



# Alabaster Ministries

*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,

I have just returned after being away almost six weeks. There have been a number of changes made in Malawi while I was there but we have ensured that everything will be run on a more efficient basis. We have a wonderful Board of Directors who really takes care of things when I am not there and the staff on the ground is reliable and trustworthy.

The elderly were as always such a blessing to be with. Last trip I was a little discouraged at what I thought was a slight waning in their exuberance for the Lord but this trip certainly made up for it. They really are meeting together to pray and there are a good number of them sitting by the well and telling others about Jesus as they come to pump their water. An elderly blind man holds Bible studies – the good reports go on and on.

Instead of distributing the regular 20 pounds of maize meal we gave them more than the equivalent in cash. Often some of the more elderly who already have a hard time walking cannot carry their bag of Maize meal as well as their other items and in some circumstances young people have offered to assist and have then run off with it. In other cases people have stolen the meal from their homes. Cash is much easier to carry and to hide and they can buy more with it locally than we can supply. They were very excited as they were given their little burlap bag with their money and Ibuprofen. This trip was without doubt the hottest I have ever experienced. I had someone from Florida come with me – thank you for braving rural Africa – and she thought that she would manage really well because she works outside in the heat and humidity of Florida. It was not the same at all. There are no air conditioned buildings to run into when the heat gets too bad and even the vehicle was not air conditioned. Added to that we had to put up with the winds and because the rains had not yet started everything was a dust bowl – in our eyes, nose, and mouth. The southern region of Africa is experiencing extreme drought and the major dams are dangerously low which means that there is a serious shortage of power so every day there are power outages. We would come back in the evenings to the lodge and not be able to use the fan or lights

because there would be a power cut. The joys of working in Africa and the cities are experiencing just as many power cuts.

It is all worth it though when you see how loved you are and not just because you are giving them things. So many are more grateful for receiving the Word than they are their things.

Our program followed much the same as always. We would begin the meetings around 9.00 or 10.00 with praise and worship and testimonies. After that I would share along with Adele and then we broke bread and celebrated the Lord's Supper with them. It is often the only time they get to Break Bread although we have been encouraging them to do it in their villages with their friends and prayer partners. They then pray for each other. We have been teaching that they have the power to lay hands on the sick – that it does not have to be a pastor or elder and they are beginning to do it.

They have a time of fellowship together and then it is lunch time. Beans with onion, cabbage fried with onion and tomato and their maize meal. After they have finished their food we distribute and they head for their homes. Some have many miles to walk so we try not to keep them too late.

On this trip we had school children who left the classroom when they found out that we were in the area. We tried to chase them back to their schools but they would circle around and come back to the meeting place. Finally we gave up and one of the pastors took them into the church and did Sunday School with them. There is no way that we can feed another 250 children in each village but they still come to the meetings so I presume that they are coming to hear the Word and we are discovering each time that they are more and more responsive and less rebellious. That is because the elderly have been praying that God will change their hearts and He is faithful to answer our prayers.

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I want to thank Alabaster Ministries for allowing me to help with the ministering of the Nsanje project. It allowed me to go to Africa and preach God's word to over 400 people not counting the children that came to listen. Here are some pictures to help explain the territory in which we worked.

The first week we were in Africa was spent shopping for all the supplies and getting everything organized to hand out at the five villages. We gave them each a bag with basic supplies of oil, sugar, rice, soap, salt, matches, money for maize, and aspirin. I am sure I forgot something but you get the idea. It was put in a bag, 400 to be exact and distributed to the elderly that are registered in the project. To qualify they must be 70 years and up.

Every day we were up early to get to the villages and set up the cooking station. We had seven cooks who come with us to cook and serve and they were great.

Our day was kept full with ministering, feeding the people, handing out supplies and driving from one location to another. It was an experience I will never forget. I will continue to pray for the people I met when I was there and for the organization with the move and new growth that is coming. God Bless, Adele Parker FL



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## **MALAWI UPDATES**

It is with great sadness that the Malawi Director has left. However it is definitely God's plan because she could not continue working for two ministries at the same time. God's timing is always perfect and He will always have another waiting in the wings.

The following is the email Linda sent to me announcing her resignation.

**Subject:** (no subject)

**Date:** 10/9/2015 1:22:22 A.M. Central Daylight Time

**From:** [mavutulalinda@yahoo.com](mailto:mavutulalinda@yahoo.com)

**To:** alabastermin@aol.com

*Sent from the Internet* ([Details](#))

Dear Mom

I would like to thank you for the years I served working with alabaster ministries I've learnt a lot and do not take it for granted. However due to personal reasons I would like to inform you that I wish to no longer work under Alabaster ministries and my resignation is effective from this moment. I will hand over all the assets belonging to Alabaster through Mrs. Kapangama. I wish Alabaster Ministries future success and pray that God guides you and blesses you. I love you

Love Linda.

Sent from my HTC One on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

We now have two pastors working from Tengani who are both attending the Bible School in Blantyre for a week each month. They visit the elderly in their homes and pray with them and hold Bible Studies. The house on the land at Tengani for Pastor Peter is almost complete and we took down his living room furniture and mattresses and beds for him and his family.

In Blantyre we now support a Pastor on a farm. Stanford is also going to be involved with the elderly from time to time when he is not otherwise involved in the farm ministry which is growing. He has a prayer meeting with the farm workers every morning before work and is now starting a church on Sunday for them. Thanks to Chris and Amanda Yiannakis for supplying a building they can use as a church.

Please pray for Pastors Peter and Major that God would be their strength and their source and supply. It is often hard to make transitions especially when facing adversity. These men are young but not without experience and will be very vital additions to this program. They will be starting a church at Tengani even if they hold it under a tree until we can build it. We would like to put up a church that is 70" x 40'. This will serve as a church, conference center and place of refuge in time of natural catastrophies like the flood at the beginning of the year.

Francis Banda has also joined the team as a liaison and will be working closely with the new Director Oresti Yiannakis. He will continue with his studies in business two days a week at the Polytech but is working with us the rest of the time. Already things are flowing so much better since he keeps in touch regularly and gets the job done within 24 hours of me asking him to do something.

It is a young team and they are full of zeal for the Lord.

The Board of Directors are well seasoned in the things of God and very careful with finances. While we understand that there have to be buildings we all acknowledge that it is better to invest in the lives of people and so we believe that if our young men have not been to Bible School and they want to go we will invest in that. It is not the buildings that are the church but it is you and me.

I am truly humbled that God has raised me up and has put all of these people in place around me. We work together hand in hand for His glory. There are no bosses and there is no HEAD save that of the Lord Jesus. Each of us has the freedom to speak into the lives of one another and we all have the right to an opinion. God is in charge.



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## ENGLAND

I spent ten days in England and Ireland on my way home from Malawi. I remember panting in the heat of Africa and thinking how wonderful it would be to be cool again. NOT so! Perhaps the huge difference between 106 and 45 was just to great. I spent time in Weston-super-Mare and was as always touched by the hospitality and love. The meetings there were wonderful. A tiny church but such a flow of God's precious Holy Spirit! I had an opportunity to meet up with friends some of whom just needed love and understanding. I had a wonderful day with some old friends who once pastored in Zimbabwe and did a home meeting there with some ladies. I spent some time down in northern Cornwall where I ministered in a lovely old Anglican church to wonderful people who have such enjoyment in the Lord. On the Saturday before I flew out I attended a meeting in Bodmin. The teaching was excellent and afterwards we had a fellowship luncheon where I had an opportunity to share with a number of delightful like minded believers.

As I believe I said after my trip last year, God has a remnant and I certainly found a good number of them as I drove around the UK. God is not done with that nation yet and I am praying for such a mighty outpouring.

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## NEEDS FOR TENGANI

In order for our young men to visit the elderly or for them to get from Blantyre down to the South it would be really good for them to have motorcycles. These would be more like dirt bikes 120cc and cost about \$800 each. It would greatly help in them being able to get around more easily. I have looked into bicycles but they do not seem to last very long. Each time they make the trip from Blantyre the mini bus costs \$20 and when they get there they still have no transport to get to the various villages. If anyone would like to help towards these we would be extremely grateful. We need two to begin with. We also need two bicycles at \$100 each in order for the Blantyre staff to get around Blantyre.

We are going to begin to build the church in the New Year.

## REPENTANCE

“The man whose little sermon is ‘repent’ sets himself against his age, and will for the time being be battered mercilessly by the age whose moral tone he challenges. There is but one end for such a man – ‘off with his head!’ You had better not try to preach repentance until you have pledged our head to heaven.

Joseph Parker