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Chimala Newsletter – Jason and Madesha Stapleton – August 2008

Jambo!

Once again we wanted to take the time to thank all of our supporters for your prayers and support on our behalf. Things here in Tanzania continue to go well. Madesha and the kids are doing just fine. Levan started the 3rd grade this last month. It is hard to believe how fast children grow.

Children's Bible Class

Over the last few months I've been teaching a children's class on Wednesday night at the Mahongo church of Christ. Mahongo is small village about 15 minutes from the mission. The class overall has been very successful. We generally have 15 to 20 kids ranging from just a few months old to 13 or 14 years of age in attendance. At the start of the class these kids knew absolutely nothing about the Bible. They had never heard of Adam, Noah, David, Goliath, Jonah or any other Old Testament character or event. So needless to say our challenge is great but the reward of seeing these children learn of God is much greater. Generally each week we have a lesson and then a short period of questions and answers in order to keep the lessons fresh in the minds of the children. After the lesson, questions and answers we try to give the kids some time to color a paper over the day's lesson. Of course this is quite a sight as most of the kids have never seen a crayon and coloring paper thus they have no idea as to what to do. Some were afraid to color on the paper others colored the entire paper, but one thing they all did was with all there force push down on those poor crayons. Although after several weeks they have made good progress both with the Bible stories and coloring. This last week we just introduced them to Noah and the flood and hopefully will finish the story up in the next couple of weeks.

Chimala School of Preaching

The school continues to go well. We did have a bumpy month as we had to dismiss several of the students for not complying with the rules of the school. Because of this we lost our entire second year class, which made the dismissal of these students even more heartbreaking but necessary for the integrity and overall good of the school. With that said the remaining students seem to be doing well. I have been teaching them the Life and Work of the Preacher specifically in the area of evangelism.

We will finish up the class in the next couple of weeks. Also this month our three month Bible program started back up. The three month school is a compact version of our regular school of preaching. In the three month school we bring students in three months a year for three years. So far they seem to be doing a good job and enjoying themselves.

Iganga Chruch of Christ

Recently the Iganga congregation hosted a four day house to house campaign. The congregation is made up of about ten Christians however though about seventy other Christians from about 10 other congregations showed up to help with the campaign. Each day began with a period of worship followed by several hours of going house to house. From 4:00 to 6:00 each evening we had a period of public preaching followed by another period of worship back at the building. Over all the campaign was successful with two being baptized. It was great to see Christians working together in unity for the cause of Christ.

In Christian love,

The Stapleton's