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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,
 Missions work is not just in Africa but also across the road from you or across the railway tracks where no-one else will go. There are more of the "unlovely" in the world today than there are of the "lovely." It does not matter if it is the poverty stricken of Africa or Asia or if it is the "druggies" who live in broken down buildings of your city who are prepared to sell themselves for the next fix. It does not matter if it is some homeless person who has not had a bath in who knows how long. Some of those "druggies" from the inner city are no worse than the movie stars who deck themselves out in \$10,000 gowns and suits and do the same thing. God created each one in His own image and it is His desire above all else that they be made aware of His wonderful grace and mercy. Could it be that some of these people are your mission field? You may find them in the bars or discos. If you go to these places you will find yourself very unpopular in your churches but we need to go where the need is. Let us find out which people group God wants us to reach and begin to do something about it. Does that mean you should drink or take drugs - of course not, but do not condemn them for where they are or you will never reach them. Deep down they know that it is wrong and they do not need a "goody two shoes" to be confirming that. Ask God to give you an overwhelming love for your group and He will. That is how we reach people - when they know that we love them. When they understand this they will be open to hear what you have to say.

We are all sitting and waiting for the last mighty revival to come and are expecting God to move sovereignly. Sorry friends - can God move sovereignly - of course He can, but does He? Not very often. He has always used man and Jesus told us before He left this earth: ***"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12.***

Did Jesus sit in His house saying that He needed some alone time because He was so "bushed" after a busy

day at work. His quiet time was with His Father before anyone rose from their beds.

He has placed us on earth for such a time as this. It is time for us to not only get on our knees and pray and intercede but also for us to get out and ask Him who He would like us to visit each day. We have the message and it is the most powerful message on earth - yesterday, today and forever.

This past weekend I was in a Kansas cow pasture except there were no cattle to be seen. It was like a scene out of "Dances with Wolves." Everything was green because of the rains we have had and there were rolling hills as far as the eye could see. A river ran through the valley nearest us. This was the place where an annual meeting takes place to glorify the Lord. People began to arrive at noon clasping their folding chairs. The rains had ceased early the day before because of the prayers of His people and the sun was beginning to shine. Families came with their children and some even brought their dogs. By the time the meetings started there were around 400 people there. This would have been the type of meeting Jesus had on the mount when He gave His marvelous message - The Beatitudes. What is it that separates us from the Pharisees? If we truly studied those scriptures and lived by them.....

During the first session the Governor of Kansas called and spoke to the congregation and then he prayed from his office in his official capacity. You could hear that it was not read but that it came from his heart. Even though some may have a problem with him, he is God's person for Kansas for this time and we need to keep him in our prayers.

During the praise and worship I looked out over the crowd and saw everyone with their hands lifted towards heaven. I suddenly realized that this was a part of the vision I had had while I was in Africa as was shared in the April newsletter. It was like déjà vu - I had been there before. No-one was concerned about the sun, the heat, everyone was focused on ...

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Dear Roz,

Thank you once again for asking me to join you in Nsanje with the elderly. My goodness, what an example some of them are. The ease with which some of the ladies, who sit on the ground, get up is amazing – I long since lost that ability!! However it was 2 or 3 of the elderly men who really caught my attention this year.

The one who always loves to dance with you – well into his 90's; he, like many others, seems to be fitter with more energy than we have!! The gentleman who praised and danced with his hands in the air saying, 'I want to see Jesus' will stick in my mind forever. The gentleman with "God's Light is Forever" written on his jumper who responded beautifully to being given a hug by me as an example of something I was teaching, was wonderful. Both of these were at Chididi – I love that mountain church.

Then there was another fully active gentleman and when I asked his age said he couldn't remember but said he was born in 1920 – that makes him 95 – incredible.



I was delighted to see your land at Tengani, with the warehouse being nearly finished. Your plans for a small home to care for those who can no longer look after themselves and a home for a pastor and his wife will bring about a wonderful base for outreach and ministry.

But my goodness what a logistics nightmare – you are amazing though.

Distribution of blankets, food and soap is only a part of it all and there are so many who are deeply grateful to you.

It is also exciting to see many who are really coming alive and feeling they are once again of worth – Praise the Lord.

Those who came to say thank you and those who felt free to give me a hug as well was wonderful.

It was also very good to see some of the young girls again. I look forward to receiving more information about them in due course.

Thank you so much for the opportunity.

With love Penny



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CHURCH IN A COW PATCH

praising the Lord – everyone was focused on His glory and it was all of Him and nothing of us.

How did this come to be that there should be church in the middle of nowhere, attended by pastors and lay people, children and animals? We cannot get 400 people in an air-conditioned and comfortable building on a Sunday morning for two hours but these people were there from noon until nine growing from slightly pink to intense red for some. And back the next morning at nine for another full day!!

There is great hunger for the real thing amongst God's remnant just as there is great hunger amongst the lost and dying for something they cannot find on their own.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom 10:14



Who is the preacher? It is not the man behind the pulpit of your church but YOU. You have sat under the teaching of the Word for decades and should be as well-equipped as anyone who has been through Bible School. It is time to rise up and be what God called us to be – His anointed, appointed, powerful, Spirit filled and Spirit led men and women of God. When we get out there amongst the lost and dying and the “unlovelies” of this world we will begin to see God manifest Himself in signs and wonders and miracles. Not just to see healings and deliverances but to see people brought to the realization that there is a Savior and His name is Jesus the Christ. That is the greatest miracle of all and you can be a part of it.

OFFENSE

"If you are quick to take offence, then you'll be under the control of those who you find offensive.

If you are easily angered, then your actions will be dictated by those who anger you.

If you are obsessed by what other people think, then you will be imprisoned by their thoughts.

If you yearn for easy answers and quick solutions, you'll fall prey to people who offer you nothing but promises.

If you find the truth too difficult to bear, you'll be enslaved to those who tell you what you want to hear.

When you have the courage to think for yourself, the strength to accept what is, the commitment and discipline to make a difference, then you are free.

You are truly free to live with purpose, joy and fulfillment.

Let your life be defined, not by reactions to what others do, say or think but rather your own unique vision.

Raise your eyes above the pettiness and follow the path of the greatness of God that is within you.

"Life can give you a hundred reasons to cry, but you can give life a thousand reasons to smile".

MWANASHE FOLE



Meet one of my favorite elderly ladies from Nsanje boma. You can see how she radiates God through her smile. Here is her story:

Mwanashe is over the age of 85 and is currently living alone. She has three children; two live far from her and her third, a son, never visits. She frequently experiences pain in her leg joints as well as extreme back aches. Despite facing all these adversities in her life she is strongly rooted in her faith in Christ. She said, "When you know the word of God, the situations that may be regarded as problems to others become nothing to you, for the word of God guides you." In talking with her she revealed that her strong faith is as a result of the relationship she has built with Christ since the days of her youth. Shortly before her mother passed she took it upon herself to pray and witness and saw her

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mother converted from Islam to being a child of God. As a young girl she was selling homemade donuts in order to provide for siblings and parents and her cooking was very popular. She met her late husband at a young age. He sold dried cassava at the time. In those days it was very difficult for a man to approach a woman and ask her to be in a relationship let alone marriage. A third party had to act as a mediator and for her that person was her brother. She also said that back then men used to travel in order to make money for their families. Unlike today, the wives would stay faithful and would do farm work for pay when they felt they are running out of food instead of prostituting themselves. If anyone was caught committing adultery there was no room for discussion, the marriage would be terminated immediately. She had a lot of wonderful things to share and teach us but her confidence in God was a lesson even for us to learn from. In hard times it should not be an excuse to pull us away from God but rather we should draw more into the presence of God for then will our strength be renewed. She is forever grateful for all that Alabaster Ministries has invested into the lives of the old people. She felt, like so many others that they had been forgotten and cast aside.

MALAWI

On 27th of May we went down to Nsanje to leave the bags of the cement needed to finish our warehouse and pay money for the transporting of the bricks and river sand for Peter's house (our pastor). In order for us to effectively monitor the ongoing project I thought it best that Peter moves into the warehouse until his house is built. It will take six trips to move the bricks and sand on site plus the labor for loading and offloading. The total costs on that will be US \$350. I saw the trees we have planted and they look good but I think we need to hire one more person to help assist in looking after the trees for they are too many for one man to look after. A replacement of trees worth K10000 US \$25 was planted to make up for the trees that did not survive. We will be heading back to Nsanje soon to help Peter move.



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Iron Sheets	90,000 MK	212.00
Bricks	50,000 MK	118.00
Timber	70,000 MK	165.00
Incidentals (nails, wire etc)	45,000 MK	106.00
Labor	80,000 MK	188.00
TOTAL	562,500 MK	1,324.00 US \$

ROOFING FOR ELDERLY (ABBA'S) COTTAGES

5 Cottages	150,000 MK	353.00 US \$
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HOSTEL AND MEETING AREA FOR ELDERLY

Four double rooms	1,275,000 MK	3,000.00 (to be added to when needed)
Dining/Meetings	850,000 MK	2,000.00
TOTAL	2,125,000 MK	5,000.00 US \$