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Chimala Newsletter – Jason and Madesha Stapleton –April 2008

Greetings from Chimala,

We trust this letter finds you doing well. Madesha and the kids are doing well.

I do want to take a minute and apologize to anyone who has not received a newsletter from us. There have been some problems with the mailing of our newsletters and not everyone has been receiving them. Please be patient with us as we try to resolve the matter.

This last month had a number of things going on. It first started with our annual Bible Cup. In the Bible cup we select a book, or group of books, for congregations to study and then in April of each year the teams of two are sent to Chimala to participate in answering questions from the selected books. This year we had in the neighborhood of 17 teams. I think everyone had a good time and without a doubt everyone learned something.

Also this month we traveled to Dar es Salaam (a ten hour drive) to purchase a small used car to use in the area of evangelism. The reason for this is that we are paying nearly \$5.60 for a gallon of fuel which is double of what we were paying just four years back. Thus in an effort to save money we decided to buy something smaller than the big SUV's we use. I know that the price of gas has affected everyone both here in Africa as well as in the States. However because of the price of fuel we just cannot do what we would like to do in the area of evangelism and as a result our evangelism program is really suffering.

Some better news now than talking about the price of fuel. We had ten baptisms and six restorations in two days in five congregations in the Mbozi region! There are a couple dozen congregations we work with in the Mbozi region, which is about a 3 hour drive from the mission.

As well we have started our WBS (World Bible School) campaigns. These campaigns will run through the whole month of May. During these campaigns we spend the day going house to house and then in the evening we have some public preaching and a question and answer

period. I will try and post some pictures of the campaigns on the blog for you to enjoy.

In Christian Love,

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