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UPDATE

Dearest Friends,

In Bible numerics the number 11 denotes chaos and disorder, and people are saying that this is twice 11 which means double the disorder and chaos. However, number 22 is also used as an indication of God's power. The Hebrew alphabet consists of 22 letters, and it is these letters that constitute the Word of God. According to the book of Psalms 119:105 God's word is "lamp" and a "light", and we believers in God, are never in the dark. In the Old Testament there are 22 books to Israel, which means God's light shone on the children of Israel.

Numerics are read in several different ways. 2 speaks of witnesses. Jesus sent His disciples out two by two to pray ye therefore that the Lord of the harvest would come. 2 beside 2 is 22. While the world is in Chaos and disorder (which it is now and there is no decisive leadership in any of the western nations) the Lord has call us to go into the fields which are white unto harvest and to be His witnesses. If the rain comes before we reap the harvest much of the harvest will be spoiled. Please stop sitting on your pew every week, or even worse,

with the covid situation, sitting in front of your television and thinking there is nothing wrong with doing that as a permanent way to fellowship. That is not fellowshiping. Fellowshiping is the getting together of like-minded believers, sharing the Word, lifting one another up, praying for one another, being there for one another in every situation and circumstance.

Thank God that when we go through the disorder and chaos, we do not have to experience it because He is there beside us to help us through so that we might shine and be the vessels of living water that can be poured out on our neighbors and those in the highways and byways.

I have never seen so many despondent Christians as I did this time last year and many of them are still despondent and angry and miserable. Get over it and realize that there is a Kingdom that is far superior to the United Kingdom or the United States and while we physically walk in these kingdoms, we are of that great Kingdom of God that has no beginning and has no end. What is 100 years in the face of eternity? Continued Page 4....

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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."

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REPORT FROM FRANCIS:

I greet you in the most wondrous name of our Jesus and pray that the Lord has been truly faithful to you all. It is our hope that you have started this year well. We are extremely excited to see what this year has in store for us. 2021 was such a blessing and we have seen you support us generously. We were able to bring water to some communities with water challenges and we can only hope to continue being the bridge that facilitates these great moments in people's lives.

We have had an erratic 2021-22 rainy season. While most parts of the southern region planted their crops early, it did not rain in the central and Northern regions of the country until New Year's Day which is usually the time when people are through with applying fertilizers to their fields. We had heavy rains in the past week throughout the country. Chikwawa district has experienced some flooding but there has been very little rainfall in Nsanje. The good news is that the Shire has not flooded so the people in our focus area are all safe. However, after driving through the fields from Tengani to Marka and up the mountains of Chididi, it seems that Shire Valley area will have another poor harvest. Unfortunately, it is not safe to do irrigation farming now. Most of the villagers rely on cheap furrow irrigation which is only possible from the month of April when the water subsides, and the threat of crocodile and Hippo is reduced to a minimum low.



MAIZE FIELD IN MARKA

We decided to start the distributions early this year to help alleviate the desperate realities for the old people. We are planning a distribution early in February. We will start with the Tengani group as usual and work our way up to the mountains giving out maize and all the extras. We would like to say thank you for your generosity. The blankets you helped us with towards the end of last year have been such a blessing as it has been unbelievably cold at night lately. We will come back with photographs of all the beautiful faces we have missed over Christmas and New Year.

The ministry has also stepped in to better the lives of young girls who are struggling in their quest to attain a good education. For years the gap between boys' and girls' education has been far too wide. So much talk has been done but in the rural areas, but very little action is taken when it comes to secondary school education. Cynthia Chikaluma and Chifundo Andiseni are just some of the girls we are currently supporting. Young girls have always been overlooked and it has always been easy and expedient for their families to sell them into early marriages. There is a lot of work that must be done to protect and support these young ladies who could one day change and contribute to the development of Nsanje district. The government and some Non-Governmental Organizations have been trying to change this situation in the rural communities for years. We happen to be positioned and working in a region where the subject of marrying young girls off or prostituting them is particularly bad. Recently, there has been significant developments

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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from the government and local authorities which have, begun to curb early marriages but not much is being done to support young ladies in pursuit of their education.



Cynthia Chikaluma on the left – she is 15 years old and in form 2. Chifundo Andiseni on the right – she is 21 years old and in form 2. Chifundo's education has been intermittent which is why she is only in form 2 at the age of twenty-one. These two girls are in desperate need of assistance. Their annual school fees and book fee along with uniforms and boarding fees is a hundred and fifty dollars each.

In summary I would like to say that each new year always brings about an atmosphere of starting afresh, the opportunity to reach new heights, resolutions to become a better husband, wife, friend and so on and so forth. We hope and pray that you may reach whatever goals you have set up for yourself, that your plans may be realized and that we may continue to grow in the same spirit of love and togetherness in this wonderful family that is Alabaster. The death and resurrection of Christ are the two most wondrous and most important events in the history of mankind. Needless to mention that these events are the firm foundation upon which our Christian faith stands.

Often people confuse faith with the made-up utopian misconception that faith and religion are the opiate of the masses. Faith in the afterlife for instance. If this life we live on earth were everything, Jesus would never have given up His throne in glory and died so that we could "LIVE." He has the same divine power and authority today as He did at the time of His crucifixion. He could have easily slipped away from the hands of the mob which came to arrest Him in the garden of Gethsemane if He wanted to, but Christ willingly handed Himself over for us to boldly echo the words of Paul, "And now death is swallowed up in VICTORY!" The living reality of Christ is proven in the words He said to the bandit nailed next to Him at Calvary, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

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Strange that the Lord makes this statement when He's helplessly nailed to the cross. How could this be so? The validity of these words and our affirmation of hope today is in the victory of the grave when Jesus Christ resurrected on the third day. Even when we come to the end of the end of our wits, our charisma, and strength, there is still hope for a different life in this year 2022. Sometimes I try to imagine how the two men who shared that mountain top with Christ felt. I think how many of us would have the faith to believe that indeed the agonizing pain and obscurity of the cross was not the end of everything. How many of us would have had the boldness to say, "I believe you Lord and today I shall be with you in Paradise?" That was a place many of us would have given up and spoken like the second thief, "Are You not the Christ, save Yourself and us." Every person stands behind one or the other of these thieves.

In 2022 there are opportunities that will arise and doorways that will open wide and what we really need is the boldness and faith to believe we have not come to the end. We need to grab a hold of the Christ that rose from the dead, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the roaring Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the beginning and the end. We need to develop a roar that only comes from the Spirit of God who dwells in each one of us. and walk through the doorways the Lord has prepared for us in this year 2022. Times are not going to be easy. For many years now I have heard Christians say that this year is going to be better, and it never is BUT we need to see ourselves as the Triumphant Church so that we can stand in the power of HIS might and in standing we will be the light that draws the lost and dying to Christ and His glorious Kingdom. We had better learn to rule and reign now so that we will be equipped when we rule and reign for the thousand-year period.



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10 represents earthly authority which I believe we are starting to see. The world is wanting to instill their form of the 10 commandments. What is and will be good will be turned around for evil. Isaiah 5:20 *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"*

The number that goes along with that to add up to 22 is 12 which means spiritual authority. In these times when the world is mad, when Proverbs 14:12 is aparent *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death,"* the Church will be that spiritual authority that will stand and challenge the way of the world. 2022 should be a powerful year for the Church when they shake off their fear of man and their fear of what is happening around them and rise up in the

power of His resurrection. When the Lord stepped out of the boat He was often mobbed by the crowd. He looked upon the heart of each one of them. Their thoughts and objectives were unveiled before the Lord. He knew what they wanted, why they wanted it, and what they would do if they were to receive it. The Lord touched those who were reaching out in spirit and in truth, seeking by faith in the power of God, to receive what they needed without purely selfish motives. Let us be like those who are reaching out in spirit and truth and seek His power to be able to be the end time overcomers that He requires us to be.

I have never been one to follow Bible numerics but have recently started to investigate it and find far too many "happenings" out there for it to be a myth. I have never believed in coincidence. Continued below....

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BEGINNING 2022:

SO, as we make our way through 2022 the chaos of the world should have no effect on the believer because we have reached out to the One who is truly in control. He has given the power to stand when the going gets tough, He gives peace in the middle of the storm, He brings healing in the plague and to our hearts when someone we love has carelessly used them and discarded them. When there is chaos He is in the midst of it and because of what He has done I can stand alongside Him and be a light in the chaos. There is the Church but in the middle of the church stands the Bride who is without spot or wrinkle. Beloved, He is coming back for us and we will rule with Him during the millennium so we had better learn to rule and reign now. It is time for the church to stand up and be counted and not cower because chaos says we should.