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Chimala Newsletter—Chris and Tam Raynor — February 2007

We are all doing fine, even though we have had our share of flu-type bugs. I'm sorry that my letter is a little late but time got away from me this month. As you may all know, we have a new addition to the mission family here; Bill and Cyndi Stinson. Bill is our new administrator here at the mission. So they have been busy the past few weeks getting adjusted to being here.

Everything is going well at the School of Preaching. We are at the end of our first quarter. We are having our finals this week and then the men will be going home for about ten days. The students have done very well in my classes, and I'm very proud of them. I enjoyed teaching my class, "Between the Testaments," because it helped me to understand many of the things in the New Testament better and it helped me in my own study of the Bible. I found it interesting that the things that came about during the 400 hundred years between Malachi and the Gospels, are not mentioned in the Old Testament yet we see their evidence in the New Testament. With the notes that I had from both Brown Trail and our library here on the mission we were able to have a good class.

Down at our primary school, they are also at the close of their first quarter. For the past few days Tam has been putting the children's grades into the computer and also printing out the report cards. Tonight is our first-of-the-month-school-meeting, and this will be Bill's first official meeting. The members of the school committee are people from the church, and tonight we are adding some new members. The school committee is like our school boards in the States.

Last week Thomas' mother came down to our offices at the School of Preaching and told us that she was ready to be baptized. Then we teachers and students went to the pond here on the mission, got Thomas out of his class, and baptized her into Christ. Thomas is so happy for his mother that he has been taking her around and introducing his mother to all the missionaries. Sunday, while she was at worship for the first time, someone broke into her house and took some of her things and also what little money she had. Also, because she was baptized, the members of her old religion are forcing her to move out of the house she lives in. First they raised her rent from 5000 shillings a month to 30,000 shillings! Now, they just want her out of the house. So Boaz and I are trying to find a new home for her that will be closer to the hospital. Our cook, Mama Dorcas is going to talk to the church here to see about helping Mama Thomas with her food and replacing some of the things that were stolen. There are wonderful Christian people here.

Tam and I want to say thank you so much for the prayers and the support!

In Christ,
Chris and Tam Raynor

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