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UPDATE

Dearest Friends,
The New Year has started with a bang and a breakthrough for us. Sometimes I wondered if we were going to keep on going but our "God is faithful and awesome in power...." I had been invited to Trinidad by a couple of people and thought perhaps they were just being pleasant and did not mean it because many times this happens in the West. Empty promises in the Kingdom are not taken lightly by God. On my last trip to Malawi, a young pastor whose building we use for distribution asked if we could vacate by a certain time as he was having a conference. He told me he had a guest speaker from Trinidad. Even after this "confirmation" by God to GO I wanted to cancel because I was tired. I contacted my host who said she was expecting me and what was it I wanted to achieve by going. I said I wanted to meet some of the pastors and begin to build relationships with a view to going back in the future and perhaps having open doors to preach. I sent my brochure so she could give it out ahead of time.

From the day after I landed, I did not stop with meetings and the pulpits were already open. The pastors were receptive and excited and eager to develop relationships, and many had already emailed me before I left the island. When they say something, they mean it

and what really excited me was the fact they are very missions minded and are actively doing something about it whether it be in their own back yard or overseas. Churches not only support missions but they GO. It is an island of exquisite beauty with an area of 2,000 sq. miles and a population of 1.5 million people and I was greatly privileged to travel to all corners of the island during the afternoon when my meetings were done for the day.

I met pastors from various denominations, and all were very receptive. Many expressed a desire to visit the work in Malawi and the first two I am expecting in May 2020 to come and teach at the Bible School and hold crusades.

God is always faithful especially when we are. I kept asking, "when God, when...?" Little did I know that it would come from such an unexpected place, but He is the God of the unexpected.

I am leaving for a conference in Florida tomorrow morning at 5.00a.m. and trusting He will do the same there and a week after I get back from that I fly to Malawi for graduation of our Bible School students and distribution to the elderly.

Thank you for all you have done to assist with the work of this ministry. May He abundantly bless your 2019 and give you open doors in profusion.

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"He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meant for the master's use and prepared for every good work."

Letters from the Bible School

PASTOR ERIC NDULUZA

I GREET YOU IN THE WONDERFUL NAME OF OUR Lord Jesus and pray that you are well. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lord under your leadership and guidance. I love serving the Lord and am grateful to Him for expanding my foundations. As you said when you were teaching, "the foundations in Jesus are limitless," and I am believing that I will go on and on enlarging as He gives us all direction. My family and I have been truly blessed by the support that you are giving us both in material terms and in encouragement and counsel.

I would like to thank you for your class on deliverance and your class on the Holy Spirit. I have been more than blessed by attending the Bible School since I started two years ago. I was one of those who would run at the first sight of the manifestation of a demon. That has all changed. The Holy Spirit has stirred me up inside and I feel rejuvenated. Praise the Lord for the vision He has given you.

Bless you always as we work together to make the Kingdom grow here on earth.

Ed note: Eric works as chaplain to the elderly in the Lower Shire leaving Peter to run the church and oversee the elderly project.



PASTOR SHADRECK KAMEHIRA

I would like to thank you for the love and support that you continue to show me. I think I say that in my reports for the newsletter, but this is the only time I have sent you a personal note. Please receive my heartfelt thanks and the gratitude of my family for everything that you have done for me. I can only pray that you come and visit my house and church so that I can show you just a little of my appreciation.

Thanks for the teachings at the Bible School. Once again, we saw the power of the Holy Spirit in that all the lessons were greatly connected, and everything flowed through the various teachers. I am very excited and fired up after the powerful evening prayer sessions. Please return to us with more "goodies" from the Lord.

Finally, please forgive us when we behave like children and forget who we are before God and you, the leadership. Please do not get discouraged by such. Praying for you always.

Ed note: Shadreck is chaplain to the elderly up in the mountain region. He has a thriving church which the congregation build for themselves and we roofed. He now has a wonderful youth group. His wife was delivered from demons shortly after she came to Bible School to learn how to run a Children's church.



ABOUT US

We, Alabaster Ministries

are based in the United States with a tax-deductible status under 501(c)(3).

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In Malawi we have Oresti and Julie Yiannakis who are a wonderful support and without whom it would be extremely difficult for us to operate.

Our staff comprise of local Malawians, and volunteer staff in the USA and UK.

It is our belief that we should train the locals to one day be able to totally run every aspect of the ministry in their nation and to train the next generation to one day take over while we support and give advice where needed.

God has blessed us with an amazing team of people who are always ready and willing no matter what comes against us. God is in charge and is faithful when we are about His business.

This is an exciting ministry to be a part of and we so appreciate your support.

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REPORT FROM FRANCIS

Dearly beloved,

I greet you and wish you a wonderful new year and the all the best in all your endeavors in this year 2019. They say a gift from a friend is a wish for your happiness. We are truly grateful for all the support that you gave us in 2018, we are so overjoyed to have you in our lives. We are incredibly fortunate to have your support; you wonderful friends and partners, and we deeply appreciate your love, kindness, and generosity.

I believe that time is one of the greatest gifts you could ever give someone and as Pastor Roz always says, "Time has become an idol in the West.". The time we spend with a friend, a close relative, our immediate family, or anyone else for that matter will be cherished longer than we can imagine. A lot of children say they wish they could spend much more time with their family but sometimes it is impossible because maybe our jobs do not allow us such "luxury," or it is due to whatever other circumstances there maybe. We need to prioritize with our time and spend it wisely. Sometimes we are unable to invest our time in other people and we fail to give them the proper attention. Of course, the amount of time we spend with people determines how we relate to one another, but sometimes we are selfishly preoccupied with our day to day activities which prevent us from socializing where we need to. How do we use the little free time we get? Do we give proper attention to our families, spouses, friends, and those who need comfort? Therefore, we try to interact with the old people as much as we can.

The elderly will forever be our primary focus in the Lower Shire because of their need to be happy, to be touched by an angel, to share a smile even when they are hurting and to have just one moment in their lives where they are not worried about what tomorrow may bring because they know what it feels like to be happy again. It is not necessarily that these people are always hurting, but the conditions of life they live is so desperate that sometimes it is easy to give up on life and just barely exist instead of living. Dearly beloved, your support and love are what empowers us to step in and try to make a difference in a dark place.

We started out this year with a small gathering up in the Chididi Mountains with the elderly, breaking bread together in true fellowship, sharing a meal and just sharing life experiences. Giving back is always a great thing to do and these elderlies provided a goat which was of course part of their main course, but it was good to see that even though they have very little, they have the spirit to share what they have with their friends. "The meaning of life is to find your gift and the purpose of it is to give it away." Pablo Picasso".

I would to take this opportunity to thank the ministry in its quest to continue to support the youth and raise up young leaders in Malawi. We recently attended a graduation ceremony for Pastor Peter Kankoche and Solomon Banda who have completed their theology studies at City Pentecostal Church and Leadership Bible School in Blantyre. We are happy to see these dynamic young men accomplish their quest and we cannot wait to see them conquer the world for the Kingdom as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

REPORT FROM PETER

I send you the best regards for this year 2019 and wish you all a wonderful and prosperous new year. I hope that that you are well, just as we are in the warm heart of Africa.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step forward. I had a challenging childhood and things were tough for us. I grew up in a village farming area and farming was the only way we could make a living, but we are from the mountains with very tiny farms or gardens, so farming as a business with a profit was out of the question. I used to sell bamboo, honey and fruits to earn something for my tuition and when the tuition got expensive, bamboo and honey couldn't cut it anymore, so I dropped out of school and took off to the city (Blantyre) in search of greener pastures. I met my soul mate Martha and got married and had 2 wonderful children in Blantyre. Life was good for time but minimum wage jobs in Malawi will not feed and house you and I had also begun to feel like I was running away from my calling by hiding out in Blantyre.

I returned to start working with my father at his church 3 years later, but my classroom education was still limited. I wanted to learn more than timber cutting and farming small holdings because that wasn't enough to support my growing family and cover my tuition at the same time, so I had to give bible school a miss. One day I decided to attend one of the meetings pastor Roz was conducting and I took it upon myself to play the drum and lead praise worship. I had no idea then that this was the beginning of a journey full of dreams so pleasant, with great memories, and service. I had no idea then that because of my attitude in serving the elderly voluntarily I would end up being adopted into a wonderful band of humble and dedicated brothers and sisters who are all about God's business.

Chididi is stunning with wonderful weather and no mosquitoes and a backdrop of magnificent mountains so you can appreciate my sentiments when I say that moving from Chididi to Tengani was a crazy thing to do, but when I was called to serve there, I answered the call without second thoughts and ironically, I love the place. Chididi is next to a game reserve so we have forests and animals, but when I first got to Tengani the heat was unbearable, the mosquitoes were attacking from all angles, and the water is very salty. I thought, "you crazy man, what have you done," but God had a purpose and when He sends you out you must trust in Him to be faithful all the time.

There was no house when we got there so we used to live in a sweat box for a time before our house was built and those were the best days of my life. I say that because it taught me to wait upon the Lord for He does things in His own timing which is always perfect by the way. It taught me to love and appreciate what I have more than anything else, and it taught humility. Being humble works and of course the greatest gift of all, serving others.

I started my journey as chaplain to the elderly at Tengani and on the weekends I had a church under a tree on the compound. I am grateful because it wasn't long after I came to Tengani that I was sent to Bible School and boy did MY DREAM COME TRUE. I remembered the long trips into the game park to fetch honey, the last time my father and I almost became supper at a lion's dinner table.

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We have two great needs at present. One is to complete the church building that is our feature photograph at the front of this newsletter and the other is to put in a borehole up the mountain where we have the Bible School. The borehole will cost \$4,000 with a hand pump which we can replace with a solar driven immersible pump at a later date. The cement, timber and corrugated iron sheets for the roof to complete the church will cost us \$5,000. If anyone can help with either of these projects, we will be eternally grateful.

This is the "well" that the water comes from to bathe, drink and cook for the Bible School. By midweek it is almost dry, and it is the well that the village uses. They then must walk over two miles to another well to collect water. We are so blest to be able to turn on a faucet and have excessive amounts of water run freely. The water used in our dishwashers alone would be enough for a whole family for the day.

The church when built will attract a congregation because it is the biggest building in the area. At least everyone will get to hear the message of salvation instead of having their ears tickled by the promises of God.

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I remembered all the grueling walks to Nsanje District Centre to see fruits but still I couldn't afford to pay for my tuition. Looking back at it all and of the things I have accomplished now because of my education at the Bible School, I have nothing more to say than Thank you, thank you, thank you to all my friends and family who have been there for me throughout my studies. I would like to say thank you to the ministry for trusting me and sending me to school, to Pastor Ro for her support, counsel and my first English Bible which I used in college, to Ellen Nix for her endless support and to you our dear beloved who make the fabric that is Alabaster ministries. I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for your love and support.

I would like to conclude by thanking you once again for the wonderful church project that is underway at Tengani. The walls are now up to roofing level, we are currently waiting to be resupplied with cement and iron sheets so that we can finish up. You are all welcome to come and visit at any time this year so that we can create new memories together. I can never thank you enough for what you have done for me and for my family. May the Almighty God bless you and may we all begin this year with the best there is to be cherished in our endeavors, God Bless you always.



Christmas luncheon group at Chididi