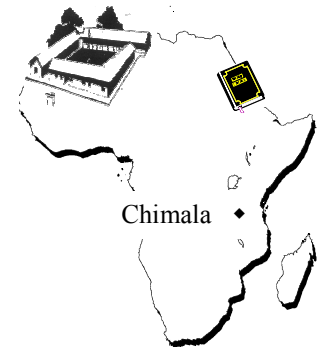


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Chimala Newsletter—Chris and Tam Raynor — August 2007

Tam and I are both doing just fine. Tam sprained her foot a couple of weeks ago, but she is better now. We are heading into the HOT time of the year. It's called Spring. Preachers in the United States need to be thankful for the air conditioning when they are preaching. The sun is coming up earlier each day. Some of the big trees are coming out with pretty new leaves. We had a couple of threats of rain the past two weeks, but there were only sprinkles. It cooled things down nicely, though.

Another family is leaving the mission: the Marshall's. They have completed their two years' commitment and are returning to the States. On their first Sunday in the States they have an interview to do youth work. We will be praying for this family as they go to serve the Lord in other areas. Also, Bill and Cyndi Stinson are heading for the States as well. They are going on their first furlough which will be for six weeks. Tam and I will have the mission all to ourselves. It will be an experience for us.

The School of Preaching is going great. The students we have at this time are all good people and doing excellent in their studies. At this time we have students of all ages. In the past few years we had mostly younger men, but now we have some who are little older. We are half way through the quarter, so this week I have my mid-finals that I will be giving. Last Friday evening I visited Ghambi and his wife. They live by the dorm where the preaching students live. After visiting him I made my way over to the dorm and spent some time visiting some of the students. The men who will graduate soon were talking about what they will do when they finish school. Two of them were worried about where they will be going. I tried to encourage them by saying that God will take care of them. I told them that in my last quarter of school I, too, was worried. I had no idea where I would be going. Tanzania had never come into my mind, and now look where I am. God had a work for me that I did not know about.

At the Primary School this week the seventh graders will have their big government test. If they pass this test they can go on to secondary school. They have been working hard to get ready for it. This morning the church of Christ here on the mission had a prayer for the seventh graders. In this country it is an accomplishment to make it through the seventh grade. This week and next week, Tam will have the top four boys and the top four girls in the seventh grade come over for supper. We only have room for four visitors at our table, so she's splitting them into two groups. Tam spent this last quarter teaching them English so she gets close to them and wants to do something nice for the top students. Tam spent a lot of time with printmaking and she made each graduate a print, or picture, of a giraffe or an elephant. She's excited about handing them out.

I want to thank you for helping us do the Lord's work here in Chimala. May God bless you all.

In Christ,
Chris and Tam Raynor

“...into all the world...”