



# 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,

Each time I finish with a trip to Malawi I think that things could not get better than the last time but they do. This trip we went down to the Lower Shire to distribute and spend time with the elderly. The drought situation has been very bad so they were very relieved to see us. We brought two villages together for the distribution and teaching as it gives them the only opportunity they have to meet one another and to fellowship. There was much rejoicing, singing and dancing as they came together to praise and worship the Lord. It is always remarkable to see how the 80 and 90 years olds can keep it up long after I have no energy left.

This trip we had a little old lady who came to tell us that she slept in a toilet at night. This was confirmed by the pastor. That was her only place of shelter. I put it on Facebook and someone asked how you slept in a toilet – well this is the type of bush toilet below except hers would be made of grass and inside is a pit latrine and I leave the rest to your imagination. No one in their 80s should be exposed to that indignity and discomfort.



Over the years we have now built over 30 houses. Her house is next on the list.

The heat has come early this year and there is an extreme shortage of power because the rivers are so low after the drought. The winds are blowing the dry earth and causing dust to get into everything and the mosquitoes were out in mass already.

It was actually so uncomfortable that after we completed the distribution with the elderly we returned to Blantyre for the weekend to load sharing and mosquitoes here.

Early Monday morning we returned to the mountains of Chididi. There were 26 pastors waiting for us to begin the first Bible School. Some had walked all the way across the mountains from Mozambique – one from the other side of the Zambezi River which is about 25 miles away. That is how hungry they are to learn the Word of God. As soon as we arrived we made them sandwiches and gave them a drink

classes began. We had four teachers. Peter, who is the pastor to the elderly and is himself at Bible School one week out of every month was teaching his father and father-in-law both of whom have been in ministry for many years. There was no pride, no jealousies, just complete humility from most and they all slept together in the church at night. We slept in tents but it was cool in the evenings and there were no biting insects.



Many of them were not filled with the Holy Spirit so that evening after dinner we gave a teaching and laid hands on them and prayed for them and many of them received their tongues.

The following evening we had a session of “popcorn” preaching. That definitely sorted out the sheep from the goats. Each pastor was given one verse of scripture and had five minutes to read and study it. He then had to stand up and preach on it with power and anointing for ten minutes. The first said he could not prepare in five minutes so we showed them how it was done. 30% of them should not be in the pulpit because they could not do it. It showed us that they do not have enough of the Word inside of them.

One of the Pastors from Mozambique stood up, read his scripture and said Amen and went and sat back own. In the middle of the night when everyone was sleeping he packed his things and ran away. So then there were 25 all of whom are determined to stick it out and to learn.

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### REPORT FROM PETER

I greet you in the name of our Lord and pray that you are well. My family and the church at Tengani send their love and bless you all.

It has been an eventful September and I have been completely awestruck at how much the Lord has been teaching me here at Tengani and during my trip with Francis. It was just three weeks ago that we were in Marka building two houses for the 96 year old man and a blind woman where I was once again being taught by Him about servanthood. I watched as those in the leadership of this ministry woke up at 5.00 a.m. to go and do manual labor and sometimes returned at 7.00 in the evening. Marka is famous for its mosquitoes and they are around day and night. Of course, as is always the case, everyone gathered around to watch as the work progressed so it gave opportunity to preach the wonderful Gospel to them. The Body of Christ is so vast worldwide and yet there are so few servants. I am grateful to have the privilege to experience such a revelation from God and can only pray that I will be the servant that He wants me to be.

I would like to take this opportunity to send my heartfelt thank you to all our friends world-wide for the love, prayers and support that you give us. We had a very successful distribution campaign and your support has helped 420 old people to escape the hunger that has gripped this nation. I would like to request your prayers that God should give us good rains this year so that we can grow enough food to feed this nation.

We have just completed our first Bible School session with 25 leaders from all over the Chididi area. We had four ninety minute sessions each day for four days and I taught on leadership. It's remarkable just how much God continues to teach me and reveal more and more of Himself to me every time I read or teach His Word. Great leaders know that one cannot be an effective leader if he/she is not prepared to follow and all Christians are privileged to have the "Good Shepherd" to follow. I am looking forward to my next teaching and learning experience when we hold another session in about six weeks.

May the almighty God bless you all in the name of Jesus Christ!

Ed note: Many thanks to my friend Malcolm Webber and Strategic Global Assistance for their generous donation of teaching materials. They are invaluable and so very easy to teach from. You have really blessed us and it is greatly

### REPORT FROM SOLOMON BANDA

Driving down the mountain road to Nsanje, one cannot help but notice the hills that once were clothed in green are now naked. As far as the eye can see, there is hardly a tree left as they have all been hacked down for firewood. How like the modern day church these hills are; where the hunger and thirst for the things of God is fading away many professing Christians. However, there is comfort in knowing that even now, there are still a remnant who are hungry and will walk from Mozambique just to be a part of the Bible training held by Alabaster Ministries in Chididi, which ran from September 26 to 29.

I was honored to be a part of this team and honored in even greater measure to have had the privilege to take a class through a Systematic Theology: Doctrine of God course. Some of the pastors have been serving for longer than I have been alive, yet in humility, they were more than willing to learn new things.

Just when one thinks that they have seen it all, God surprises them. Here is a tale of Pastor Yalu from Mozambique who can neither read nor write. He knows the scriptures like the back of his hand. How does he do it? How does the man thunder inspired sermons when he has never read the Bible for himself? Without doubt, the Holy Spirit is alive and still working in more ways than we can imagine.

(Ed note) When he was given his verse for popcorn preaching he immediately said, "I know that verse," and without hesitation got up and began to preach.

I thank God for this vision and pray that the Lord will raise up an army in the hills of Chididi that are well trained and well equipped and will reach the nations of the earth with this Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A huge thank you to those who with a free and loving heart support this work with their finances. May the Lord richly bless you!



Pastor Yalu. We will be supporting him each month at \$15 per month. If anyone is interested in picking up this support we will be extremely

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth." 2 Tim 2:15.*

All the training the pastors received in this short, four day period will go a long way to aid them rightly divide the Word

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## REPORT FROM CHARLES

Greetings to you in the precious name of our master, Jesus Christ.

I would like to share with you what the Lord has been doing here in Malawi. I love to sing and I am fortunate to be leading the praise and worship at all distribution campaigns since February and now at the Bible School at which I am a student. I have come to realize that there is such power in praising God. The Lord has continued to bless me and my cup is overflowing with His wonderful love.

The church at Tengani continues to flourish. We recently had two pastors from Mozambique who had heard of the work we are doing and came to learn from us. The Bible says we are a light that ought to shine in the darkness and that no one lights a lamp and then covers it but rather places it on high so it gives off light. This reminds me of that old chorus,

“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine....”

We are by no means perfect at Tengani, because these guests did not come to see us, they came to see because they had heard about how the wonderful Jesus Christ, the King of Kings is moving there amongst His people.

All Christians should be in the Word regularly so that they can be ready in season and out of season. The light, which is Jesus Christ in us ought to shine so bright that the rest of the world might be drawn to Him that is in us and experience Him just as those of us in the Body of Christ have done.

I would like to thank you – all our friends in Christ and send you the best of regards from the Church at Tengani. We continue to pray for you just as we ask that you do the same for us. Please feel free to send us prayer requests so that the church can pray for you. God bless you.



Evening worship with all of the home made instruments.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BIBLE SCHOOL



We had 8 women to cook and more importantly to carry water from the nearest well which was more than half a mile down the side of the mountain. I remarked to Peter that considering the pastors wanted to bathe twice a day they might appreciate it more if they had to carry the water. That afternoon he had them all go and bring up the water much to the glee of the women.



The first Alabaster Ministries Bible School



Foot washing one evening. We had just completed the pastors when the cooks joined us. They did not want to “miss out” on anything and were a great part of the praise and worship as well. Too bad if the food burned.

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PASTORAL SUPPORT



Pastor Joseph Ngome from the border between Malawi/Mozambique.



Pastor Madison Ora from Malawi.



Pastor Jeffrey Dye near Chididi, Malawi.



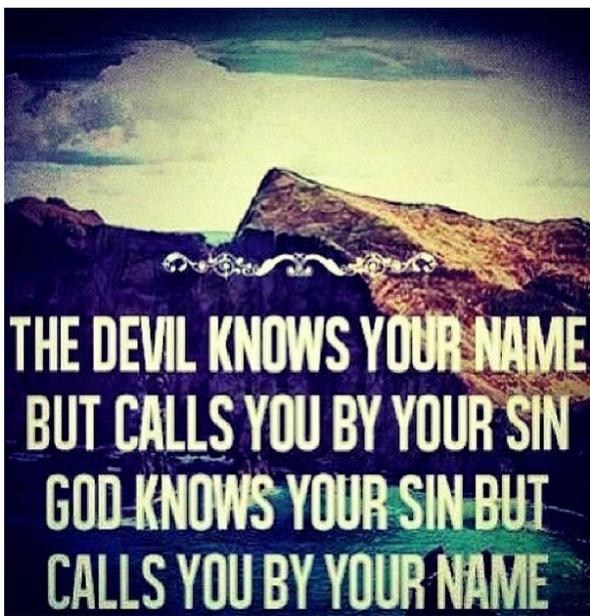
Pastor Maxwell Chappel born 1941 from Malawi.



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MOTORCYCLE

We have finally managed to procure a new 150cc off road motorcycle for Pastor Peter. At present they are clearing it with customs as it was imported in bond. As soon as I have a photo available I will put it in the newsletter. This is going to be invaluable for Peter as he travels to see the elderly or to oversee the various projects we are involved in. It has extra strength springs to endure the dirt roads and I was told that it is strong enough to carry three people although there will only ever be two at most.

Thank you so much for your generous support regarding this matter. It has taken us almost a year to procure this. At present our pastors either walk or take mini bus transport. Mini Buses are becoming expensive and walking wastes so much valuable time.

In some cases motorcycles here are far more expensive than a small car and I am talking small off road bikes and not the big Harleys.