



THE WRIGHT FAMILY

September has been a busy month, full of preparation and celebration! We spent a lot of time this month coordinating with congregations and individuals and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone!

This month we celebrated several birthdays. Tara and Janaya share a birthday- September 10th. This year they celebrated together. What a fun time!

This month also would've been Tara's dad's 60th birthday- one week after hers. We took some time to sit and remember him up on the mountain for his birthday.



We had a unique opportunity this month to meet over Zoom with a high school World Geography church of Christ homeschool co-op class from TN. They just finished their study on Africa and asked some great questions. We loved getting to share what we have seen and learned here, as well as some of the unique challenges. And, of course, we invited them all to come visit! ;)



We've also continued to spend some time teaching the children on the mission, one of our favorite things to do. We have continued our weekly devos with the secondary school students. Recently, there have been several baptisms in the secondary school and these devotionals continue to serve as a time for not only teaching, but also for the students to ask questions and deepen their faith.

Tara and Emily have also been teaching some of the grade 5 and grade 6 students. They love to learn new songs and do crafts. One lesson from this month was on the wise and foolish builders. Tara and Emily helped the students make booklets retelling the story. These booklets are in English to help students work on their reading skills.



We decided this month to take Emily & Brody to the student service for worship for a couple of Sundays. Because there are so many students, the building cannot physically accommodate all of them plus the normal congregation attendance. The student service allows all of the boarding students (primary and secondary) to worship, under the guidance of the elders and many of their teachers. After worship, we got to see how they take attendance for secondary students. All of the students line up according to their grade and teacher's check them off. It was interesting to see. We can only imagine how hard it is to keep track of each student in a sea of school uniforms.



Student Assembly following worship



Things on the farm have been going well. The cattle are doing well and continue to grow. We have many things in the works on Ailsa. One of the biggest undertakings on Ailsa is clearing some of the land for the cattle to graze.

There is a lot of work involved in cutting trees and clearing debris; while being careful not to start any fires with all of the dry grass.

Another interesting challenge on the mountain is the abundance of very deep, and random, holes. There is an old legend that the Germans, after World War I, before being exiled from the country, buried their gold on the mountain. As a result, over many years, people have snuck up on the land to dig for the hidden treasure. Some of these holes are somewhere close to 15 ft deep! That creates quite a problem for cattle roaming around, who tend to not step carefully. We've been working diligently to fill in these holes, in an effort to keep the cattle safe.

As we send this newsletter, we have made it back to the states. It was quite the long trek, but the kids were happy to have McDonalds and REAL ice cream!

We are combatting the jet lag (to the best of our abilities) and are looking forward to seeing everyone we can.



As we previously mentioned, we will be traveling around giving updates and presenting the work of Chimala throughout our short time here. We are still fundraising and thought we would share with you, our current supporters, one slide from our presentation explaining the reasons we are fundraising again.

How Can You Help?

prayers

when we say we need your prayers, we truly mean it! Working in another country has many challenges, as well as opportunities. Please continue to pray for our family to do God's will in both!

financially

your financial support, whether one-time or monthly, enables us to continue to work with the Chimala Mission through everyday living expenses, as well as through benevolence

come visit

regardless of your talents, we have an opportunity for you! We could use your help in the hospital, the schools, the preaching school, or on the farm!

1. Lost supporters
Life happens and we understand completely when supporters are unable to continue, but this has left us short month-to-month

2. Value of the Dollar
has decreased, and continues to fluctuate greatly, sometimes daily (2743.71 in 2024 - 2454.08 today)

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Pay To The Order Of **Chimala Mission** \$ _____ Dollars

Memo: **for Lee Wright**

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Contributions can be mailed to:
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attn: Chimala Mission
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Montgomery AL 36109

We cannot tell you how much we appreciate each and every one of you for your support, not only financially, but even more importantly, spiritually! Please continue to pray for our family as we travel the country.

*In Christian Love,
Lee, Tara, Emily, & Brody Wright*