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May Plans Underway

As the Chimala Bible College continues its journey as a newly-established BVBID extension preacher training school on a foreign field, my job is to continually recruit and coordinate the travel of short course teachers as well as teach in the schools as necessary. This May, Denton Landon (BVBID coordinator of the Bible School of the Americas, Panama City, Panama) will be accompanying me to Chimala, Tanzania. He will be teaching I & II Samuel and I will be teaching hermeneutics.

In addition, my wife, Mary will be traveling and working with me. While Denton and I are teaching in the CBC, Mary will be involved in teaching children's Bible classes in the Chimala Primary School and in ladies classes. This will be her first return trip to Tanzania since our family left East Africa in April of 2003.

Mary does not like to ask people for anything - neither do I for that matter. However, as a missions coordinator that is part of my job. My work fund has



Mary teaching a children's Bible class, Arusha, Tanzania, 2000

enough to cover my costs for this trip. However, I need to raise her support as well.

Of course I am biased since she is my wife, but Mary is a proven missionary of her own right. She has taught hundreds of Tanzanian women and children and is very much loved and respected by them. The

kindness and gentleness she bestows upon even the lowest of the people and the genuine interest that makes every person she meets feel worthwhile has



Mary with Christian women during a "Ladies' Day" in Arusha, Tanzania, 2001

won her many hearts. And it is with the elderly women especially that she seems to have that extra warmth. She approaches them with a respect that is so unusual among our culture.

I have made three return visits since we left Tanzania as resident missionaries. Her time to return to these people is indeed overdue and she is surely missed by them. Without exception, every time I have visited Arusha the ladies have asked, "Where is sister Mary?" or "When is sister Mary coming?" Whatever good I may be able to accomplish will never overshadow from eternity's standpoint what influence Mary has had on Tanzania's women and children, and hopefully that will continue in the future.

Christian friends, I am asking you to help send her with me to Tanzania in May. As I said, I already have enough to fund my traveling expenses, but I need to raise enough to cover hers as well. The total cost is approximately \$2,600 which includes round trip air fare to Tanzania, a local flight, road traveling expenses, food and lodging. Some churches have already responded, and for them we are very thankful. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Any funds can be sent to my sponsoring congregation listed on the back side of this report. Thanks for always being there for us. May God bless you.

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Communication Need

In the classic 1967 movie, Cool Hand Luke, starring Paul Newman, the red-neck prison officer makes the following comment about the stubborn and independent Luke which has become a classic: *“What we’ve got here is failure to communicate.”* Undoubtedly a large percentage of the problems in the world can be attributed to a failure in communication. As an essential ingredient in marriages, families, businesses, and governments, communication is also vital to the church. The Bible is God’s communication to man. Followed carefully, His Word will keep us from making many great mistakes and ultimately will open to us the door of Heaven through Jesus Christ. Likewise, Christians are to interact carefully with one another (cf. Rom. 12:10; Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:11; etc.).

As an integral part of the work of the Lord’s church, the Chimala Bible College likewise owes its success and vitality upon accurate and timely information. What I am proposing for the CBC is the installation of an internet/e-mail system. Darrin Stapleton, Chimala mission administrator has indicated the cost will be approx. \$3,000 – 3,500. Our need for efficient communication cannot be overstated. It is not

an option; it is a must, not only for the necessary operation of CBC but also for the Chimala Hospital and the isolated missionary families.

Brethren, we live in the 21st century, not the “stone age.” We could send “SOS’s” or put messages in a bottle. But I believe God expects us to utilize the avenues He has opened by His providential hand to do a better job than before. Paul often traveled by boat. He could have walked, but that would not be taking advantage of that day’s technology nor of common sense. The devil uses every means available to destroy men’s souls. I cannot believe God expects today’s church to disadvantage ourselves with out-dated means. The world of sin is outpacing the church at an embarrassing rate. Jesus recognized men’s tendency to fail in this area: *“for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light”* (Luke 16:8).

I am making this plea in their behalf and in behalf of the future success and growth of the CBC for you to please consider making a financial contribution to this needed tool. If we think we can’t live without the efficient speed of e-mail communication here in America, how much more so do we need it in missions 10,000 miles away! Just ask a missionary.

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