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Chimala Newsletter—Chris and Tam Raynor — July 2007

Tam and I are doing well and we pray the same for you all.

The month of July was a busy one. We visited seven villages (Mtapu, Luduga, Isisi, Igawa, Manyoro, Kapunga, Kyela). At each village we worked for three days. From morning until 2:00 p.m. we would go house-to-house. Then starting at 3:00 p.m. we would have public preaching. The preacher of the day would speak from the platform that the World Bible School truck would lower from its side. The preacher, and even a translator, could speak using microphones so the whole village could hear the lesson. After the preaching we then had questions and answers. Doing the public preaching is very enjoyable, and quite different. Here's the good news from this campaign: so far 37 people have been baptized into Christ. We will be able to work with the WBS Missions again in 2008 and I'm looking forward to it.

Our last village that we evangelized was Kyela, which is on the Malawi-Tanzania border. Around Kyela are many plantations of tea and cocoa. It was so interesting to see. Boaz and I and the other evangelists stayed there for four nights because it is too far away to travel every day. It's at least two and a half hours away from Chimala. We arrived there on a Wednesday and began work on Thursday morning. On Friday we had five baptisms, and five more on Saturday and then early Sunday morning we baptized three more souls. It was very exciting. I took many photos and Tam will set them up so you can see them sometime this year or early next year.

On Monday, Chimala School of Preaching will be starting up its 3rd quarter. Also the three month school will be starting up with seven new students. This school is for men who can't attend during the regular school year. They receive the same schooling as the other men only it takes three years before they can complete the courses. We have the three month school at this time of year between the farming seasons. We try to give every opportunity for men to come and learn the Bible, learn how to preach, and teach and evangelize. This quarter, the classes that I will be teaching are New Testament Introduction; Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy; 1 Samuel-2 Chronicles; Isaiah; and Denominational Doctrines. I'll be in classes four days a week, so I'll be very busy.

This morning, Saturday, Thomas and I walked over to the market in Chimala with Xavery. Thomas needed to get some good shoes and pants and school supplies. We also had to get him a new watch because he is now the time keeper for the primary school "bell" system. His old watch does not keep the correct time, so he is either too early or too late to bang on the old bell. I am enjoying being a part of Thomas' life and am glad God has allowed it.

We are so appreciative for all you do for us stateside. Continue to pray for us, please. We keep you in our prayers, too.

In Christ,
Chris and Tam Raynor

“...into all the world...”