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# UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,

I am not going into detail about the situation in this nation except to give a warning to all prayer warriors. I offered up a caution in my July newsletter about the state of the nation. I along with many who have experienced socialism and communism stated that they felt that what was beginning to happen here was like what had happened to them in their own nations which is why they left them to seek sanctuary here.

In 1979 in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia we went through change. The intercessors had prayed 24/7 for at least ten years for an outcome to the terrorist war situation. Kissinger and a junior senator named Joseph Biden involved themselves along with British diplomats and put pressure on one of the nations who had supported us – South Africa to stop supplying us with fuel. The result was that Robert Mugabe became the leader of Zimbabwe. Those who had prayed so long and so hard felt that God had turned His back on the nation. Many left and prayer stopped. When Mugabe came into power, he already had a communist manifesto written up but I believe God stayed his hand because of the prayers of the people. He was not able to institute his manifesto. As time went by and there was a lack

of prayer the government slowly and systematically began to introduce one thing at a time. Multitudes were murdered, everything collapsed into chaos, it had the highest inflation rate ever with 100,000 trillion-dollar bills that would hardly buy a loaf of bread.

The church in this nation needs to keep up the prayer as never before even though many believe that God has betrayed them. Our statement needs to be, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND LORD, BUT I WILL TRUST IN YOU!" We talk about the oncoming One World Government but few, if anyone, mentions the One World Church. My cry to the Body of Christ at this time is to, *"come out of her my people,"* Rev 18:4. It is time to stop playing games, being entertained, being made to feel good, believing that our sin does not matter because it is already covered in the Blood of Jesus, idolizing our motivational speakers that call themselves pastors, loving our churches that focus on time and have dismissed the Holy Spirit because He might want to appear at our services.

"Let God arise," Ps 68 in each of us and let the enemy be scattered. Let the Lion of Judah become a roar within us. May we meet with Him at the altar of incense where the prayers of the saints arise to the throne room of heaven. May our *God be high and lifted up* in the temple of our spirits. I am the temple more glorious than Solomon's Temple.

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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 SHADRECK

I am forever grateful for the privilege to breathe God's free air every day of my life. Living in the village and further up the mountains we are cut off from most of Malawi and it means that we hear of current events days after they happened. The bush telegraph and letters were our only means of communication until radio stations and telephone networks were made available and even then, it took forever to get towers up to the mountain areas. This year has been particularly challenging with the continuous spread of covid-19 which keeps confusing and filling a lot of people with fear. We know that fear is a liar, it will rob you of your peace and end your happiness. Let us not dwell so much on the sad realities that COVID-19 has inflicted on this world for we will forever be undone by the losses of this world but rather let us focus on preserving what we have left, nurturing our fragile relationships, cultivating new ones, cherish our friends and loved ones, and let us remember to be happy for God desires that all His people should live happily.

We have just finished doing a wonderful Christmas distribution and I am so grateful to you our dearly beloved partners for your unending support. You have certainly made Christmas so special to us. This is the season to share our lives with our close friends and beloved families, as well as giving back. There is no greater way to demonstrate a true spirit of Christmas than this great act of generosity. May the almighty Lord continue preserving and rewarding you. We had a great time reconnecting with familiar faces and shared smiles. One of the greatest moments for me is the immediate impact of good deeds. It does not matter how small an act of generosity is, the impact it has is absolutely contagious. The smiles - they light up the faces of the elderly, it rejuvenates hope, and sparks the desire to go on living. We are eternally grateful to you our beloved friends for making the dreams of so many an elderly person come true.

We started this year's distribution in Chididi through Marka and finished it off in Nthondo village respectively. We drove past Vizhina Benasi's house on our way to our final destination and Francis had to stop. He could not comprehend how she was living in such a house. It has fallen over on one side so much so that her neighbors had to adopt her. The roof is now overgrown with grass and fallen over on one side. She is getting old now and has begun to lose her eyesight too. We pray the Lord that he may give her grace and preserve her.

We were happy to see Mrs. Sevelia Chiyembekezo in high spirits as always. I have never met anyone who can make you laugh all day long as much as Sevelia does. Sometimes you meet the elderly and they talk about arthritis and back problems but Sevelia is another bird. I was sad to hear that her grandchildren had abandoned her to follow their mother in Mozambique. It is sad enough that she is unable to cook for herself because of the physical affliction she is lived with for years (she is the lady with leprosy) but she had no food in house too. Perhaps that is what forced her grandkids away. I am grateful to Pastor Eric who together with Francis have taken the burden to make sure that our beloved Sevelia receives her daily basic needs.



Sevelia Chiyembekezo. She has no feet or hands.



Vizhina Benasi on the left with her house on the right and above. We can reuse the bricks and it will cost approximately \$400 to rebuild her house



## ABOUT US

We, Alabaster Ministries are based in the United States with a tax-deductible status under 501(c)(3).

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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:

I greet you in the most wondrous name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray that you are all well. The Lord has been gracious and continues to keep faith with His remnant through the trials and tribulations of life. We have all endured hardship in this year 2020 and we are united in our hope for a better tomorrow; a 2021 that does not reek of fear, desperation, panic, and confusion. I pray the hardship of this year has compelled us to reflect on the things that matter the most to us; our faith, our families, and close friends, the people we work with, our favorite butcher, doctor, hairdresser, and all the people that matter to us. My faith, the love I have for all my beloved, and the hope that we will together overcome the fracas caused by the incumbent pandemic kept me going through the highs and lows of 2020. It is my prayer and hope today that we should all have a great and prosperous New Year.

My previous trip to Nthondo village led me into the discovery of about five young girls who were sold into early marriages and with the help of some social welfare activists of whom Pastor Shadreck is an active member, we were able to rescue them from the horror of being sold into marriage for profit. We made a follow up recently and discovered that two out of the five have been adopted by their distant relatives to continue their education in Blantyre, leaving three in the village namely, Mwaiwao Jim 16, Eliza Devi 17, and Aluvanness Shadreck 15. The three girls have sat for their primary school leaving exams and will start their high school at Chididi Mission Secondary School in 2021.

We are eternally grateful to you our beloved friends who when we sent out our concerns for the drought stricken Nsanje region came through with yet another wonderful distribution event. It was wonderful that we had this event over Christmas as we shared the great moment of the season with our dear elderly. The smiles that your blessing brought to their faces were priceless and the joy that is in our hearts will last a lifetime. We are grateful for your undying love for a nation so distant. Such is the testament of great love, that a people could share a burden and bear the great responsibility to touch the lives of so many people in this way. I will always stay the course to invest in the lives of people. Your generosity has helped me see first-hand the impact of a human investment and the eternal benefits this world reaps. May the Almighty God continue blessing and bringing you from glory to glory.

The Christmas distribution was particularly special to us in Malawi. When I was a young boy, I remember celebrating Christmas at my grandfather's farm. He used to bring his friends and family together. Each family prepared a meal or brought meat to the table and we would have such a wonderful time together. The economic deterioration in Malawi has made it difficult for most families in rural Malawi to afford three meals a day let alone share a wonderful Christmas meal. Think of it as having no turkey at all for a thanksgiving dinner for a couple of years. This is why this distribution was particularly special to us. At Chazuka village for example, we finished the distribution earlier than usual so we sat under the tree and watched as the elderly rushed to grain mills with their maize bags and bought something extra for Christmas. We are so grateful to you our dearly beloved supporters for making our Christmas special, may the Lord bless your hearts.



ELIZA DEVI 17

MWAIWAO JIM 16



ALUVANESS SHADRICK 15





We have known Bingala Sinosi from the first time Alabaster started operating in Nsanje. He is a great intercessor and has the wonderful gift of speaking in tongues. Bingala hails from Kumbukani Village in Senior Chief Chimombo's area. He is 87 years old, has 6 children and 16 grandchildren. His wife passed away and he has opted to a life of celibacy which very uncommon among Sena people. He is devoted to God and likes to share the word of God with his close friends and neighbors in his free time. There is literally no other way to earn a living in the village except farming and the drought this year has made that difficult. He said 2020 was a hard year for everyone and Covid-19 inflicted a heavy blow. He fears for a tougher 2021-2022 acute food shortage situation. Most of Nsanje heavily depends on the rains which have been sadly lacking. We pray to the Lord that He intervenes in this desperate situation and there has been a sincere outcry from our elderly for a supernatural touch of Grace to better the desperations and somber realities in our communities. Finally, he wishes to express his gratitude to you our dearly beloved for the support you continue to give them, the love and faithfulness that you have expressed throughout all these years. We are with Bingala in expressing our humble gratitude and thanksgiving for your priceless sacrifices.

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Green Lewis is one of the humblest senior chiefs we have come across and worked with in Nsanje. We have had run ins with chiefs who have demanded certain rights and privileges from us by virtue of them being a chief. There was a time when some of the lower ranking chiefs sought preferential treatment and really caused trouble for us. Mr. Green Lewis was sitting in crown with a couple of friends and when he saw our discomfort, came to our aid. It was then that we realized he was a respected man in the area but because he was humble, he was awarded with the responsibility of supervising Alabaster's work in the Chimombo area. We have had a great working relationship and we are looking forward to a great 2021 together.

Mr. Green Lewis is 85 years old and hails from Mangani Village. He is the Senior Group Village Headman for Mangani area which means he looks after 30 chiefs and reports to the District Commissioner at Nsanje. He was overly excited to receive us for the last distribution of the year 2020. He is particularly grateful for the regular house visitations by the chaplain and bemoans the precarious realities of Covid which has made it impossible for association with collogues for almost a year. A year is a long time to be in less proximity with fellows and family which has resulted in a bit of a disconnect since most relationships have been strained by the lack of association. His prayer is that the Lord blesses us with a permanent solution so that life can return to normal again. Mr. Green Lewis expressed his gratitude to you our dearly beloved for your sacrifices and the strides taken to ensure the success of every distribution. May the Almighty God Bless and reward you abundantly.