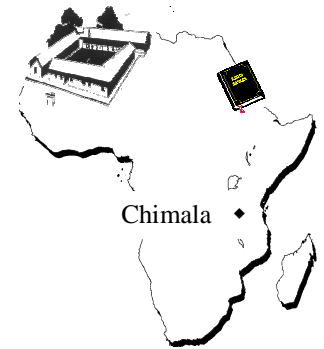


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The year is coming to an end, and the weather is getting hotter. It's in the upper 90's these days, and soon the sun will cross over the equator and be right on us. One good thing is that the rains will be here and will cool things down for us.

All of the missionaries have had some kind of bug and have been sick for a day or two. The only one not to get sick so far is Carrie. We believe that the reason we've been sick is because we found a dead monkey in our water tank that had been there for a while. So the joke going around is that we've been drinking "monkey water."

All the schools are coming to a close. The three month preaching school will end on Friday, Nov. 24th. I spent about four hours with them on Friday teaching about Islam. Islam is big in this country and we teachers feel it is needed to be taught on in our preaching school here so that these men know something about it. Islam has made its way into the government of Tanzania. The present president is a Muslim. The book that I used for the class was Brother Dave Miller's book *The Quran Unveiled, Islam and New Testament, Christianity in Conflict*. This is a religion that the people here do not know much about. They know it exists, but they know nothing about its doctrine. That is the same for us Americans. Islam is an evil and wicked religion and right now it's the fastest growing one.

The full time school of preaching has three more weeks to go. At the end of November five men will be graduating from the school. One of the men is planning to go to Chimala Bible College in January. At C.S.O.P., the two classes that I've been teaching are Numbers & Deuteronomy and Paul's Personal letters: Ephesians through Philemon. I'm finishing up Deuteronomy, and will be giving a final on that book soon. Yesterday I gave a test on Ephesians and Philippians. Then the final will be on Colossians and Philemon. After the finals week the students will have about five weeks off and will return in January. Also at C.S.O.P. we have had a change in the missionary-in-charge of the school. Darrin Stapleton has been doing that job, but since he is stepping down as the administrator of the mission, I asked to be over the school of preaching. The eldership of the N.Y. Ave. church of Christ, who oversees the mission, and Heath Stapleton, the coordinator, gave me the go ahead.

The primary school is also ending this month. The little nursery school kids are working on their skits for their graduation day. It's a big thing for them to go from nursery to primary school. On the last day at the primary school we will have a celebration to pass out rewards, give speeches, give report cards and say good-byes. Some time in December we will get the news on how the 7th graders did on their national test.

My son in the faith, Thomas, is doing fine. I mentioned him before, about how his parents were going to kick him out of the house because he wanted to become a Christian. Well since he is a young Christian now, he's really changed. He's happy, has a good attitude, and is very a nice young man. Boaz and I are teaching him to be responsible. Thomas helps with the chores around Boaz' house, and works in Boaz' family garden. Thomas fought us a little on this at first. At his parent's home he had no responsibility, but now that he lives at Boaz' home in Chimala he has had to change some things. This is one thing that Boaz and his wife do; they help children that have no home. My part with Thomas is paying for his room and board and helping him spiritually. On Sundays and Wednesdays Thomas goes with me to worship and sometimes with Brandon. On Wednesdays I go to Chosi B for Bible class. During the class I will ask questions and Thomas always knows the answers. I'm proud of Thomas and I'm glad he came into my life!

We wish for you all have a happy Thanksgiving Day and may God bless you.

Chris and Tam Raynor

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