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*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,  
I just returned from almost three weeks in the United Kingdom. Many of us have heard how dismal the state of the church in England is. Yes, there are cities where Islam seems to have almost taken over but wherever I went there was God's remnant and they were apparent in every denomination from Anglican to Methodist to Roman Catholic to Pentecostals and Charismatics. There are many home fellowships that are hungry for the things of God. It is these smaller groups and individuals that are going to usher in change even, and especially in those cities where many would say that there is no hope.

Our prayer for the nation must be:

"Just one more time Lord, raise up a nation of worshippers and train them in Your ways so that they may not only be a light and salt in this great Nation of the United Kingdom but that once again they would leave the shores of Great Britain and travel to the nations even as they did in centuries past to take the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. One more time Lord, use Your church in the U.K. to shake the nations for You. May there be many more Hudson Taylors, Wesleys, C.T. Studds, Whitfields, Howells, Livingstones and Slessors who are willing even to lay down their lives for You."

As I landed in London after what I would categorized as a trip from hell, I could not help but notice the multitudes of BA planes and it made me think of just how powerful a nation can be when they are following the ways of God. Such a small nation and yet at one time it was said of them, "The sun never sets upon the British Empire." Even better for any nation...."The SON never sets...." There were two great periods in history which ushered in glory for the British Empire and they were also periods when the Gospel was sent forth from her shores. First was under Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> who truly was Defender of the Faith. She lived through the reign of "Bloody" Mary when so many of the "new" faith were persecuted and murdered for their faith. She never gave up her faith even though she was in constant danger and one of her major disagreements with the Roman church was transubstantiation. Many of those sailors and explorers that fought the Spanish took the Gospel to the foreign fields and this ushered in what is called the "Golden Age." The second great period was during the reign of Queen Victoria when many of those amazing 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century missionaries sailed from all walks of life including

some of the great universities of the U.K. They traveled to all nations of the world and lived there under some of the worst conditions imaginable but they stayed and identified with those to whom they were preaching the Gospel.

The same can be said of the United States. Just as we can cry out for the U.K. so we can pray the same for this nation. The U.S. has the same legacy and it is time for the remnant to rise up one more time and be the church of the living God, full of His power and authority. We can be full of His glory and full of His Word (Jesus the Christ) so that He can use us one more time here and in the nations of the earth. Age is not a consideration. I have 400 elderly in Malawi who are evangelizing their Jerusalem and Judea and who are changing their nation by prayer and intercession. That is a force to be reckoned with and God keeps them so that they can leave a legacy when they finally go to be with Him.

If you are part of a home group or small church it is not the numbers that matter but the relationship each of you has with the Lord. I had some friends many years ago and we worked closely in the Kingdom. Due to outside influence that friendship was seriously damaged and that was my fault for assuming that what I had heard from the outside influence was automatically true. Many years later I realized the outside influence was incorrect and I have had to travel around repenting and "mending bridges." During this I have realized that even though repenting is the right thing, what is just as important is rebuilding relationship. In all case but one so far this has been successful. God does not want association but He wants an intimate relationship and He wants the same for His Church - relationship one with another. When we finally have this we can operate in the unity of the Spirit. It is so much easier when the group is smaller rather than a 30,000 member church and I am not saying that God cannot move in such a

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Church. When we are in one accord we are able to pray and intercede in one accord. I was able to be part of a prayer group just outside Bristol one evening and even after the meeting ended no-one wanted to go home. People built on each other's prayers and it was a powerful time ending with the satisfaction that whatever had been prayed had made its way into the Throne Room.

When we are in relationship we can sit and discuss the Holy Scriptures and realize afterwards that iron truly sharpens iron and often makes scripture come alive as the Holy Spirit opens up and reveals the truth of the Word.

It was wonderful to see friends and spend time with them all. I was able to minister in some churches and home groups and it has opened some new doors for next year.

God is not finished with any of us until we are soaring on our way to heaven. I do believe that time is short. While I was in the U.K. Parliament voted unanimously to recognize Palestine as a state 274-12. *"That this House believes that the Government should recognize the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel as a contribution to securing a negotiated two-state solution."* This is the start of nations turning against Israel. It is time for us to realize that the political conquest of wicked men cannot prevent the work of God. We are the hands, the feet, the eyes, ears and the heartbeat of God on this earth. When we have relationship with one another and all of us are in relationship with the Lord what a mighty army He will have on this earth. Let us set aside all our pettiness and truly make things right with one another so we can be part of invincible army of the Lord. When our relationship with the Lord is right then our relationship with one another should be right.

A photo taken with friends at Bude, Cornwall. I was born in Cornwall went to Rhodesia/Zimbabwe when I was six weeks and now live in the United States and work in Malawi. I have an affiliation with numerous nations BUT my home and allegiance is to the Kingdom of God.



## MALAWI

We have started to build on our land in Tengani. How exciting is this????



This is the storeroom where we will keep all of the building materials for the center. Depending on funding we are praying that this will not be a long process. We are looking at approximately \$200,000 to complete everything. It will be so good to start a church in the area and have our own Pastor to oversee the "Grey Hairs" and young girls. His will be the first cottage we build – a three or four room cottage. Our home will also be built in the same area and will be a comfortable place for the team and any guests who want to come at any time to minister.

We have already planted trees which are fast growing and will supply plenty of shade and we already have one well on site and will put in another. I am still looking at solar for our daily power as even though there is "city" power across the road from our site it is always very erratic and you can never be sure when there is going to be any. It is paramount that we have air conditioning in the house if we are to spend long periods of time there, especially in the summer. If any of you are able to make suggestions regarding this please let us know. Temperatures are well over 100 and humidity over 80% in the summer and even winters are excessively warm.

Please keep this project in prayer. It would be wonderful if all of the finances materialized at one time and I am not saying that God cannot do it. As long as I have worked in missions, finances have always come in piecemeal. As long as this is God's project then He will be the supply and He does it through His people.

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## TRIP TO MALAWI

I am leaving for Malawi November 25<sup>th</sup> and will be there until December 20<sup>th</sup> when I will travel on to Zimbabwe to spend Christmas with my family. It will be their first Christmas without Dad. I also have an opportunity to minister in Zimbabwe for a few days and am looking forward to that.

As usual we will spend my first few days there purchasing all the items for distribution. This trip we will be distributing shirts for the men and T shirts and wrap around skirts for the women. They will also get Ibuprofen, beans and corn meal, Vaseline, candles and matches, bath soap and washing soap. I purchased all of the shirts here on sale and saved about \$3 on each shirt – new as opposed to second hand. That makes three suitcases and I am believing that the airline will take all three without my having to pay additional baggage. It is a good thing that I keep clothing in Malawi because the only piece I ever carry with personal effects is my hand luggage.

This trip, we are planning on purchasing a 2.5 liter cooking pot for each. We looked into purchasing from the stores but they will not hold up in the rural areas where they are placed directly over the fire and they are cleaned out with sand and water. Linda, who is always resourceful went to a market where they make pots and has ordered 400. She collected the first 50 today and I told her to check them all and make sure they do not leak.



The “Grey Hairs” have long been asking for pots so this will be an incredible blessing for them. Wait for it.... These cost us \$1.50 each so if you would like to donate towards some pots your donation will be gratefully accepted. \$600 will purchase all of the pots. The Corn meal will cost us \$3 per 10 KG bag and is often the most expensive item which is very sad considering that this is their staple food. \$1,200 The total cost of items for distribution for one person will be \$25 which will include all the fuel it will take getting the supplies to the various villages. This will be a wonderful Christmas gift for each of them along with the Gospel teaching and I want to celebrate Breaking Bread at each village this trip. Like the West, Communion is too seldom celebrated.

Added to ministry of the Word, I want to show the Jesus film at each village in the evening.

I have never shown them the Jesus film but it is an incredible tool. Because they have never seen a film or television they believe the characters to be real and when Jesus is crucified they begin to weep and moan. You can imagine how they behave at the resurrection.

Instead of staying in the lodge this trip we will spend each night in the village so that we can show the film each evening. That means lots of mosquito spray as it is the summer there. Please pray for our trip – that the Lord would move in a powerful way. We are believing that school will be out so that we have the opportunity to minister to the youth and children as well as the “Grey Hairs.” The young people will also attend the film and many of them need Jesus. May His Holy Spirit seek them out so they are ready to receive. There is so much rebellion amongst them and only He can change it



My Packed Suitcases and another one to go

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**REPORT ON ISIS**

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has sent Iraqi Peshmerga an ominous message that the militants will forcibly marry any female member of the Kurdish militia they manage to capture, the Daily Mail newspaper **reported** on Wednesday.

The British daily quoted Col. Nahida Ahmad Rashid, the C.O. of the 2nd Battalion Peshmerga Female, as saying the Islamist militants even plan to marry women they are "disgusted" by.

"The message said that whenever they catch any Peshmerga women, they will marry them," the C.O. explained.

"Even if they are disgusted by her, they will marry her," she said. "Even if they don't want to use them. Still, marriage."

But the female Peshmerga, Rashid said, were not moved by the warnings and have other plans. The colonel said she has asked fighters to keep a spare bullet in hand in case of capture.

"I have told all my frontline soldiers to keep one bullet in their pocket in case they are captured," she said. "I never want any of them to be captured by ISIS."

Female Peshmerga fighters have not needed to use their spare bullets so far, Rashid said. However, she said that other PKK [Kurdistan Worker's Party] soldiers battling in the Syrian town of Kobane have resorted to the option.

"Last week, one of the PKK fighters found herself alone and surrounded by ISIS after all her friends had been killed. She shot herself rather than let them take her," she said.

The colonel vowed to continue the fight against ISIS until the end.



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"It is a huge tragedy for me to see humans, in the 21st Century, torturing and beheading people like ISIS do," she said. "Until the day I die, until the last drop of my blood, I will fight ISIS. I find them indescribably disgusting. How would you feel if it was women living near you who were being married off by force by ISIS? They are doing the most disgusting things I have ever seen in my life," she said.

Rashid derided ISIS as "hypocrites," noting reports that the militants feared being killed by female fighters.

"They think if they are killed by women Peshmergas, they aren't going to go to heaven."

"They want to make us submissive but they are afraid of us so they are real hypocrites."

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Islam has absolutely no respect for anyone – man, child and even more, women – no respect for human life. It is a religion that still practices slavery. They are the great false religion from which comes the false prophet of Revelation.

