

# ADOPT-A-MISSIONARY

Mission Support Team-August 2008

## Program Goals:

- *Raise awareness of missions at Pleasant Ridge*
- *Support and encourage missionaries and mission works*
- *Strengthen relationships between Pleasant Ridge members and missionaries*

## BIBLE CLASS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Pray each week for the Stinsons. Check [PleasantRidgeMissions.org](http://PleasantRidgeMissions.org) for updates.
2. Select a liaison from the class to communicate regularly with the missionary and the Mission Support Team.
3. Send cards for birthdays, Christmas, etc.
4. Host missionary in Bible class during visits to Pleasant Ridge.
5. Support and encourage missionaries in other ways as the class is able (such as sending care packages or having special collections for identified needs).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM THE STINSONS

Our personal involvement began in 1998, when New York Ave. Church of Christ took the oversight of the work. I was serving as an elder at that time at NYA. I made my first visit to the work in 1999. I fell in love with work immediately. In 2001 Cyndi traveled with me to visit the work. She, like myself, was touched by the work. We decided then, that at some point in our lives we wanted serve at the mission. I stayed closely involved with the work, spending three years as the elder in charge of the work. In 2006, Darrin Stapleton and his family decided after 7 years serving as the Chimala Administrator, they were ready to come back to the states. Cyndi and I both started discussing and praying about this situation, and after some time we decided that it was time for us to go. We came with the goal of making the mission more self sustaining.

The work started at the present location in 1962. Through the years the hospital has served as an excellent tool that not only provides good health

care for the people of this area, but also serves as an excellent evangelism tool. For example, just this past month there were 11 baptisms through hospital work alone.

The hospital is now a 120 bed hospital that has x-ray, ultra-sound, four different wards, a special program for HIV, and Major and Minor Theaters for surgery. We deliver close to 2,000 babies a year and see over 20,000 patients a year through this work.

Through the years the work has continually grown. In 1987 the Chimala School of Preaching was begun. Since then we have trained over 200 men to be preachers. These men now serve as the preachers in nearly 100 congregations that have been started by this work.

In 1999 we started the Chimala Primary School. We now have approximately 500 students enrolled in this school. It is one of the top ranked schools in this area and we have a waiting list of peo-

ple who want to send their children to school here. These children are taught Bible every day. By the time they graduate 7th grade, many are baptized believers. We hope to have the first two years of Secondary School open in January, 2009. By 2011 the school should be completed and we will have approximately 300 students enrolled. This school will a Science School which will major in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. These types of schools are the prelude for students who want to be doctors and nurses. This should make a good fit for the future of Chimala Mission.

In 2005 we began the Chimala Bible College. This is a two year program that offers Bachelors Degree to those who graduate. This school is taught in English, which allows it to be an International School. We have many students from Malawi attending our school at the present.

It is our goal to have well educated Christians who will be leaders not only in their communities, but also in the Church.

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*[PleasantRidgeMissions.org](http://PleasantRidgeMissions.org)*

*For more information about the bible college you can go to [www.cmbcbc.org](http://www.cmbcbc.org).*

*For more information about the hospital you can go to [www.chimalahospital.org](http://www.chimalahospital.org).*