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UPDATE

Dearest Friends,

The start of a new year! I personally believe that we are living in the end times and what an amazing time to be around and to see as scripture is being fulfilled all around us.

What is the one thing that God requires of us above all else? I wonder how many words we speak every day of our lives and yet, of all the words we speak the three most important are seldom if ever used by most people on a daily basis – “I love you,” or if they do it is like vaines repetition? Many languages, especially in Africa, do not even have a word for love.

Matt 22:39 and Deut 6:5 *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”*

And the second commandment was/is: Matt 22:39 and Lev 19:18

“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” That tells me that before we can love others we have to be able to love ourselves. I do not understand why we find it so difficult to love this wonderful person “I,” who is created in the image of God and despite all “I’s” faults and failings has been redeemed and made perfect once again through the wonderful blood of Jesus. Pride has nothing to do with it - Jesus has everything to do with it. It is time to lay aside all our hang ups about what we are and how we look and realize that

in Him we are a wonderful creation. Begin to study the scriptures to see yourself as God sees you. Many of us go before God and think of ourselves as so unworthy we cannot even speak to Him let alone love Him. We look at our neighbors and project upon them the “mote” that is already in our eye. Our criticism of others is often because it is in us and so we recognize it in them. How can we ever give counsel in love when all the time we are making comparisons or criticisms?

You can always tell what a person loves best – it is that to which he devotes most of his time and energy. Our actions and drives reflect what we prize the most.

God is and always will be the source of our love and it therefore follows that if we love God we will love people because they are so interconnected that we cannot have the one without the other. Our love for others must be the overflow of the love we have for God. We cannot reach the “unlovely” if we do not have the compassion of Christ in our lives. If I hold any rancor against a person, race or creed then I will never be able to effectively reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ because even without me saying anything they will know. We have numerous people in Africa, especially amongst the elderly who tell us that this ministry

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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.”

Report from ROZ

or that person comes and gives food and maybe they preach a message, but they do not love us, so we do not receive from them because we know that their heart is not right.

I have lately been pondering as to why the church is not seeing healings as we should be. I told someone that I needed to really get down and study because there must be a key. Silly me! We should all know the key - it is the key to everything that we do, say and are in Christ. He is the key and when we are so sold out, so in love and so full of Him we have all of the keys to life and Godliness. He said, "GREATER works...." But we are not seeing greater works. Perhaps because we are the church of Laodicea as spoken of in the end times. We are neither hot nor cold and have walked away from our first love because there are so many other things for us to partake of – so many other idols that we can pursue. We fill our homes with things that we never use. We give our children things that they do not need when all the time the thing they need the most is our attention and love.

I could go to Malawi and just hand out food and clothing, but will that change a person's life? Of course not! What has changed the elderly is the fact that they see the love that the team has for one another and then over the years of being

consistent they have seen the love that we have for them. We have been constant in teaching and preaching the Word of God. They have come from feeling worthless into being worthwhile, beautiful, and loved and as they have seen us treat them this way and as they have heard repeatedly that this is the nature of Christ, they have started to treat others in the same fashion. In the beginning if one felt the other received more than them there would almost be a fight. Now they have learned to share and help each other out. Now they pray for one another and show the lost and dying that there is this wonderful Man named Jesus who not only supplies material things but has changed their lives forever.

We need to relate everything to Jesus Christ when we are dealing with anything we do but especially in the arena of love. We see God's love for us and what man's love for each other should be when we study the life and death of Christ. The Spirit of Christ living in you and me enables us to follow His example in all things. He is the Key to all things. Let us study to know Him more than ever before so that we truly can be His hands, feet, ears and eyes in the nations of the world – in this nation. It is time to stop being tepid and start to burn hot. I do not want to be told, "I never knew you," I want to hear, "well done good and faithful servant" as I cast my crowns at His feet. I want to be a minister of flame that will burn bright wherever I go.

Pastors carrying water – unheard of in Africa when there are women around



This old church elder and his wife always share their banana crop with us.



ABOUT US

We, Alabaster Ministries

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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.

CONTACT US

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Prophecy

I WILL LEAD YOU

My grace is sufficient to lead you into maturity. My call to greatness is the hope that I have for your wholeness and completeness. My FAITH is a confident expectation that you will grow up into the full image and likeness of My Son, JESUS.

It is TIME for bitterness and malice to be put away. My Son is not embittered by the many wrongs done to Him. He is full of joy and strength. He is full and overflowing with love. Behold My Son is alive with power and zeal. He loves what I love and hates what I hate.

This is how my beloved Son works in My vineyard: He visits the poor and needy. He tenderly cares for the wounded. He leads the hungry to green pastures. He bends down to give drink to the thirsty. He brings justice to the downtrodden. He rescues the captives and brings them into freedom from oppression.

My Son avenges My righteous cause like a lion, yet He is a lamb. HE KNOWS WHO HE IS.

He does not rule with fear and intimidation. He governs with wisdom, humility and gentle, yet unlimited power. He understands the weak. He lifts up the timid. He defends the abused. My Son is JUST in showing the proud their folly. Thieves and liars, He will expose.

In His Kingdom bullies like satan, undisciplined priests like Eli, deceivers like Ananias and Sapphira and disobedient kings like Saul will not be tolerated. Leaders who are like them and abuse power or indulge their cravings He confronts and most certainly demotes. Be sure: selfish and greedy beasts, wolves in sheep's clothing will suffer wrath and sudden judgement.

At my side, My Son laughs at all the enemies He defeated on the Cross. They rage against His delegated authority, but they cannot prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. The mature ones who follow Him wherever He goes will always overcome every obstacle.

It is TIME for deeper things and bigger responsibilities. It is time for self-sacrifice and patience. It is TIME for death to the old

and a stirring and greater resurrection of the new.

It is TIME to let your whole being be passionately committed to find the highest treasure in Knowing Me. Those who draw near will KNOW my higher ways – My higher thoughts.

They will KNOW who I AM.

I invite you to climb higher, go deeper and run faster. The door I open for you no one can shut. It is a privileged opportunity for those who bow down to serve with reverence. It is for those who take time to understand the weightiness of My value just as I bowed down to show you the weightiness of your value at the Cross. These will wear crowns of glory and sit in thrones prepared for them. Great rewards await.

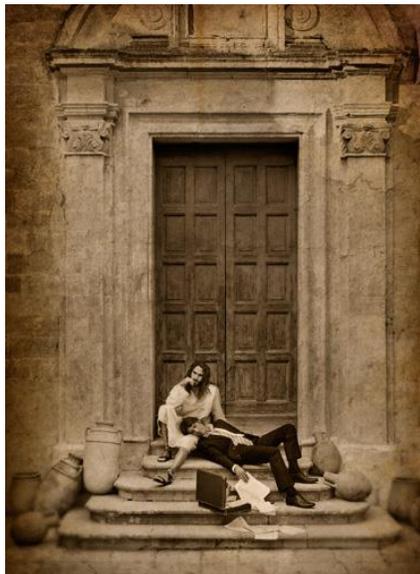
It is time to put behind you petty and childish ways. Thoughts of envy and jealousy must be brushed aside. Thoughts of inadequacy left behind. The past is the past. The old ways must be forgotten.

My plans and purpose for YOU in ME and I in YOU should consume you. We are destined for all eternity to be ONE in purpose and expression.

Let me LIVE my strength out through you. Let me LOVE with MY BEING in and through you. Your life is hidden in ME. Let Me express MY LIFE welling up from your deepest being and flowing outward to the reality around you.

Light will dawn. Darkness will flee. Old things will pass away. Your vision will be enlarged. You will see ME as I am and you will be like ME.

Given to a friend with whom I recently connected.



REPORT FROM MARTHA

I would like to give a big thank you to Pastor Roz for encouraging me to learn how to read and write because without that I would have never been able to minister to children in the church as well as my fellow women. I would also like to say a big thank you for the Bible School because without it we would have been less equipped with the fundamentals of the Gospel for effective witnessing to the younger generation and the elderly alike. Thank you, Pastor Roz and Mr. and Mrs. Yiannakis in Blantyre, who make sure that we have Bible school lessons and to all of you our beloved partners in the body of Christ who make all this possible.

My task to teach Sunday school, fellowship with young ladies and witness to the elderly has been simplified by both my education at the Bible school and the support and guidance that I receive from my husband Peter. Leaders should be a bridge between the lost and the wonderful family that is in the body of Christ. I believe family is one of the greatest gifts God gave every individual and we work in an environment where there are so many broken families because of polygamy and other bad traditional practices. Teaching the younger generation to realize the dangers they place themselves in when they follow the traditions of man rather than taking up the nature of Christ has become our primary task. I have made it a point through the monthly meetings we have conducted so far to teach other women so that they pass on the knowledge to their families. I am grateful for the help and guidance the elderly provides in such grey areas because they have lived under some oppressive cultural norms and they would like to see a change.

I thank God for sending Pastor Roz to us in Nsanje. I never realized just how much we needed to change as a people before we could even learn the Gospel until she started coming here. We have received testimonies from the elderly who attend the monthly meetings with their families and they tell us of how life around them is changing because there is a change towards the culture of heaven. If we can make that much of a difference in our communities following the vision that God has given Pastor Roz, then I am sold out to this ministry because they are about God's business.

REPORT FROM MANDALA

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for giving me the opportunity to minister to the elderly in the Tengani and Chimombo/Marka areas. Serving others is not a new thing as I once served in man's army years ago. After years in retirement I felt like God was calling me to serve in His army, but I did not know how and where to start. I met Pastor Peter Kankoché and started going to his prayer meetings and one day I was asked to lead the prayer meeting, so I did. I didn't know that this was the beginning of yet another chapter in my life. I became part of the church and then began pastoring when Pastor Peter travelled to work with the elderly elsewhere. It wasn't until October 2017 when Pastor Roz asked me to be a chaplain to the elderly and assist Peter that I realized what God had truly purposed me to do. I have worked with the government and several other institutions, but nothing has ever given me so much joy and satisfaction as working in ministry with the elderly. I would like to thank God and everyone behind the wonderful family that is Alabaster Ministries for this new chapter in

my life. We have been conducting Bible studies with elderly at Mgona, Kalumbi, Chazuka, Mchacha, Chiombo and Marka areas on a weekly rotational schedule. What is has done is provide a wonderful threshold for all of us to come together from time to time so share and teach the gospel as well as witness to one another through our testimonies. Spending more time with elderly has also helped us have more hands-on information with the challenges they go through but also provided a wonderful forum on which as a group we are able to come up with solutions to how best we tackle our challenges. For instance, The Chazuka and Kalumbi centers are all close to Shire River hence they do quite a bit of irrigation farming in the area and I happen to have a lot of experience with that from my time in the military. I am looking forward to what the Lord has set in motion for us in this year and pray it is a marvel and miracle along with the love and prayers that we receive from the leadership in the ministry and you our beloved partners and family in the body of Christ. God Bless you all.

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PETER KANKOCHE

I am always grateful that God positioned Pastor Roz in my life so that I could be used of Him through her vision to minister to the elderly. It has been a wonderful journey and it gives me such joy and satisfaction, more than anything I have ever done. We will be doing distributions month ending February, so we are geared up to fellowship with our "young men and women." I am excited to be a part of this ministry and follow through the vision and goals that we have set for 2018.

I am very happy with the way Mandala and Shadreck are working so far and we have had a great relationship. They are both very organized guys and they bring so much positive energy to the team. The time and effort that they spend studying the word of God and witnessing to the elderly is rewarded in the effect that it has had on the elderly. It was a lot harder for most of the elderly to share or participate in our meetings

than it is now partly because some were just shy and the fact that there were no regular meetings as there are now. This has improved with the addition of Shareck and Mandala to the team and intensified meetings throughout our work domain, along with the love that exists between us which has strengthened our team and we are far more effective that way. The Lord Christ commanded us to love one another and Pastor Roz and Mr. Yiannakis our leaders also emphasized on this so much that it has become our motto. Pastor Roz leads from the front by example; Francis and I try our best to follow in the same way our Lord commanded us to do and I think this is why our team thrives.

I would to convey my heartfelt gratitude to Pastor for the holiday my wife and I took. I appreciate the love and support that you give us and now that we are all well rested, I cannot to get back to work fast enough. We love you always and pray that God rewards you always.



Peter, Martha and David along with Francis on vacation at the lake.