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# UPDATE

Dearest Friends,

I have just travelled nearly 7,000 miles and it has been worth it all. God is doing a new thing and I am so honored that He has made me a part of it. This revival has been going on now for four years in North Georgia and started in Kentucky and now South Missouri. The most amazing thing is that there are no "Kinpins", and all are willing to help each other, driving great distances to do so. The reason for the driving is because most of these "revival sites" are in the middle of nowhere. You cannot just hop on a plane and arrive at destination. God is asking, "Just how hungry are you?" Hungry for what exactly? First to change our lives and attitudes and become conformed to Him and His will so that we might radiate His light and glory to a lost and dying world. It is revival when lives are transformed, and when healings happen, spirit, soul, and body. It is all taking place in the baptismal which I love to call the Pool of Siloam or the River of Life, or the oasis in the desert. People are undone as they submit themselves to Him in the waters. People are being saved and filled with power as they receive the Holy Spirit. Families are being healed as husbands and wives publicly testify to their shortcomings in the home and people are being freed from drugs, alcohol, pornography. Cancer is healed and all forms of illnesses. Why not? He took the stripes upon

Him for every category of sickness and disease and rendered them null and void for those who have the faith to believe. There have been thousands of documented healings over the past four years.

I have mentioned in past newsletters that it is time to stop being satisfied with a visitation of God. I have my friends and neighbors over for a meal They visit me and go home afterwards. God wants more than that with us. He says that His precious Holy Spirit dwells within us. He says He has made us a temple more glorious than Solomon's temple. Who was it that dwelt in Solomon's temple – none other than God who was resident in the Arc. Now He resides in you and me and He wants to inhabit us and not just visit us when we have a need or a want and deign to invite Him in.

I am very excited for my Africa trip. We start building this week on our new property up in the mountains. First will be the house for Pastor Francis and after that will be a baptismal. We all need to be carriers of His glory, of His love, of His amazing grace -of Him, "Christ in us the hope of glory." Unless God specifically says otherwise then we need to follow His pattern for the day. He sent His disciples two by two to "pray ye therefore that the Lord of the harvest..." that was the pattern that Charles Finny followed with amazing results. Let us use what is working and not reinvent the wheel.

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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 FRANCIS:

The agriculture and education sectors of Malawi have been left in a tragic state in the wake of the tropical cyclone Ana, whose devastating effects continue to be seen in most of southern Malawi. The Department of Disaster Management released an elaborate report which explains the severity of the heavy rains and flooding on the education system and facilities, as well as the agricultural sector.

There has been severe damage to the already poor infrastructures. The Cyclone has forced over one hundred thousand students out of school, several hundred school blocks are either unfit for use or need a lot of repairs work or have been demolished in the flood. The ninety-two schools which are currently out of operation in Chikwawa means that over forty-three thousand students will be denied access to education in the foreseeable future. This is a big challenge since home schooling is only possible for those financially able to employ private tutors. More than twenty-five schools and school yards have become homes for displaced persons which now presents the authorities with sanitation trials.

A lot of school blocks were almost two meters deep in water. Some have drained but others are either unsafe or have collapsed altogether. Nsanje has a lot of students but very little infrastructure. The shortage of teachers, teacher housing and textbooks has forever been an issue and now the devastation of these facilities is overwhelming. It is sad that over twenty-six teachers' houses in the Nsanje region have been lost to this tragic cyclone which has displaced so many families. We do the elderly distributions in school yards, but we were prohibited to do so in the past weeks because of the displaced people.

Furthermore, Chikwawa and Nsanje receive little rainfall every year which means there is always a challenge of food shortages. Malawians predominantly rely on rainfall agriculture. Most farmers prepare their fields by August and have their crops planted by late November or early December after the first rains. Our staple food varies from maize to sorghum, cassava, and sweet potatoes, the largest of which is maize. Maize produces by mid or the end of January depending on when you planted it so by the time the cyclone hit, people were almost ready to harvest. However, most crops were either washed away or whole fields buried in mud and rocks. The destruction to farmland is estimated to be over 77,000 hectares of land. The region heavily relies on small scale agricultural sales for economic purpose and thus the economic conditions of most families are going to be desperate for the next fifteen months.

We did our distribution with the elderly amidst heavy rains, heavy emotions, and heavy tears We praise the Lord that He preserved the elderly through this natural disaster, that not one was killed and that none of the houses we have built was damaged and we pray that He will grant us huge doses of His unmerited favor to rebuild mud houses that did collapse. We observed at the distribution centers as the truck pulled in, the excitement in their faces was genuine. There were bright faces everywhere because your support makes it possible for us to go and give them hope for a better tomorrow. Our fellowship in the Lord was merry as always happens with people in Him, who love and miss each other. However, the reality of the situation was seen in their faces as we said the last prayers and drove on to the next station. The sadness in their traumatized faces was very clear. The truth is the bag of maize flour they received was going to be shared with their families and friends in their communities.



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## ABOUT US

### We, Alabaster Ministries

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

We also have representation in the United Kingdom and are covered by Stewardship Services.

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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.

## CONTACT US

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## REPORT FROM FRANCIS continued...

Africans live and believe in a community so much so that we have a sense of sharing the little we have with those who do not have. Herein lies one of the most important lessons I have learned serving these wonderful old people. To them, it does not really matter if they have little left over after sharing with their closest neighbors who have nothing. It is a delight for them just to be able to share. We watch them asking after each other's health being genuinely concerned for one another. Then I marvel at you our dearly beloved supporters who are thousands of miles away. You make the sacrifice to save and make a difference in all these lives. Such love and relationship are priceless. I praise the Lord for positioning you in all our lives, that we can say thank you for this gift. May the Almighty Lord bless you abundantly. I would have listed down all the 400 names who said thank you. We have promised them that we will try as much as possible to do the distribution every six weeks to save lives. It is amazing that now all we have is six weeks to make all the difference there is in this world but if that is what is required, I pray you all to assist us in this.



Ed Note: I know that we see this in the West when hurricanes and gales hit our nations but there are relief agencies that come to the aid of those displaced. In Malawi there are little to nothing regarding relief. There is no social security and in fact we are all they have. These villages are along the Shire River and the flood waters are full of poisonous snakes and the crocodiles come out of the river and into these villages looking for easy food in the form of dogs and humans.

## REPORT FROM PASTOR ERIC

May the blessings of our Lord be with you our dearly beloved brethren wherever you are, and I pray this finds you well. We had our first distribution of this year, and it was a successful campaign as always. It was just so that we planned a distribution when disaster struck. The Lower Shire region was cut off from the rest of Malawi by a sea of flash flooding. The roads were cut in more than three places with some areas stretching up to almost a kilometer long. We were two weeks behind schedule before the truck could safely make the trip from Blantyre to deliver supplies which we distributed to elderly. The bags of maize flour were not only alleviating the already existing food shortage challenge but rather offered a lifeline in a desperate situation.

Pastor Roz and everyone who has met me will tell you that I am a man of very few words, but now I find myself lacking in words with which to express my gratitude for the love and support you have shown us in these past weeks. We have just survived one of the most devastating cyclones I have ever seen in Nsanje, and I have been here all my life. I have never witnessed carnage such as this as strong winds blew relentlessly for days, and heavy rains deluged down on us from all sides. The flush floods from the mountains covered our fields with debris and the Shire roared like a lion, spreading its waters to heights I have only heard of but never witnessed until now. We praise the Lord that so many lives have been preserved in this, but our worry lies in the crops which we have lost. If there is a harvest this year, it is only from a handful of fields so much that my church at Tengani and Chazuka are in a desperate need of assistance. I pray to the Lord that He provides for His remnant in these difficult times.



Ed Note: Since this distribution in the middle of January we recently carried out another mid-February.

I was supposed to leave January 4 for Malawi and felt I needed to postpone. At the time I thought it was because the last version of covid had come out of Malawi and South Africa which makes traveling very difficult. God always knows better. It was because I would never have been able to get into our areas of operation as the roads were impassable. It is one thing to sit beside a flooded road and wait for hours for the waters to subside, but roads and bridges were completely washed away, and this has ever changed the direction of the Shire River in some places.

God is amazingly faithful and our land along the river is just high enough not to flood. The church becomes a refuge, and we also have a well on the property and one outside which we installed for the villagers. We have a captive audience we can preach to.

**REPORT FROM PASTOR SHADRECK:**

I greet you in the most wonderful name of our Lord Jesus and pray this finds you well. In recent weeks, Malawi has experienced heavy rains and adverse winds coming in from the Indian Ocean. These high and low pressure depressions have resulted in some harsh realities in Malawi with the tropical cyclone Ana as perhaps the worst of these unpredictable natural events. The cyclone resulted in heavy flooding and the winds swept rooftops as well as knocking down buildings. My church in Nthondo which was cheaply built with mud was one such a building which has been destroyed in the aftermath of the cyclone.

The situation in Nsanje is really desperate in the sense that the mountains usually get adequate rainfall and thus there is always hope for a harvest regardless of the weather patterns. We are the breadbasket for the Shire River valley in times of drought which is most of the time unless you can plant along the river and irrigate. However, this year has presented us with perhaps the biggest scare



we have ever had regarding food security. There was not much flooding or mud slides in the mountains but leaching of fertilizers so much so that most fields do not have a desirable crop which will result in low yields. My biggest concern was the elderly who do not have enough strength and finances to irrigate their crops and farm

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**REPORT FROM PASTOR SHADRECK cont:**

dry land in the coming months. I am however, grateful and excited at the prospect of doing a distribution every six weeks as that will go a long way towards improving the dire needs of the elderly. May the Almighty God bless you always, Grateful thanks for your lifeline.

Ed Note:

In the center of this photo is the road which is covered in sand and in the foreground is sand and mud that has been washed there by the flood. Even a four wheel drive vehicle would not manage to navigate this.

I am leaving mid May. We will do our next six week distribution while I am there. We are going to try to distribute every six weeks instead of every three months until they can plant and reap a new harvest.

We also plan on rebuilding Pastor Shadreck's church. They have to tear it down and clean the bricks which will be reused. Instead of using mud to build we will use cement. This church was not big enough anyway.

