



# CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL AND SCHOOLS

GIVING HOPE OF AN ETERNAL FUTURE FOR THE TANZANIANS



## **The Rogers' Newsletter**

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Dear Brethren,

Time is really flying by. It is hard to imagine that Lord willing seven weeks from now we will be back in the states having ended three fruitful years here in southwestern Tanzania and Malawi. In our last newsletter we went into detail regarding our decision and some of the reasons why, so we will not go over it again. All of our newsletters are on our blog at [rogersafricanmission.wordpress.com](http://rogersafricanmission.wordpress.com), so you can go there to see what we wrote last time. We do have our tickets and we will be flying out of Dar late Sunday night, November 17 and getting into Oklahoma City Monday evening. This will be or first time to fly through Zurich, Switzerland.

It is a little over 4 weeks to CBI/CSOP graduation on November 1. If all goes well we will be graduating 19 men and women – 6 in the English program and 13 in the Swahili program. This graduation will be special to us as we have been with the students the full two years and have watched them grow in their faith and knowledge of God's word. This will also be the last Bear Valley degree program graduating class here at Chimala as next year the school will be taking a different direction. This coming Saturday will be the Form 4 graduation (Same as our high school graduations but much more elaborate). Also unlike in the USA the students are still in school and will have almost a month of National exams in November and December before they are officially out of school. Carol has been busy getting her certificates ready for her graduating students as well as painting scriptural designs and sayings on all the classroom walls in the secondary school.

We have all heard the phrase, "It is better to teach someone to fish than to just give them a fish" and that is what we are trying to do here at Chimala. One of the things we have been working on is encouraging the Tanzanians to take ownership in the work and also work towards becoming self-supporting. Recently we issued a couple of challenges to them. Most of you are familiar with the matching funds programs. We have already used it successfully on a small scale with a couple of congregations that had asked for help. So we decided to expand it to a couple of big needs here at the mission. One is dealing with growing all of their own corn and beans for the schools rather than buying it. The farm manager has come up with a plan for doing this and the cost is 14 million shillings (about \$7000). Previously they have always waited for funds from the US, but we decided to try to change that. We offered to provide half of the funds provided they provide the other half matching shilling for shilling. They liked the idea as this not only challenges them but also gives them a part in the work. So we are planning on providing up to \$3500 on matching funds to get this project going. The second challenge comes with the local mission congregation. There is an ongoing benevolent need at the hospital and we are challenging the church to step up and help meet that need in the name of Christ. We have talked with the elders also about matching shilling for shilling to meet this need and they are excited about the opportunity. The benevolent need is not as great as the farm project, but it will be ongoing. If anyone would like to help us with either of these projects you can send it to the address below with the earmark of either "Rogers – Farm Project" or "Rogers – Benevolent Program. If you have any questions or want more information feel free to contact us. A breakdown of the farm project costs is on our blog site and it can be viewed at:  
<https://rogersafricanmission.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/farm-project.pdf>

This past month we were able to go on a weekend seminar to Idunda. We had been at this congregation once before, but this time it was a little different in that we combined practical and religious. On Saturday afternoon we had a seminar on raising chickens and the building was packed. Since the poverty level is very high here people are interested in any way they can bring in a little more and help to provide for their families. Thus this gave us an opportunity to give them some practical help in the name of the church.

Carol continues to teach the children's class at Isitu on Sunday evenings. She presented the children with a challenge a few weeks ago—recite all 66 books of the Bible and receive your own Bible. We have presented four Bibles to the children. We also extended this challenge to the adults—Lord willing, we will present more Bibles. We also gave out 11 Swahili Bibles to the graduates of the Form IV Religious Education Program. These are students in the government schools who meet on Fridays to study God's word. Many of them are not members of the church. At the graduation we had 8 baptisms.

Our benevolence for September is as follows: Isitu church of Christ—oil, sugar, salt, and tomato paste to help with the area wide gathering. The preachers gather and work around the building area on Saturday so they need food, then on Sunday after worship they have food prepared.; Gift—carrots and tomato paste; Majombe church of Christ—six bags of cement to match what they bought to help with their church building; Mzee (old man) from Isitu—money for a bodaboda (motorcycle taxi) so he could attend the primary school graduation. He is a former graduate of the school of preaching when it was up on the mountain at Ailsa. He is still ambulatory but shuffles as he walks.

For those wanting to help with our support can send it to:

Dalraida church of Christ  
Attn: Chimala Mission  
3740 Atlanta Highway  
Montgomery, Alabama 36109

Since we will be leaving in November our new mailing address in the USA will be 8000 S Miller Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73159.

Thank you again for your help that makes it possible for us to go and serve God in this area.

In His Service,

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