



# 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 Partners and Friends,

Even though we know that the news is extremely biased either to the left or the right, it does not matter to those who are in tune with the things of God. Surely we must be feeling that what is happening is winding down or up at an amazing rate? I am not an authority on eschatology but the Holy Spirit is able to speak to the inner man and give him the feeling of urgency. If you do not have an urgency within to evangelize then ask the Holy Spirit to give you a burden. We all need a burden to witness to those multitudes who are in the valley of decision. If we do not then we do not have the love of God within us. I have learned that this overwhelming love that flows really has little to do with my own personal feelings and emotions and everything to do with His love that is shed abroad in my heart.

I am amazed at the number of men and women who are being "evangelized/radicalized" by Islam – especially women, when the religion has absolutely no respect for women at all. Why is this happening? Because so many people have lives which are void and none of us wants to live in a vacuum. If we do not experience love we will fill our lives with hatred. If there seems to be no hope then our lives are filled with hopelessness. Ever looked into the eyes of someone with no hope? There does not appear to be hopelessness in Islam because radical Islam always has an aim and a purpose. If we do not have purpose in our lives, either purpose for good or purpose for evil then we are nothing but empty shells. *"Where there is no vision my people perish...."*

If we do not reach out to these empty, purposeless people, not only with the love of Christ but also with the POWER of the Gospel then they will seek it elsewhere. Islam gives them a sense of power but the wrong power – the power to do evil instead of the power to do good. We cannot just dismiss the devil. Yes, he was vanquished at the Cross by the Blood of Jesus but we still need the authority of Christ in our lives to be able to overcome each and every time he tries to take a stand against us. For those who have no relationship with the Lord, the devil can still be a formidable foe. As I have said before, Jesus does not

want a visitation with us He wants an habitation. He does not want to come and go, He wants to move in and make Himself the very essence of our lives.

I recently met someone who is really doing something for the Kingdom in the nations of the world. They really cannot preach but they tell stories of what God is doing in the midst of them so what makes them outstanding for the Kingdom? I realized that they exuded the love of God. It seemed to pour out of them and that is the attraction. It has nothing to do with *your* love which is, in and of itself, extremely shallow. Most times it is a case of "I'll love you if you love me." God's love knows no bounds and that is what people are drawn to.

Most of those unhappy, unfulfilled people out there with their "dead" eyes just need to experience a jolt of the love of God in order to change. That does not mean slamming them with the Word and telling them they must be Born Again but it means physically showing them that you really care. Words mean very little until you put action to them. When I put my arms around someone who has not bathed for a couple of weeks or is covered in urine or who has sores – when they have never been hugged by anyone before - and they feel His love it will change them and then they will listen to the message about being Born Again.

I know we have already written about the urgency of the times but it bears repeating. It is not just a case of straddling the fence now but more a case of one foot in the enemy camp and one foot on a banana skin. We cannot feel good because we go to church on Sunday and live like the world for the rest of the week. Whatever you do during the week you are making the Holy Spirit do it with you.

Our lives have to so line up with the Word these days so that we can be the light and the salt in a

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dark world. *Let your light so shine.....* so that man can see the good works that GOD can be glorified – not us, but God gets the glory every time.

We think that because of the reformation and the teaching that we are saved by faith and not by works that we no longer have to do works and that is completely false. Works is an extension of the Gospel so that God can be glorified. Miracles follow the preaching of the Word. They are a sign that God is who He says He is and He gets the glory. He is a God of Love and grace but He is still a jealous God. The problem is that so many have brought Him down to our level in trying to figure Him out. God is unfathomable and we can never comprehend Him so why do we even try?

Those whom we look at as being some of the greatest minds ever still acknowledge a Creator God.

Nikoli Tesla said:

“Everyone should consider his body as a priceless gift from One whom he loves above all, a marvelous work of art, of indescribable beauty, and mystery beyond human conception, and so delicate that a word, a breath, a look, nay, a thought may injure it.”

And Albert Einstein:

“As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presences of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.”

And Isaac Newton:

“Since every particle of space is *always* and every indivisible moment of duration is *everywhere*, certainly the Maker and Lord of all things cannot be *never* and *nowhere*...God is the same God, always and everywhere. He is omnipresent, not *virtually* only, but also *substantially*: for virtue cannot subsist without substance... It is allowed by all that the Supreme God exists necessarily; and by the same necessity he exists *always* and *everywhere*.....”

Let us stop bringing Him down to man’s level in order that we can explain Him and identify with Him. The only time we need to identify is when we fall on our knees and feel with Him the burden that He has for the lost and dying of this world. When we do that we will begin to see a church on the move.

I pray that it does not take persecution such as those in the Middle East to shake us out of our lethargy and that we are not as the church of Laodicea that He would spew us out of His mouth. Let us stop being too busy about our own business and start to be busy about His business.

## MALAWI

Pastor Harry Alufazema started to work as Alabaster Ministries’ local pastor at the beginning of March. It will be his responsibility to visit the elderly, pray with them and for them and get to know each and every one of them. He will work in the field for three weeks out of each month and attend Bible School for one week. On the last Sunday of each month he travels to Blantyre and spends a week there where he undergoes an intense week of training under the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, Canada. This is his report on his first week:

1. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2015, I left Tengani (in Nsanje) for my education at the Pentecostal Bible And Leadership College in Blantyre City.
2. The Director of Alabaster Ministries in Blantyre welcomed me at Blantyre Bus Depot and took me to Chilembwe Lodge where I spent a very good night. I was given an allowance of thirty thousand kwacha (US \$60) and also K10 000.00 (US \$ 25) for my college fees.
3. I started learning at the college on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have been learning at the college from the 23<sup>rd</sup> up to the 27<sup>th</sup> March. The two subjects we have been learning were as follows:
  - i. **The Epistles of Romans And Galatians:** In this subject we learned in detail how to analyze the above mentioned two books chapter by chapter. The points noted for chapter analysis during our class discussions were as follows:
    - a. Observations
    - b. Interpretation
    - c. outline
    - d. key verse and central teaching
    - e. application
  - ii. **The Church History From Pentecost To Reformation:** In this subject, we learned that church History can be divided into five main divisions namely:
    - a. The Apostolic Church (30 AD-100AD)
    - b. The Persecuted Church (100AD-313AD)
    - c. The Imperial Church (313AD-1453AD)
    - d. The Reformed Church (1453AD-1648AD)
    - e. The Modern Church (1648AD up to 2015 AD)
4. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we had an exam regarding what we had learned during the week.

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For 5 days, I was accommodated and receiving food at Henderson Street Guest House which is very close to the Pentecostal Bible and Leadership College. Accommodation and food has been very good. On the 28<sup>th</sup> I returned to Tengani.

Bible School has always been a dream for me and who would believe that I would have the opportunity to attend one when I am in my mid-sixties.

We have much home work to do during the weeks I am not in Blantyre and it would be much easier for me if I had a lap top computer so that I can do these papers and email them to the school as I complete them.

If anyone has an old lap top which is in good working order please would they donate it so that Pastor can bring it with her when she visits Malawi.

Many thanks for your support.

Pastor Alufazema

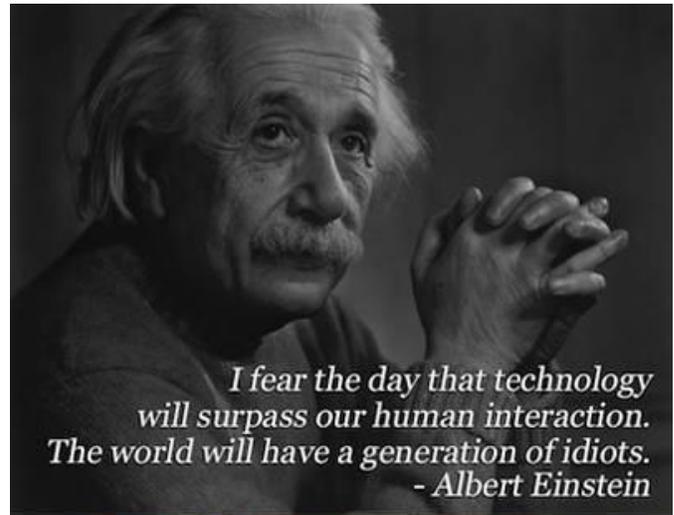
Pastor Alufazema is in the center



If anyone would like to support Pastor each month or to pay for his accommodation or his Bible School fees we would greatly appreciate it.

Support/Salary	\$60
School	\$25
Lodging	\$50

## MODERN TECHNOLOGY



I watch with amazement and sometimes even have to catch myself when I am around people today because I find those fingers tapping out a message. I had eight young ladies at my home last weekend and each in turn asked for the Wi-Fi password and proceeded to walk around the house texting. This is no longer funny - it has become a serious problem because we are no longer interacting with one another. We prefer to text than to make a phone call. We cannot communicate with one another anymore and if we cannot do that then how do we communicate with God? HELLO??? God calling His people - "I do not receive texts - I want you to communicate with Me by talking to Me!!!!!!!!!!"

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## MALAWI

I am leaving for Africa April 14<sup>th</sup>. Because of the flooding I will be meeting with local officials and traveling around to assess the damage done. This will be an expensive distribution as there are so many shortages because the crops were all washed away and this is always followed by price gouging. This practice is reprehensible but is allowed to go on everywhere in the Third world and until governments place price freezes on food and other necessary items people will always be around to make as much as they can from those who can hardly afford it.

We will be distributing maize meal, at over \$6 for 22 lbs, sugar, salt, cooking oil, soya meal, bath soap, candles and matches, IBuprofen, blankets (over \$6 each) cups and plates. We now have 450 on our lists. If each person sent \$30 there would be not only enough for each elderly person but also enough to take care of the fuel required for trucking all of the items which have to be purchased in Blantyre and trucked down to Nsanje. We complain about the price of gas here but it is almost \$5.50 per gallon over there. Please help in this worthy endeavor.

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*The greatest man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.*

**HE IS MINE AND HE CAN BE YOURS TOO!!!!  
HAPPY EASTER, IS HE COMING BACK FOR YOU?**

