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# UPDATE

Dearest Friends,

You would think after decades in missions work and in the ministry faith, especially for finances, would be a natural. Ha, Ha! If I learned one important thing during my last trip it was how to operate in the faith. I have always waited until the finances came before I went ahead with a project. God is so amazing and when He gives us something to do, He wants us to step out and begin doing it and as we go, He supplies. I do not believe that Ministries should operate in debt.

Before I went to Africa, I told my staff to look for a truck. I had \$5,000 and knew it would cost at least \$14,000. Three days before I left, I had a young family from out of town over for dinner. I had been in Iowa and arrived home an hour before they were due to come for dinner. We had a wonderful evening and after they left, I went to clean the table. There was a piece of paper on it and I was about to throw it in the trash and realized it was a check. God's arithmetic is always spot on. When I got to Africa the truck was there, but they wanted \$2,000 more than was in God's budget. I offered them brand new \$100 bills which no-one in Africa will turn down, so they dropped the price to God's budget. Because we have so many women, we need a dormitory for them. I purchased much of the

Cement and lime that was needed to rebuild an existing house and told them to go ahead with the renovations. Someone donated toward that and we now have a comfortable place for the ladies when they attend the Bible School. God is faithful and when He directs, we need to step out in faith.



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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 PASTOR PETER –**

I greet you in the wonderful name of Our Lord Jesus and pray that this finds you well. The Lord has been good to my family and He keeps taking us from glory to glory. History teaches us of great fits of ingenuity by great minds long gone and today we see many other things going on around the world; be it good or bad. They all start with a choice someone made to leave their mark on this world or be the yolk that wears it down.

The Lord our God wonderfully and fearfully made us in His likeness, gave us a sound mind and all the things we could ever ask for and above all, He gave us the free will that we enjoy. We are free to make our own choices and endure the outcomes of the choices we make thereafter. The choices parents make in a home determines their family life, the choices politicians make affects the entire world in some way, our own choices may sometimes determine our character, and so we see that we cannot do without choice in our daily endeavors.

We had a three-day prayer meeting at Tengani with friends from 22 other churches and the word choice did resonate in all the teachings. The Lord says, *"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before your life and death, blessings and a curse. Now chose life so that you and your children may live"* Deut 30:19-20." We know the Lord has the ability to operate in whatever manner He wishes, yet in all His might and glory decided to give us the freedom to forgo one in thing in favor of whatever next best alternative we see fit. With the freedom we have we must remember that there are ways that may seem right in the eyes but the wages of which are death lest we lose our way and be crushed by the Rock of all Ages.

My church at Tengani keeps growing and I thank you my dearly beloved friends for all your prayers. I believe there is still a lot of work to be done with emphasis on the youth in the effort of raising up a generation that is upright in the sight of the Lord and dignified before the world. I have a small group of young men in my church who are going out to lead by example in the villages. They have become a great testimony for our church and beacon of light for their peers who are struggling with the things of this world.

We are pleased to report that the first stage on the Tengani church building is complete, we will now be looking to finish with the roofing and wall finishing touches soon. We are grateful to the Lord for this undertaking and we thank you our dearly beloved for your provisions which will greatly contribute towards enriching spiritual lives.

We have lost one of the ladies who was cooking for the elderly during distributions and at prayer meetings. We were together at the crusade and a week later Francis and I visited her at her house. She came to church on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, had fun singing praise songs and dancing with her husband, after which she went to teach the youth on the importance of prayer. We were all stunned to hear that she had passed on a literally two hours after the service.



LOVENESS KENALA – Thank you for your faithfulness towards this ministry

On page one is the Tengani church. Earlier in the year it was blown over by a tornado in a freak storm. We now have built it with double bricks and as soon as the finances come in it will be roofed and they will be able to use it. We need another \$3,000 for timber and for the corrugated iron sheets.

Pastor Peter and his wife have faithfully grown their church even though they have had to meet outside in all weather. It was shocking to see the walls laying flat on the ground after the storm in February but so exciting to see the walls are ready for struts and roofing. The timber for the struts must come from Blantyre as timber locally is much thinner and still damp. It certainly will not hold up to the winds that sometimes blow in Tengani. The corrugated roofing also must be brought in from Blantyre as it is the only place we can get the thicker iron – there is nothing available locally.

We plan to hold the official opening February 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be much rejoicing in the whole area.

This will be a beacon in an area that is steeped in witchcraft and superstition and already things are changing because of the teaching of the Gospel which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

**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.

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## REPORT FROM PASTOR FRANCIS

We send you greetings from the Alabaster family in the Warm heart of Africa and pray that you are all well. We have an urgent call for prayer following the recent wave of violent attacks on civilians and the armed forces in Malawi. There has been a rise in violent attacks from overzealous factions in the country following the ongoing protest against the election results in May. Conflict between armed police and civilians has been the order of the day and at times the army has had to step into calm hostilities on both sides. However, it is the recent attacks on police and in some cases, people posing as the police which has resulted in the loss of life and severe injuries suffered, coupled with shocking loss of property. We pray that the Lord intervenes in this predicament so that this peaceful nation may once again celebrate the love that makes us the Warm Heart of Africa. We would also like to pray for neighboring Mozambique who are about to have elections of their own with respect to the hostilities between the FRELIMO and RENAMO parties who have been at war for a long time. We praise the Lord that the church building at Tengani is nearly complete, soon we will be putting the roof on finish up on the flooring and plaster. We thank you for your faithfulness and perpetual support. We are grateful to the Lord for making Tengani Church a beacon of light and a pillar of hope in the area especially under the leadership of Pastor Peter Kankoche. It is not common that local leaders, especially the chiefs are found in church but because Pastor Kankoche is such a humble soul the Lord is using him in an amazing way so much that there are 4 major chiefs in his church. It is true the Lord blesses a nation or a family because of their leader. God blessed Israel because of one man who was after God's own heart, the Lord blesses a family because of a prayerful father, and so it is true with a God-fearing administration in any organization. May the Lord continue to use Peter to achieve his purpose at Tengani and beyond.

Alabaster ministries held another bible school class in Chididi from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. The courses were run in an intensive manner and we are pleased to report that all students in attendance participated and performed well. We took Laston Joseph with us to go and minister to Nkopola, 20 kilometers south of Chididi. They performed well and we have faith the young team will go on to assist the graduates from last year after their graduation.



Laston Joseph with his children's church at Nkopola



The church at Nkopola which has just been built. It needs to have the walls plastered and iron sheeting to replace the thatch.



This is the inside of Pastor Notice Peter's Church in remote Malawi and on the border with Mozambique. We were a team of five (including Laston Joseph) and stayed with Pastor Notice for two days before we made our way back to Chididi.



Supplies for the Bible School alone. When we do the distribution we purchase as many, if not more for the lunch we supply the elderly in addition to the goodie bags we hand them at the end of the day

## REPORT FROM PASTOR SHADRECK

I am ever grateful to the Lord for the privilege he has given me to preach and teach His word to the world. I am overjoyed and I thank Him for the grace that He has for His people. The Lord has been truly faithful to me and my family and I just want to praise Him for his wonderful provisions. I thank the Lord for positioning you, my dearly beloved in the body of Christ, in my life and I would like to say thank you for all your prayers and support.

September was a busy month for my church and myself as I had to discharge my duties as chaplain to the elderly as well as organize my church to participate in the crusade that took place at Tengani on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. It was wonderful to come together with my brothers and sisters from all walks of life and far off places to witness to one another as well as fellowship together by the breaking of bread. We had lengthy discussions on how we can grow and look after our churches but far more important was the opportunity to listen to all the teaching. We have been truly blessed at the crusade and we are looking forward to more such events which strengthens our bond as well as edify our souls.

We are fast approaching the rainy season again and everyone has taken to their fields. We are praying for a favorable gentle rain and praying that you help us in prayer that the Lord grants us favor in this our strong wind and flood prone region. I have faith that the Lord will never abandon His remnant and thus I keep praying for a change in the rain patterns here. My church is helping some of the elderly in their gardens because it is hard work tilling the ground which isn't suitable for the elderly, but they are being forced to work because most of them do not have anyone to help them.

In summary I would like to ask you our dearly beloved to keep us in your prayers. Our nation is still reeling from post-election differences and neiahborina Mozambique is about to hold their general elections. Cont. below.....

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## REPORT FROM SHADRECK cont.

All who live on the borderline with Mozambique can bear witness to the tension that's building up on both sides with the two leading parties already planning to fight each other. We pray that there should be lasting solutions to the chaos in Malawi and lasting peace in Mozambique. May the Grace and Peace of the Lord be with you always, Amen.

Shadreck once again taught at this past Bible School. It is very exciting to see how the graduates from the last Bible School have grown and progressed in the things of the Lord. Even if we had a 10% success rate, I would still consider everything worthwhile, but the rate has been far higher than that. Churches are growing rapidly and every area in which we have churches are also changing because of the Gospel message.

**TRUCK:** Thanks to some very dear friends we were finally able to purchase our truck. It is going to take so much pressure off building projects and distribution and means we will no longer have to pay exorbitant prices to hire a truck. It is a five-ton Mitsubishi with an extra-long wheelbase. We had the mechanic drive it and go over everything and he said it was a "steal." We also found parts for our Nissan which broke down on my last trip and that will be in great working order by the time I return in the New Year.

