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Chimala Newsletter—Chris and Tam Raynor — January 2007

Bill and Cyndi Stinson have now made it to the mission to start their work here. Bill will be taking Darrin's place as the new administrator. We are all happy that the Stinsons have made this decision to come and to work with us here in Chimala. For many years Bill was one of the elders at New York Ave. church of Christ, the congregation that oversees Chimala Mission. Darrin, Carrie and Jacob will return to the states at the end of March. Then, in July, Darrin will be attending the Brown Trail School of Preaching.

All the schools are now officially open and are doing well. The opening day at the Primary School was a busy one, actually, the whole week was very busy—the first graders coming into the primary school for the first time; the little guys coming to the nursery school for the first time; the collection of the school fees; parents and their questions; and making sure the teachers have all the supplies they need. Then we also had the School of Preaching starting. There are five new students who started with us, to begin their two years of Bible study and preacher training. Seeing these men reminds me of when I started at Brown Trail School of Preaching. I was scared to death. Stepping into my first class that day long ago, I remember being wide-eyed and nervous, just like our first-years here did.

We have two men from Bear Valley teaching in our Chimala Bible College for two weeks. They will teach Monday through Saturday, all day. In this college we now have first and second year students. For these two weeks they will be studying Greek, the Gospel of John and The Harmony of the Gospels.

Thomas' mother is doing some what better now that she is going to the hospital. She is getting some treatment and medicines for her problem. The doctor has her on a special diet, because it's hard for her to eat. She has to eat a special kind of rice mixture that is easy to swallow. Please keep Mama Thomas in your prayers. Thomas is a good son. He goes every day to see his mother, and makes sure she is all right and that she has eaten. Then sometimes on his way home he comes by here and lets me know how she is doing and if she needs anything.

Since the rainy season is now here it has rained every day, either during the daytime or during the night. In some places in Tanzania they are getting too much. Today it has rained like "cat and dogs." All of the church buildings here have tin roofs, so when it rains it is so loud you can't hear yourself think. There have been some times that I have had to stop preaching until the rain stops. Even in the school of preaching building I have had to stop. I tell the students to read over their notes until the rain stops. And there are times when it does not stop.

We thank you all!

In Christian Love,
Chris and Tam Raynor

"...into all the world..."