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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 Friends,

As you saw from the September newsletter, the Malawi trip was extremely successful.

There is no doubt that five years of input of the Word and the love and care of the elderly has changed lives significantly. They realize that they are no longer destitute and forgotten and that, because of your wonderful support and prayers we have always accomplished what we said we would.

As the righteousness of God has been preached and taught the "cotton candies" have become a light in their villages and areas. Their villages are now becoming a praise even as God promised that Jerusalem would become a praise in the nations, especially in the mountain area of Chadidi. As I shared before, people are beginning to notice that there is a Chadidi, the road is being built, and people are beginning to invest.

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isaiah 62:1-7

As the "cotton candies" have been exposed to the Word so their lives have been changed to radiate His glory. As they have begun to "work" the Word in their lives their flawed characters are beginning to change to line up with His wonderful character – love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. These are the gifts of the Holy Spirit but

also the character of God. If Africa is to change then it is time for them to put aside their culture and adopt the character of God. That goes without saying that it applies to all of us.

We are so concerned about our culture but in eternity there will be only one culture and that will be God's. We are merely passing through earth. Our allegiance is to a higher power than anything on or in this earth. I am not saying that we should not abide by the laws of the nations in which we live as long as those laws do not contradict the laws of God.

The United States has come to a serious cross roads and we had better be very careful how we vote in these elections. This is just as it was with Great Britain earlier in the year with Britex. God is saying to both great nations, "One more time, I am giving you one more time!" World economies are crashing and it is time to really learn to put faith into action. The eighties and nineties was a time of intense teaching on faith, "the faith movement." How many of us could talk the talk but never really walked it out? Now is the time to put some of that teaching into action and I am not referring to "name it and claim it."

Everyone says that sin has become more abundant, especially in the area of sexual sin. That is because the battleground for the hearts of man is coming closer and closer to earth. As the war rages in the heavenlies it is pushing the demonic closer to earth and for those who are not sealed by the Blood of Christ it makes things more difficult to avoid the traps of the evil one. Yes sin has always been around and yes, much of what we see and hear of today was around decades ago and we did not hear about it as much because people did not talk about it BUT because it is now being promoted and excused I believe it is on the increase. It is rampant even in the church and we need to surrender our lives totally to Jesus and make Him not just our Savior but also our Lord. I want to be a royal diadem in the hand of my God and I want Him to delight in me. I am no longer forsaken but I belong – how about you?

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RELATIONSHIP

I recently saw this posted on facebook by a good friend of mine:
REMEMBER: When Christianity began in Jerusalem, it was based on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When it went to Athens, it became a philosophy. When it went to Rome, it became a religion. When it went to Europe, it became a culture. When it went to America it became big business. When it came to Africa, it became a joke, because here we have so called preachers giving people grass to eat, petrol to drink, snakes to kiss and standing on people to preach.

God's original intent was to have a relationship with Christ. The present church has moved away from the original intent, because the intention of the hearts of leaders is selfish gain, instead of selfless service to God. God have mercy!

Abel Govender, South Africa. He is a South African of Indian descent.

I am amazed at what is happening in many African nations at present. The latest fad is to be a prophet with multiple demonic signs and wonders that you have to pay to see. There is one prophet in Zimbabwe who is building a 14 bedroomed house. People are flocking to his meetings. In Malawi there are numerous prophets who use witchcraft to work their "magic." People are so hungry for something new and spectacular in their lives they are prepared to trade the real for the profane. AND it is not only happening in Africa but it also happens in the West. The Bible says in Matthew 16:4 *"It is a wicked and adulterous generation that seeketh after a sign..."*

The religious people of the day were asking for a sign when all they had to do was following Jesus around as He was preaching and as people were being healed. The spirit of truth will always point towards Jesus and not towards any man.

1 Jn 4:1 *"Beloved, do not believe every spirit but test the spirits, whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."*

The purpose of signs and wonders is to glorify Jesus and bring mankind into the Kingdom of God. Today in many cases it is man that gets the glory and too few point it in God's direction.

The devil is very capable of "signs and wonders" such as the witchdoctors of pharaoh turning their sticks into snakes or Simon doing sorcery (witchcraft).



HYENAS

Hyenas in Africa are considered the "scum" of the animal world. They only prey on that which is much weaker than them despite the face they can bite through the thighbone of a fully grown man because their jaws are so strong. They always appear to be cowering because of the way they were created with their back legs shorter than those in the front.



In the area in which Alabaster operates, culture allows for young girls first entering "womanhood" to be initiated into what they call sexual cleansing as early as 12 years old. Some are then sold off as prostitutes or into early child marriage to some man who already may have three or four wives. The men who carry out this ritual are paid by parents or care givers to carry this out and they are nick-named "hyenas." A very fitting name for such men!

Just recently one was arrested after the BBC news carried an article about him but the authorities state that there are at least eight others operating in the area which carries the highest HIV/Aids rate in the country.

This is why we run a program for young girls to stay in school and get an education. If they are being educated there is less likelihood of them being sold into prostitution because they will be more valuable with an education once they graduate. Part of the program is to ensure that they attend church as well so that they realize for themselves that they are valuable in the sight of God. Once they are educated and can take care of themselves, they will not have to subject themselves to early marriage or prostitution. When we begin to train church women to sew or even to do carpentry, they can train the girls.

KING CYRUS

The American people have spoken! All we hear is that the mainstream media have got it so wrong.... The polls have got it so wrong! The world always forgets to figure God into the equation. No matter what the world believes or does not believe about God, HE IS STILL ON THE THRONE AND STILL IN CONTROL.

When President Obama took office for the first time I remember doing the editorial for Shekinah Ministries stating that this nation had called for a king and they got their Saul. After eight years of Saul America is tired and God said it is time for change. It is time for change because God wants someone He can work through. Read Isaiah 45 because the whole chapter applies.

Verse 13 *"I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city and he shall let go my captives, not for price or reward, saith the Lord of hosts."*

If you follow every election for the past ten years the American people have been asking for change and no one in the established political circles has been listening.

God has and always will have a divine appointment for His people. It does not matter if his Bride is small groups of people scattered in home groups or small churches, He has never been one to count heads because He wants a people who are totally sold out to Him and to His vision which will give glory to Him and Him alone. He is the one that will set the crooked road straight and lead us through the difficult times of trouble to righteousness.

God has and always will have a leader and we will have a new leader anointed by God in the White House in 2017. It is our responsibility to keep him in prayer. It is always our responsibility to keep our leadership in prayer whether we agree or disagree with them. We do not have to agree with their policies and if they do not line up with the Word of God then we DEFINITELY do not need to support them but we do have to pray for them.

For all those talking about emigrating, please go quickly because you are just standing in the way of what God wants to do.

ALABASTER U.K.

Lying direct from Malawi, Roz visited us for a week here in Cornwall, U.K. It was wonderful to hear all the exciting news from Nsanje and Chididi.

Roz is an inspiring speaker. Six meetings were arranged and Roz was received very favorably in them all. Her passion, love and joy in the Lord shone through. Numbers were moved to connect themselves with the ministry by signing up for newsletters, by donations and one or two made preliminary enquiries about the possibility of visiting the ministry in Malawi.

Confessing her dislike of elderly people actually won many over as she went on to explain the tremendous love the Lord has given her for the elderly in Southern Malawi. After her talk at one venue, before sitting down, she went straight to an elderly couple in the front row. She put her arms around the lady and whispered some words. That couple are in their 90's and came to chat with her afterwards.

To hear how the Malawians are so open to the Gospel and the teaching of the Word was perhaps a bit of a shock and challenge to some audiences – particularly when Roz told how the elderly themselves were now evangelizing.

In another place, a song written by the praise and worship leader based on Isaiah 6, "Here I am Lord, send me," prompted Roz to have an altar call before the preaching of the Word, for those who felt they had a missions call upon their lives, even if it was to our own neighborhood and nation. Wow! What an amazing response! A large number of people came forward from the young to those in their 70's. Roz prayed for every single one with clearly different words from the Lord for most of them. It was an amazing meeting and more than surprised the leaders there.

There were audible intakes of breath when Roz related how some elderly Malawian people have no choice but to sleep under trees or in a latrine. And greater shock still at hearing about the Malawian cultural treatment of young girls. People delighted in learning about the building of small houses for the needy elderly and also new support opportunities to provide schooling for young girls to protect them from cultural exploitation.

We are now U.K. administrators for Alabaster Ministries. We are thrilled with the response to Roz' visit and look forward to being able to build on this base.... and of course we look forward to Roz' next visit. The Lord is truly moving again in the U.K. Hallelujah.



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WINDOW FRAMES FOR CHIDIDI CHURCH

CHURCH AT CHIDIDI

We are looking at a completion date for the church at Chididi as being just before Christmas. These are the window frames for the church. There will be no glass window panes but these frames will be covered by mosquito netting and will also serve as burglar bars. This was the idea of our Malawi staff who worked with the welder at the farm of my friends and supporters, Julie and Oresti Yiannakis.

I am so very proud of my young staff who definitely do not regard their work as a job but look at it as a calling. They are always willing to go the extra mile and to work when others have gone home or gone to bed. If there is a job to be done they stay the course until it is accomplished. Thank you Francis, Peter and Solomon.

What a wonderful Christmas gift to these mountain people who lost their church building because they chose to support Alabaster even though they built it on their land and paid for all except the roof.

The rains have begun thank God but it is nice to be able to worship in a building instead of getting wet under the trees.



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DORMITORIES

Once the church has been completed, we will begin to build the dormitories for the Bible School. Initially we thought to build on the land at Tengani in the Lower Shire valley but because many of our pastors walk such vast distances to come to the school we can hardly expect them to walk the extra 20 miles to Tengani. Please pray with us that the land we need will easily be procured in the next couple of weeks so that we can begin building as soon as the church is completed.

We will need eight rooms big enough to hold two bunk beds and three rooms for the staff. We will also require showers and toilets along with a dining room which can double as the school room.

Already God has stretched us and seems to have made the vision larger as initially we were looking at four rooms for pastors.

As long as He is in control and it is His vision then He will be our source and supply so a great many thanks to all those who have felt His urging to give into this work. Sometimes it seems as if there is a hole that never ends but this trip I really saw results as the precious Holy Spirit has been gently leading His "cotton candies" to do something with what He has given them through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus.