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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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When I am not overseas or on the road, I schedule appointments for presentation reports to supporting churches or churches interested in learning more about the **Chimala Mission**.

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Bags of Good Works

As we enter the month of March, Mary and I have been home from Chimala for only a few days and are pretty tired, as expected after such a long trip. Before we left, with the help of the Wrights and Nathan's kids, Mary organized nearly 600 book bags with supplies to be distributed to the primary and secondary schools (CMPS & HCSS). These bags are some of the last we've been able to send over in previous container shipments. Moving forward, we have received the cooperation of the mission congregation (Chimala "B") to take over this longstanding work by making the bags themselves, with some financial assistance for supplies and materials. This is a step forward as we encourage local churches to become more involved in these types of good works. If your church was previously involved in making these bags or assisting with other efforts or donations, your help is still needed in the form of funds to help purchase a few inexpensive manual sewing machines and supplies. We need this work to continue!



Over 450 Children at CMPS in single-file to receive their homemade bookbags with a few supplies. Pictured also is Emily Wright and Eden Ferguson assisting in the distribution.

Howell Ferguson Using God's Trees

Part of what makes the Chimala Mission a successful work is its great potential--and actual existence--as a self-sustaining effort. Visitors to the mission frequently comment on the beautiful hardwood furniture and wood trim that is found in the mission houses. The interesting thing is that most of this furniture was not shipped from the States, but instead was designed and crafted right on the mission from its native trees.

Before you cry out "Save the trees!", let me assure you we only make lumber from trees that have already fallen which helps preserve the natural mission forests. Using proper conservation saves the mission money, prevents rotting trees from becoming fire hazards, and provides the mission with useful lumber for regular mission needs.



Richard planing a beautiful board from a fallen Mninga tree for mission use.

Howell Ferguson Adding One More Soul

Several years ago, Teddy Sanga became our CSOP librarian at Linkos Mkwama Library. This year, a niece whom Teddy raised, **Aneth Kalimbashi**, moved to live with her at the Chimala Mission, along with her infant son. Aneth was not a Christian and knew very little about the Bible, but she wanted to learn God's word to teach others. Teddy introduced Mary and Kristi to Aneth and explained that she wanted to learn the Bible from them. After a number of studies using the OBS (Open Bible Study) program, Aneth realized she needed to be forgiven for her sins. Happily, the day before Mary and I left for the long trip to the States, Aneth asked to be baptized for the remission of her sins (Acts 2:38).

The mission church elders, with whom I had just finished meeting, gathered with us at the building, along with a few other members, for the event. Their preacher, Oden, asked Nathan to baptize Aneth. We are so happy with this great news! Please join me in welcoming Aneth into the family of God!



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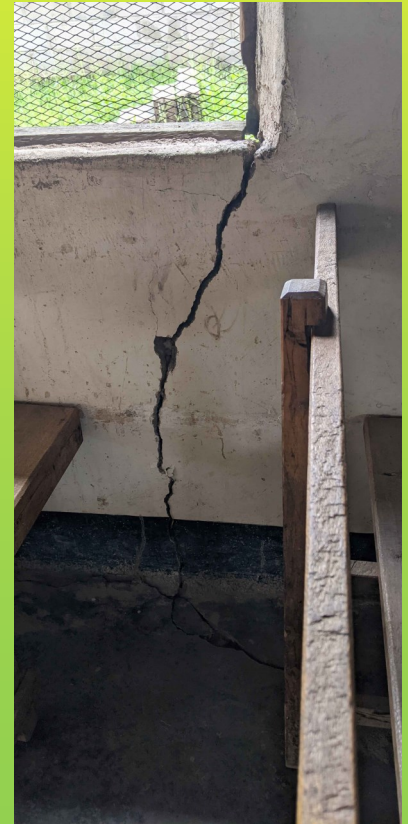
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Can You Help Mlangali?

The first Sunday of February, Mary and I, along with Menard Swila, visited one of the nearby churches in Mlangali. This is the congregation where brother Chando attends, one of the older gospel preachers who was trained at the old Ailsa mission many years ago. He and his wife live in a house just across the road. Upon our arrival, one of the first things that caught our eye was the partially built structure next to their old and dilapidated place of assembly. Time, rain, and termites have caused significant damage to their current house of worship, leading them to begin the slow process of building a newer and safer place to meet. With much sacrifice, they have already made significant progress on the new building. However, they could really use some help, as I don't think their current building will stand much longer.

I am a strong believer in helping those who are trying to help themselves. Because the brethren at Mlangali embody this attitude, I would like to recommend this church to you as a group of Christians worthy of your support. They will continue to sacrifice and build as they are able, but a goal of \$4,000 would put them in a position to transition to their new building. This is a church with a few men, but a majority of women and children. Their current building is on the verge of collapse. Please contact me if you are able to help.



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**Howell Ferguson
1341 Years of Birthdays**

How do you place the right number of candles on one cake for three different people? I don't know whose idea it was, but it was nothing less than a stroke of genius! With their birthdays all very close together (I never heard the exact dates), Brody was turning 13, Nathan was turning 34, and Lee was turning 41. So, using a little creative marketing design, the number 1341 was placed on Jane's famous homemade chocolate cake. This unique idea saved candles, matches, time—everything—except cake. It was all eaten! Happy birthday to our Chimala Mission missionaries. May God bless and keep your families safe and productive!

