18-19, etc.), the kingdom's present state exists on earth until it is delivered back up to the Father at the second coming of Jesus Christ when all the dead will be raised (1 Cor. 15:24-28; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

That means presently and physically God's kingdom, also called the "church" or "body" is made up of many "members" who have submitted to the authority of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:36-41; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 10:16; 12:13, 27). As members, we are called upon to assemble together every Sunday to worship God, remember Jesus' death, give as we've prospered, and be encouraged as fellow followers of Christ (Heb. 10:24-25).

The early Christians assembled in various places; in houses, beside rivers, in rented halls, etc. The place of their assembly was not as important as the fact that they DID assemble; thus, allowing Christians the freedom to make peripheral decisions. Common sense dictates, therefore, that provisions be made for a suitable place to assemble. Today, we see this primarily in property where Christians have built facilities, church buildings in which to worship, have Bible study and fellowship. Sometimes we call that the "estate".

At the Chimala Mission, we have a rather large estate made up of about 750 acres. On this estate are many buildings including the mission church building, the school of preaching and student dorms, three libraries, a primary and secondary school with student dorms and teachers housing, a hospital and medical housing, a maintenance complex, missionary housing, guard facilities, farm buildings, and several other misc. structures.

And like our American church properties and buildings, the Chimala Mission estate has to be maintained. On the human side, there are all of the estate workers consisting of maintenance directors and personnel, guards, gardeners, cooks and cleaners.

As previous newsletters have highlighted the major mission departments, this issue of the *Challenge of Africa* will focus on the Chimala Mission estate.



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Discovering the Chimala Mission in Tanzania is like stepping into a vibrant tapestry where modernity and tradition weave together in unexpected ways. From a Western perspective, it can be challenging to fully grasp this unique landscape. While you'll find familiar electronics and gadgets in the bustling cities, venture a bit deeper into the "bush," and you'll encounter mud-brick homes topped with thatch, where lifestyles echo those of centuries past.

Imagine at sunrise hearing the gentle creaking of the screen door as the milkman delivers fresh milk right to your doorstep each morning.

Picture a humble family arriving at your home, not empty-handed but carrying a handmade basket containing a live chicken—a heartfelt token of gratitude. Of course, they'll need to reclaim the basket for future offerings and shopping.

Each day, a flock of guineas roam behind your house, foraging for insects, lizards, and snakes, adding a lively touch to the backdrop of your surroundings. This is Chimala—a place where every moment tells a story of connection, community, and resilience.



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Menard Swila
Administrator



Fodias Sanga
Foreman



Lusungu Nyenye
Fabricator/Mechanic



Mwaisumo Mwuakibete
Guard



Adelina Kinunda
Housing Manager/Cook



Doto Mkwama
Tool Shop Keeper



Israel Mwakalobo
Guard



Richard Ngoroka
Carpenters



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Carpenters



Victor Konga Lazaro Mwunsale Jona Kasiba Shusha Mwanguku
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Chimala Mission: The Place

Picture to the right: The "Great North Road" marks the northern boundary of the Chimala Mission, with the Chimala River forming the western border. From left to right, the buildings include the primary school (the square building), medical staff housing, the school of preaching, the church building, and the hospital (the square building on the far right). Starting from the bottom left, you'll see the secondary school, student dorms, teacher housing, a maintenance area, and missionary housing. A canal, which once served as the mission's only water source, channels water from the Chimala River across the populated area of the mission. Today, drinkable water is supplied by a deep well.



Picture to the right: It's interesting to note that the Chimala Mission consists of two parcels of land: the main property (outlined in green) spans about 450 acres and houses the primary departments and related buildings, while the old Ailsa farm behind the main mission covers approximately 300 acres. The road with 57 hairpin turns, known as "hamsini na saba" (meaning "57"), connects the Ailsa farm with the main road and appears as tiny squiggly lines in the top right corner of this picture. In the background, the Kipengere Mountains mark the edge of the Great African Rift Valley.



Picture to the left: This is one of several houses on the estate designated for hospital staff at CMH. Originally part of the old Chimala Hotel, it features its distinctive rounded shape, a brick addition, "modern" electrical wiring, a satellite dish, and tin roofing (the original thatch has long since been replaced). You can also see how the dirt has gradually been washed and swept away over the years.



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Maintaining School Grounds

Richard Ngoroka and Stephen Mgumba (“Chele” - now deceased) replacing mosquito screens on dorms at Chimala Mission Primary School. Many other such buildings of the Chimala Mission estate were constructed prior to 1999. The cycle of 25 seasons of heavy rains followed by months of



extreme dry heat keep the estate crew continually making repairs. Without our estate workers, the Chimala Mission would not be able to exist. Thank you for your financial help to keep the lights on!