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New CBC Students for 2007

While we here in the States will normally be all bundled up trying to stay warm in January, the Chimala Bible College will be heating up during one of Tanzania’s hottest months adding 20 new students to the student body. Our total number of students including the original 13 brings us up to 33. From the available information, here are the names of 17 of the newer students:

- Matthew Jeremiah – from Tanzania.
- Remmy Joseph – from Tanzania.
- Asa Kasambala – from Tanzania.
- Veroon Wasonga Mac’Cgaga – from Kenya.
- Festo Mpepo – from Tanzania.
- Innocent K. Mvula – from Malawi.
- Julius Anyosisye Mwakajumba – from Tanzania.
- Zuberi Mwakayami – from Tanzania.
- Eliko Ngwema – from Tanzania.
- Donald Ochieng Omollo – from Kenya.
- Elias Omollo – from Kenya.
- George Ongondo – from Kenya.
- Cephas Odhiambo Ooko – from Kenya.
- Edson Sanga – from Tanzania.
- Alphonse Simeon – from Tanzania.
- Duncan Henry Sisya – from Malawi.
- Esemu Ebulia Theadore – from Malawi.

This is an exciting time for the CBC because of the new opportunities as well as the challenges it presents. *First*, we now have 33 men who desire to grow in their knowledge of the Bible in order to better-serve the Lord’s church in East Africa. They will be specially trained in church planting and leadership to meet the demanding needs of highly receptive people to the gospel of Christ in that part of the world. In addition, they will have textual studies in every book of the Bible as well as many other Bible and ministry-related courses.

Second, there is the challenge of finding the financial support these men need to attend the two-year Bible degree program at CBC offered through the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver. The current amount needed is \$100 per month. This will pay for their food,

textbooks, supplies, personal items, and a small amount of pocket change. There are no tuition costs to the students. Anyone interested in “adopting a student” enabling him to fulfill his two-year study may send support to:

New York Ave. Church of Christ
5371 New York Ave.
Arlington, TX 76018
Attn: Chimala Mission

Checks need to be marked: **CBC student fund**. Friends, we really need your help here.

Third, we need to assess the space needed for a larger class of students. Due to a present shortage of qualified on-site teachers there is only a “Year One” class being taught even though the CBC facility has four classrooms of equal sizes. In time we expect to have a “Year One” and “Year Two” class arrangement. But in the interim we have to decide either to add additional desks and chairs to the present classroom or consider removing a wall to double the classroom’s size. As far as student housing is concerned, the newly-constructed CBC student dorm is ready for occupancy.

And *fourth*, additional students will increase the demands placed upon the current CBC staff as well as the entire Chimala Mission. But I am confident that these good people are well up to the task. The entire Chimala Mission team and those stateside at New York Ave. who oversee the Chimala program have been encouraging and optimistic toward a bright future for the Chimala Bible College. Howell



Salick Ghambi, interim director of the Chimala Bible College and his wife Loveness.

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Titus: A Model Missionary

When someone uses the word “missionary” the image that usually comes to mind is a person living in some distant and mysterious land preaching the gospel and helping the poor and needy. Certainly that is not an unrealistic image; but actually a missionary is really just someone with a mission to fulfill. A character in the New Testament who I believe fulfilled a number of important missionary roles is Titus. Paul said of him, “*he is my partner and fellowhelper*” (2 Cor. 8:23). Notice some of the following roles this mission-minded man filled.

In the first place, Titus, an uncircumcised Gentile allowed himself to be brought by Paul to Jerusalem to illustrate a great theological truth: Gentiles do not need to be circumcised to be saved. Christianity includes both the circumcised Jew and the uncircumcised Gentile (cf. Gal. 2:1-3). Only the gospel of Christ, not human tradition, sets the conditions of salvation.

In the second place, Titus served both Paul and the Corinthian church as a liaison of communication. On more than one occasion critical information vital to the Corinthians’ spiritual welfare and the Corinthians’ response was committed into the hands of the trusted Titus (2 Cor. 7:5-16).

In the third place, Titus fulfilled the

responsibility of ensuring that the collection for the poor in Jerusalem was accomplished (2 Cor. 8:6, 16-24; 12:18). Not only was he dependable and accepted this great responsibility when asked, Titus demonstrated great enthusiasm for the task.

In the fourth place, false teaching and immorality crept into the Cretan churches. Titus served a vital role receiving Paul’s charge to strengthen these island churches by teaching sound doctrine and good works, and by appointing elders in every city (Tit. 1:4-5).

In the fifth place, Titus understood the meaning of commitment. Even as Paul spent what was to be his last days on earth facing an impending execution, Titus left Rome, set out to work in Dalmatia, and remained focused on God’s mission (2 Tim. 4:10). Titus could be trusted to keep the main thing the main thing.

As a “*good soldier of Jesus Christ*” Titus established himself as a man for tough missions. According to Paul, he exemplified leadership (2 Cor. 8:17), reliability (2 Cor. 7:6), diligence (2 Cor. 8:17), and compassion (2 Cor. 7:13-15). He was tactful and instrumental in calming distressed situations. Titus was a model missionary – an example worthy of any Christian who seeks to fulfill God’s mission in his or her life.

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