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UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I just got back from a wonderful trip. The weather was perfect and there were very few mosquitoes. No broken bones this trip either and nor did we hit any cows.

The Bible school ran smoothly even with an extreme shortage of water. Evenings as always were an exciting time in the Lord and everyone had their opportunity to minister. There is such a marked change in all of them especially the women and it seems that those who were the shyest have blossomed as the Holy Spirit has taken over in their lives. We are very encouraged and look forward to our next intake, many of whom have already included themselves in the last couple of sessions. Our new class will consist of men and women who are much younger in age.

The elderly, as always, were excited and I had the opportunity to share on Romans 8:1. KJV "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." I know that there is some talk about part (b) of the verse being added to the KJV and it is omitted in many of the more modern translations, BUT, reading on in verse 4 all translations say the following: "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

It is the precious Holy Spirit who brings conviction. He will speak to our spirit before we ever do something wrong. If our flesh rises up and we err it gives the devil license to condemn us.

God says that He has forgiven our sin as far as the East from the West (eternity) AND that He has forgotten it. We, however do not and the devil loves to keep brings things back to remembrance. I showed the elderly an example of going to the Cross and leaving all our burdens and cares at the foot and I danced away saying how free and light I felt. Then wily satan starts to whisper into your ear condemning you with his "remember when's." If you listen, you go back to the Cross and pick up all the trash you left there and once again you become heavy and burdened.

I know that the Bible says Jesus died for our sins, past, present and future but I believe that we do have to repent. True repentance leads a person to say, "I have sinned" and prove it with a 180-degree change of their direction. Repentance requires true brokenness. Repentance is NOT asking the Lord for forgiveness with the intent to sin again. Repentance is an honest, remorseful acknowledgement of sin with promise to change. Repentance leads us to promote godliness while eliminating behaviors that lead into sin.

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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."

Letters from the Bible School



My life here has been completely turned up-side-down since I started attending the Bible School. It is amazing the things that the Lord does when He gets a hold of you and you are willing to be used of Him in true obedience.

I used to go up into the forest to cut timber for charcoal to earn money. One day I got badly injured. My "friends" ran away and left me there to be eaten by hyenas. I was unconscious but fortunately my father and cousin came looking for me. They made a stretcher and we made the long, agonizing journey of 4 miles to home. When I regained consciousness, I knew it was because of the prayers of my family and the church. The Bible School has been a life changing experience for me. I pray for the leadership of the ministry to continue with the vision God has given you. I pray that many others whose lives were like mine may have a second chance. I am grateful for this opportunity to learn and hope to grow in the things of God even after I graduate under the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

Joel Kankoché

I would like to thank Alabaster Ministries for allowing me to be a member of the family even though I was under another ministry at the time you adopted me into your family. I am very short on words and cannot express myself enough in thanking you. It comes from deep down in my heart. I have been blessed beyond measure this year because of the Bible School. I am learning so much and my spiritual life has grown and been enriched so much that my church and family have been blessed too.

The teachings at the School have transformed me and my wife. They have changed Chididi and I cannot wait for the rest of Nsanje district to be blessed by those who graduate.

My wife is thanking you for the new blouse you gave her. I would like to say thank you for all the things you do for us.

Dykes Nyakamera



Receive my greetings. I am your child (Ed note: he is 74 years old) and as your child I am so happy and thankful because of our Bible School. We have benefited so much from this School.

In the latest school, Solomon taught on the Holy Spirit very well and I have learned so much that I will be able to teach others. Peter, my son, dealt with the nature of man and the qualities of a pastor which is what we needed to hear especially since so many pastors in the area are in adultery and incest.

I would like to thank Alabaster for teaching on how to run effective Children's churches. This is very rare in rural Malawi but should be one of the most important things in any church.

May the almighty God bless you as you continue with the work here.

Jennerford Kankoché



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 FRANCIS

Please receive warm greetings from all of us in the Warm Heart of Africa. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord is keeping you well just as He has been overly faithful to us. We thank the Lord for answering our prayers in bringing pastor Roz safely back to Malawi and covering her throughout the time she was here. We would like to extend our gratitude to her family who sent her to Africa with their blessing and may the Lord bless them always.

October is usually unbelievably hot and not very conducive for the rigorous work of distribution, but we enjoyed cool temperatures courtesy of some early rains. We enjoyed our fellowship and the breaking of bread with the rest of our old people's groups. We are sorry to report that three of our friends have passed on to be with the Lord. We will surely miss them at our meetings. We will forever cherish their memory. I am pleased to report that most of our areas of outreach have some food reserves which will sustain them to December this year whereas a select few will struggle and might have to outsource corn from neighboring Mozambique if nothing is done by the government to remedy the situation. We pray that since the rains have already started it will continue throughout the farming season to deal with the question of drought and food shortages in the region for 2019.

Looking back at how the work is progressed this year, we cannot help but applaud our team of chaplains for the strides they have taken in traveling long distances to witness to the elderly in the comfort of their homes; and to you our faithful compatriots who continue to reach out and touch our lives in Malawi through your sacrificial giving. We have several pressing programs. Resolving the water challenge in Chididi by drilling a borehole is the first. A second hand 5-ton truck to haul not only distribution supplies but also building supplies is another as we are paying precious finances to rent these vehicles. Building the church at Tengani because the congregation is growing so fast and the rains have started, as well as building a home for 78-year-old Sevilla and 80-year-old Aluvanasi. We pray that one day soon the Lord will answer our prayers. We are truly thankful to you for the distribution that was recently been carried out, and to the Yiannakis family for all their help and for letting us rent their truck. We would not be able to operate without them. May the blessings and grace of our Lord be with you always, Amen.

REPORT FROM ERIC

I would like to thank the Lord for giving me an opportunity to expand my foundations from pastoring my home church to ministering unto the elderly. The time has come for the body of Christ to wake up to the tragedy at hand. The field is really large but the laborers there are very little. There is a lot of work to be done in the world and I am more than ready to go and do my part in it. I would like to thank the Almighty God for positioning this ministry in this part of Nsanje where it is needed and has touched so many lives. There is nothing more gratifying than knowing that the work you are doing bears fruit and not just any fruit but lasting fruit that makes a big difference in someone else's life. Such is the testimony that the Lord wants His lively stones to leave here on earth. My heart is moved and a special vote of thanks goes to everyone of our dearly beloved supporters out there because your sacrifices go a long way in changing someone's life in this part of the world. May the Almighty God Continue blessing and rewarding you abundantly, Amen.

Picture right : Pastor Eric ministering to the elderly in Marka, Nsanje

REPORT FROM PETER

Most of you are aware that we have just completed our last distribution campaign of this year 2018. It was great to see so many familiar faces coming together to fellowship with Pastor Roz. We are grateful to the Lord because when we prayed that He should touch her limbs and strengthen her bones so as to be able to endure the rigors of the trip to Africa, He came through for us. Our God is faithful, and His timing is always, always perfect.

It is the duty and the tradition of all peoples to take care of its elderly population at all costs. The west has several avenues they employ such as good pension schemes and Medicare whereas in the third world the norm is that the community usually assumes the mantle. For instance, in a situation where an elderly person needs a new mud hut or work on their field, the village chief gathers up volunteers from the village to help, but the custom has stopped because the young have moved to the cities. Sevilla Chiyembekezo is one of our elderly who has had to endure hardship on her own for quite a long time now. She's physically challenged from Leprosy which has left her unable to use her hands and has made it extremely difficult to walk long distances. We have been experiencing very strong winds in our area and as a result the roof on her hut was blown away. She followed the old tradition of appealing to the chief for assistance and when the church saw that she was not attended to, we decided to buy a plastic roll and grass to rethatch her house to prevent it from leaking when the rains come. We are grateful to the Lord for Sevilla, she's been a blessing to my church and the community.



Sevilla is 78 years and suffered from leprosy. Yes, leprosy still exists in the world today. She is second from the left and you will notice that she has no toes on her feet.



REPORT FROM SHADRECK

I would like to thank the leadership of this ministry for introducing the Bible School in Chididi. My role as chaplain to the elderly is very important but it would have been very challenging if I didn't have everything I needed to fulfil my duties. The Bible School has been a great help and I pray that this program should reach out to more in Chididi so that we can transform the area from within.

I had a bible study with the Nyakamela village elderly group on the 22nd of September and we read from the similitudes of Jesus Christ in Mathew 5:13. The Lord makes it clear that we are the salt of the earth. Mankind was in sin, ignorance, and all manner of perversion; we were a putrid 'heap' ready to be turned into red hot coals in the great fiery furnace until Christ came. He sent His disciples into the world to teach doctrine so that people should experience deliverance, hope, faith, knowledge, grace, and life.

The Lord set a standard which we have to follow. The problem today is that most people in the church have stopped living and are

barely existing spiritually, chocked up by the materialism and principalities of this world. The Lord made us in His likeness and gave us dominion over all there is in this world. If we are not as we ought to be, but are merely existing and not living the kingdom life then we are the salt that has lost its savour. The light that Christ put in us must shine before the throne of God and all peoples of the universe. We know that if we add salt to anything it is no longer the same. Salt completely changes the nature of anything depending on its saturation just as the sin nature putrifies all mankind. We ought to be in fine tune with the Lord and His holy Spirit who truly transforms us forever and makes us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Introduce a candle into darkness and it will light the room.



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REPORT FROM SOLOMON

The training of pastors in Chididi Nsanje is still going on and going on well. The current crop of students are readying up for graduation and it's exciting for everyone on the team to see how far they have come in learning the word of God as well as their ability to teach the word.

As the students ready up to pass out of bible school, we thought it wise to take them through a full pneumatology course, answering questions pertaining to who the Holy Spirit is, the Holy Spirit in the old testament, the role of the Holy Spirit in the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit Sealing, the Spirit baptism and the Spirit's giftings.

The entire course was designed to equip students on a practical level and not just fill them with knowledge. I am more than glad to report that most of the students who showed utter lack of understanding about the Holy Spirit, now possess understanding and are now able to teach on the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion, a vote of thanks goes to those faithful saints who make this possible with their support. May the Lord richly bless you as you contribute to the discipleship of our Lord JESUS' end time church.

