



# Alabaster Ministries

*He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim 2:21*

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Dearest Friends,

I sometimes wonder at the things I see in Africa. We used to joke that God would have to have a separate set of values when it comes to His judgement of Africa one day. Or perhaps judgement has already fallen with all the wars that seem to continuously erupt in most of, the African nations. It is brought about by sin in the leadership both physical and spiritual. Jealousy, adultery, theft against man and God.

The things we are dealing with, and have been for some time is the jealousy issue that the people have over there – even the pastors fall into the same category. They are unable to feel happy when their associate pastors are blessed and even though they are born again, witchcraft is so ingrained that some of them will actually turn to witchcraft and have spells and curses spoken against their friend or even family members if they think or see them blessed and prospered. We do the same with witchcraft praying.

But..... isn't there a similar problem in the West? We are jealous when we hear that a certain ministry is prospering financially or prospering with wonderful church members. If our church members move to another church we feel slighted instead of sowing them and giving them our blessing to move on. We are frightened of losing finances or a praise and worship member thinking that they will not be replaced, but in my experience when we sow we reap a harvest. Acts 20:35 says *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

Giving is a statement of our praise and worship. He has given us all that we need and much of what we want. David asks in the Psalms what he can give to the Lord because of all His benefits and mercies toward him (David)? Giving is just a small part of showing gratitude towards Him.

Think of the blessing which results when we fund the mission of Christ's church. We are paying salaries of ministers and missionaries. We are funding resources for outreach, evangelism, and discipleship. But above all we are investing in the spiritual and eternal welfare of people from every nation, tribe, kindred and tongue. Our dollars are changing homes, relationships, countries, and even the eternal destiny of many souls. That is truly what happens when you send your check every month to this ministry. When you get to heaven one day countless numbers of people you have never met will run up to you and thank you for your generosity because it will have changed their lives forever.

*"God is the giver of every good and perfect gift."* James 1:17. God has given the best of the best beginning with His Precious Son Jesus. Does it not follow on that we are to give the very best of what we have whether it is finances or ourselves? When we see others give more abundantly we

need to rejoice in their ability and not be jealous because they are able to do more. Jesus was so blessed by the widow who gave her mite. When we give it should not be for show but out of a sacrificial heart to honor He who has done so much for us.

God has commanded that we give. I know that many believe that the tithe is Old Testament teaching but I believe that God rejoices when we give over and above that 10% which was commanded under the law. God has given many commandments which we ignore in this modern-day society. Giving is one of them. He also tells us to repent AND BE BAPTIZED. That is a command and if we have not been water baptized by immersion then we had better find somewhere we can go and experience it. The old man goes down into the water which is a symbolic washing and cleansing and he comes up a new man in Christ Jesus. Ephesians tell us "to be filled with the Spirit." That is a command and not an option. The Word tells us to celebrate the Lord's Supper. 1Cor 11:24 *"and when he had given thanks he broke it and said, this is my body which is for you. DO THIS in remembrance of me."* And yet we infrequently experience it in church. If your church seldom celebrates it then do it at home with your family.

We need to learn to rejoice when our brother is blessed instead of being jealous. Some of our pastors have support each month and some do not. First of all, we are not able to financially support them all and second we watch them and trust the Holy Spirit to point out those who are true leaders in their churches. I also believe that pastors should begin to teach their congregations on giving their first fruits. These poor people do not have money to give but they can give what they grow or what they rear. We are slowing beginning to see this working. When we are there they bring a chicken or fruit or some eggs. (Eggs are a huge sacrifice because each egg represents a chicken which will feed a family. Not so long ago we were given a goat. That is a large gift!

The beautiful church that has been built in Chididi has caused some issues because all now want a church like it. The fact that this Pastor did not have one and had to meet under a tree every week does not matter to those who have a church. This has resulted in jealousy with a few of the pastors despite the fact they are now able to attend Bible School in a comfortable building that has plenty of light and air.

Please pray with us that as we teach and preach they will come to realize that when one is blessed then all are blessed and jealousy only hurts them and not those over whom they wield it. Life is too short and God is a God of blessing for all.

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## MORE REPORTS ON THE BIBLE SCHOOL

### Jeffrey Daiyi

Greetings to you our beloved supporters. May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you all of the time.

I write to inform you of an extraordinary event which happened during our Bible School evening session. I have heard our teachers preach and teach on the Holy Spirit. I knew I had to find a way to be among those men and mighty women of God who speak in tongues and have had such a fresh anointing of the blessed Holy Spirit. So, during this session I paid real attention and waited for the moment. At last it came! I said to God, "I am here Lord, I too want to receive." We were prayed for but before the prayer was done I felt such a fire in me. I have never experienced anything like it.

I am so grateful to everyone who makes our Bible School run and function because through this Bible School I have come to learn so much and to receive the Holy Spirit, know that He is one with me and goes wherever I go.

I would encourage all our supporters to tap into the Holy Spirit and see what He can do in and through you. I know that He has made my life different and I am beaming with joy in the work I am doing.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all the support you give me. May the almighty Father reward you

Praying for you always,

Pastor Jeffrey Daiyi

(ed note) The support we give him is around \$15 per month depending on the rate of exchange.



### Maxwell Tchapo

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and hope you are well. My family and I are all well and we praise God for His goodness and lovingkindness in positioning you, our supporters into our lives. It can only be God who moves in our hearts to produce good works.

We have just completed our fifth session of Bible School and I got so filled with the Holy Spirit. I have never felt so free in my life and for this I am truly excited about what God Wants to do in my life. I felt such joy, like I am about to explode from the inside out, such peace and so great an anointing. I am now certain that my life will never be the same again.

I would like to encourage you supporters to have a closer relationship with the blessed Holy Spirit so that one day you can share your testimony too.

Blessings and love in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

Your servant in Him,

Pastor Maxwell Tchapo

## REPORT FROM PETER

Beloved,

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray for showers of blessings on all your families. I sat down one night with my wife a few years back and we prayed for the blessing of the Lord in our house. We had no idea what that blessing would be. My heart is overwhelmed with joy and gratitude to Pastor Roz for picking me up and helping me realize my purpose which is serving the Lord. My wife and I are also thankful for the blessing of a faithful friend and supporter in the U.S.. We have come a long way and I truly believe that when we knock, Christ opens the doors and when we ask He answers because nearly three years ago my wife and I asked the Lord for a blessing and He gave us you friends in the body of Christ. I am short of words because this has been one adventure I will always cherish and never let go. I thank the Lord for the renewed strength, peace, and joy in my house and I pray that all believers should be at peace and at rest in the Lord Jesus.

Our God is faithful and He's never abandoned us. I am almost reminded of Matt Redman's song, NEVER ONCE. Never once did we ever walk alone! That is the message I have been sharing with the old people when I meet them in the villages. The look on their faces say we were the forgotten group, the neglected bunch; we were the hungry and weary but Jesus came so that we can have a companion, a friend, a perfect solace, a wonderful home to live in, and food to feed our soul. I remember Pastor Roz teaching that sometimes she feels lonely and just wants someone to place their arms around her and give one big bear hug.

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## **REPORT ON FIRST QUARTER: FRANCIS**

### **BANDA**

The Lord our God is so wonderful and always works in mysterious ways. Looking back at the first quarter of the year 2017, we have done well with the old people's project and the ministry as well.

The Chididi church building started early this year and was completed before February Month end. It was a challenge getting all the building materials up the mountain and we ended up adding more to the budget than was planned for because of skyrocketing prices and weather conditions which lengthened the building period. However, this one strategic building has greatly influenced our ministry work in the area and beyond. We now have a venue for our Bible school and conferences that way we save money on rentals and other expenses.

We have started working on roofing churches for Pastors which is part of our agenda. We still emphasize that we are nondenominational and help to roof churches wherever we can if the pastors meet certain criteria (i.e. Polygamy and abusive leadership). Pastor Shadreck Kamchira from Nthondo Branch was the first to get the roofing materials for his church. They got iron sheets and ridges and they are currently working to get timber up the mountain on their side when the road is accessible again in few weeks from now.

We have embarked on a campaign to visit all the pastors we work with and to fellowship with one another as well as encouraging each other to be about God's business. Iron sharpens iron and for this reason we will go as far as we are called to minister and interact with people in their respective churches as that will give us an insight to what is going on at ground level as well as provide us with fresh information regarding the Old People's project and the things we need to change and add-on.

The Bible School started on a high and it's been a blast so far. I never imagined that it would get on the level of seriousness as we've reached. I thought we would have so many people shying and running away as we did the first 2 days of the Bible School but I am glad that all but one stayed. We've had to let some people go because they were in polygamy while serving the Lord. I testify that we've made great progress within 30-40 weeks with the pastors and I can see mighty trumpets of God at the end of two years who are teaching and preaching the truth of the Word in their congregations. We still have Bible School buildings and the Tengani Church building on our check list of buildings associated with the ministry, houses for the Old People, and the Chididi School (MASU MAYERA PRIMARY SCHOOL). Education is an important social institution in the entire world and it is criminal to deprive anyone the right to education as most girls are in rural Malawi. It will be a great project and the girls will have so many opportunities to excel and scholarships will be a bonus. I believe with the blessing of the Lord we can finish the major projects in the second and third quarter of the year and plan other projects to be done next year.

We have had a big water problem in Chididi and the Borehole project that's scheduled for the months of July-August will be a major breakthrough for us and a real asset for the surrounding villagers, especially the elderly.

In summary, we have had to make several changes to our distribution program and we've enjoyed some success so far with Chimombo and Marka improving in terms of the organization there. I believe we are on the right track and we will continue to sniff out the fakes from the sheep until we get to the core of the problem in these areas. We have a ministry program next week 25 kilometers from Chididi and we plan to crosscheck our list with the actual number of people present in the area.

It has been an exciting first quarter of the year and we cannot wait for more firecrackers from Malawi. We are looking forward to the crusade in September and have already began preparations for this event. We will have the crusade up at Chididi and will be bringing the church from Tengani to join with us. We also have the Bible School and the wedding of the 22 Bible School students who were only ever married under traditional ceremonies and now want to be officially married in church. We cannot wait to see a great move of God and have a wonderful time with our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

### **PETER'S REPORT cont. from page 2.....**

Maybe there are times that we all feel like that. It doesn't hurt to have a good cry about it but remember we do have the perfect solution for that kind of feeling; The Blessed Holy Spirit of God is always there with us, He is one with us, that means He is a part of us and all we need to do is tap into His heartbeat and get on his rhythm. I am very happy to testify that I have seen the hopeless rejuvenated and the weary redeemed. There has been a momentous change of attitude in the old people and it is all because of the Holy Spirit working inside them.

Our God is a God of power and He is alive and working today. He hears our prayers and He transforms us through His word. We have been teaching the elderly to pray over this nation and their families for over three years now and we've just began to see a radical and miraculous move of God in the elderly at Chididi, Tengani, and Chimombo. We have testimonies of the elderly laying hands on the sick and evangelizing their communities. There were some in our group who had never been to church before and now they are the first at the Sunday meetings, those who wouldn't utter a single word have become prayer warriors and so many are filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. Hallelujah, the power of the word of God is limitless and is always working in ways that we do not fully comprehend. Sister Penny from England once taught on intercession and the need to pray steadfastly, and I believe she's seen how the old people in Chididi have suddenly become intercessors. I am short of words when I look at the transformation process of all these people - it can only be God. It is imperative therefore that Christians all over the world should teach and encourage one another all the time so that the Word and the Spirit in us should be alive and on fire.

**PETER'S REPORT FROM PAGE 3....**

In summary, the church at Tengani keeps growing and I am privileged to be pastoring such dedicated and hungry people. We have so many young people coming to the church now that I have started a youth service and the young lead the service. We have organized a Youth Conference from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017. We are expecting to have young men and women from Chididi, Mb'ang'ombe, Tengani, Chazuka, Nthondo, and Nsanje. I am looking forward to this event you will hear all about it in my report next month. May the Almighty God Bless you all in the name of our Lord and His Blessed Holy Spirit, Amen.

Is it any wonder we love Chididi? The majesty of God!!!



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We have received the breakdown for the Tengani church which is as follows:

The building will measure 33 x 100 feet (10m x 30m).	
Bricks 80,000	\$1,000
Roofing 85 X16 ft	\$3,800
200 bags cement	\$1,700
Transport	640
Timber	\$1,400
Window frames/doors	\$1,200
Nails, mosquito netting etc	\$1,000
Contractors	<u>700</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,440</b>

We have found a vehicle in very good condition for \$3,000. Praise God!!!! Someone donated \$250 towards the roofing for Shadreck's church (last newsletter). As soon as we get the balance we will begin the roof. (UPDATE roof is on)

**BREAKDOWN OF MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR 2017**

Support for each elderly each distribution x 4	: \$20 x 420	\$8,400
Support for girls (education and clothing)	5 x 10	50
Alabaster Bible school students	10 x 25	250
Alabaster Students attending PAOC school	30 x 2	60
Support – 8 pastors (13 months)	15 x 8	120
2 pastors (13 months)	20 x 2	40
3 staff members total (13 months)		<u>570</u>
	Monthly	\$5,290
<b>Building costs for 2017:</b>		
10 houses for the elderly	\$5,000	
Upgrading pastor's homes	2,000	
Bible school dormitories	6,000	
Roofing churches (grass to corrugated iron)	2,000 four churches	
Church at Tengani	12,000	
Staff housing	30,000	