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# UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,

So much confusion and so many voices! Some saying judgement and persecution are on the way, some still believing that by some miracle Trump is going to take back the reins of government. It is time to stop listening to all those voices out there and retreat to the cave so that we can hear the still, small voice of the Lord. When, and ONLY when we have heard it, we can come out roaring like the lion God wants us to be. For months we have listened to this word and that theory but God in His wisdom has chosen a different path. God measures a nation or person with a "cup." When our "cup of iniquity" is full He removes His hand of blessing and we begin to reap whatsoever we have sown. God will not be mocked and many nations including this one think that they can get away with going against the very principles of the Holy Scriptures. My God is a God of love. He is righteous and just but because He is a God of love and "His mercies extend to the heavens" PS 36:5 the cup fills slowly. There comes a time when "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." It is not a time for God's people to stop interceding and praying. I am not talking about those weak. Namby pamby prayers that we give all of five minutes to in the morning before we rush off for our cup

of Starbucks coffee in the morning. I am talking about gut wrenching, wailings of travail for a nation and a people as Daniels did and Moses and Isaiah to name just a few, until we reach a breakthrough with the heavens and the Lord, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah heads out with His angels to do battle on our behalf.

I am not a sports fanatic and do not care who wins the Superbowl or World series but there is a prophesy out there that when the Chiefs win the Superbowl there will be a revival not just in this land but in the world. They won last year and not much happened to the extent of the prophecy. For the first time ever, I am praying for another win this year and am travailing that the prophecy comes to pass. For all those whose children have turned from God and who have taught their children to mock the things of God I pray the blinders will be ripped from their eyes and that they would see Him in all His majesty, that there could be no mistaking Who He is. I pray that all this happens before it is too late when they beg for the earth to swallow them and there is no place to hide. I tell many, "I can afford to be wrong – can you?" Even if not in my generation, He is coming back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I was born for such a time as this. Do we want our children to be safe or to be strong?

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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 ERIC:

We always hope for things unseen and sometimes to go back to relive wonderful moments long gone that were perhaps some of the best days in our lives. Hope is the feeling of aspiring and expecting our hearts desires to happen. Faith on the other hand, is having a complete trust or confidence or strong belief that is birthed out of a deep spiritual conviction rather than proof. The wonderful preacher that is Charles Spurgeon once said faith deals with all things precious, with precious promises, with precious blood, with precious redemption, and with all the preciousness of the wonderful person of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have often heard preachers say have faith that moves mountains. I suppose some people take those words lightly but we have many affirmations that faith can change any situation through the testimonies of fellow believers and from the Holy Scriptures as well. Did Elijah set the bar too high after challenging the false prophets at Mount Carmel. It is impossible to make a fire with wet wood let alone trying make a fire without using a lighter on wood that has just recently been drenched in water. All Elijah said in faith believing was, *"O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, today let it be known that you are God and that I am your servant and I have done all these things to your Word."* There was a mighty flash of fire from heaven and everyone learned of the great power in the God of heaven. This was a great miracle that only happened because Elijah had faith. There was not any other secret to this because Elijah, for all his heroic deeds, was just a person like us and the secret to his greatness is the FAITH he had in the Lord.

There are two thousand promises in the Bible and we can receive God's promises so long as we tap into His heartbeat through unwavering faith. Faith is what makes us victorious because it always wins. Faith knows no doubt and no boundaries because unlike the negativity that surrounds us in the world, faith is always positive. Paul the Apostle said in Second Timothy 1 *"For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."* Faith also gives us inspiration like David says in Psalm twenty-three or as we read in the book of Romans 8:28 *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that Love God, to those who are called according to his purpose."* There is always something that moves in me when I read Psalm 23 and Romans 8. I have a certain surge of encouragement and assurance that I do not find elsewhere in a world that is not so reassuring. Strong faith can also give us peace. We can look at the life Jesus had, He lived and walked, and slept in places that most of us would not; He suffered a humiliating and shameful death but He was at peace with the Father.

There are difficult situations and troubles all around us. There are 702 homes in my village and we have had over six Covid cases in our village with two fatalities this year alone. I cannot begin to describe the fear that overtook the entire village when the first case was confirmed. We first heard the news through our Nsanje community radio station and of course the bush telegraph was effective in distorting details and filling people with fear within a few hours. We teach people all the health officials train us as preventive measures and the majority are following these rules; but that was not enough to give them confidence in their security and they were still afraid. I find peace in the Promise that Good will never leave us alone, I have confidence in the known fact that God is always faithful and He will come to our aid when we call upon Him. He has warned us of the times and the things that will follow and thus pestilence and disease is here which does not call for fear from His remnant but courage and a call to prayer.



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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.

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## REPORT FROM PASTOR FRANCIS:

One of the greatest phenomena in the world today has been how do we sustain our economies. The perpetual competition between nations for economic supremacy continues to revolve around the question of scarcity choice. We make choices by forgoing several options for a better alternative and we make these decisions every day. We have made so many choices which have had different consequences in our lifetime. We have the freedom to choose between two or more possibilities at any given time and we know that life is full of choices. In 2020 we witnessed a radical election result in the UK and a controversial period in US affairs almost all year. All these events came down to one thing, a decision that resulted in a choice. Looking at the way we live our lives, one can say choice is one of the most powerful tools we have. We live in a world of finite and infinite possibilities. Every choice we make either shuts or opens an infinite number of doors so much that at any given point we can change the direction of lives by a simple choice.

In recent times we are harming ourselves trying to live our lives. We are eating our way to ecstasy; forging relationships to wage wars, trying to do find freedom by infringing on other freedoms, bombing our way to peace, and drinking our lives away for pleasure. We have witnessed lots of divisive and overwhelming events the world over. We have heard the speeches on the need for healing and reconciliation but perhaps we ought to thirst to return to the Father. The world watches American affairs with interest - the backdrop of upheavals tumbling over each other in rapid succession has been unpleasant and enough to cause many to wonder what the world is coming to. In Malawi, the incapacitated institutions continue to frustrate so many amidst an unrelenting pandemic. We are really at a loss in this world and though we are living in it, sometimes it feels as though we are living in a faraway world where everything is different and we are like prodigal children.

As we begin the new year, I pray that we strive to mend the broken bridges with family and friends, we begin a process of rebuilding the strained relationships with our loved ones, the people we work with, that one person we cannot stand and truly begin to get to know the Father in heaven whose desires have always been reconciliation with His chosen generations. The prodigal son was living in his own house of plenty and did not realize that he had everything he would ever desire. But like most of us we want things our way. His father like any good father would, tried to reason with him and he would not listen and when the father did not get through to his son, he gave him all he desired. Any father and mother know all too well the feeling of watching their children leave home. The prodigal son went so far away from HOME; sin sponsors every trip away from God, away from the sanctuary of our home. We have all fallen short of the glory of God and need to hunger to get back to that GLORY.

It is amazing that when the prodigal son had spent all that he had; trouble came. A famine struck the land so much so that he went and joined himself to rich person. In his stubbornness he must have said I will stay out here until things get better, he did not to return home in shame and boy did a Jewish boy end up taking care of hogs. If you are hungry, I would advise to stay away from watching hogs eat because they are so enthusiastic about their mealtime. They make you hungry just by watching them go at it. But the Bible says in Luke 15:17 that when he came to himself, he said it does not make any sense for ME to be out here when I can be enjoying all the blessings, a good health, a home to live in, income to spend, security and the good things in my father's house. Amazing that it says he came just as he was, rags and dirt and all, he came home and did not give a speech of ABC's and long stories, he said I have sinned! His father welcomed him with hugs and kisses and threw a party for his lost child. I notice he did not order the servant to kill a hog for a ham dinner because that would have reminded the boy of his past. The most beautiful thing about God is that when he forgives us, He restores us into His kingdom and remembers our sins no more. The world will turn to judge us like the older brother did, there will be many that will revile and mock our resolve, it does not count for much BUT the knowledge and excellence of Jesus Christ is worth so much more.

And so, as we begin this new chapter in rebuilding and reaching for new heights in our lives, as we begin to discover new horizons and grow, let us remember to return to the Father and live together in harmony with everyone around us.



## REPORT FROM PASTOR SHADRECK:

Please receive kindest regards from our hearts to you. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord has preserved you and blessed you with His unwavering love and protection. He has been truly faithful to us and thus we bless His holy name forever.

I would like to take this wonderful opportunity to show my appreciation to our dearly beloved supporters. You have been faithful and great companions for years and through the most difficult of times. May the almighty God bless and preserve both you and your families always. I praise the Lord for your sacrifice and I hope that God continues to pour more of Himself into your lives otherwise I would not understand how else you would be able to bear such a great cost as this. We have in your great sacrifice, the best affirmation that God makes your cup to overflow and through your precious sacrifice you touch the lives of many, even in a continent that lies far and across many waters. May you be richly blessed as we begin this NEW YEAR together.

The book of John reminds us of how important giving is and Jesus is the Word which reveals God's heart. The Word planted Himself in the hearts of men thereby propagating His love, forgiveness, light, and reconciliation. The purpose is to let Himself flow through one individual to another as we share this precious life, He gracefully gave us. It is when we begin to pour out our life that God fills us more with His life just as He gracefully planted Himself in us from the beginning of time. Often, I have very few words to express my gratitude for the support we receive because I see first-hand the principles that God encourages us to adopt working through the lives of many saints. I just pray that as we continue to grow together this year, the Lord enriches our relationship that we may overflow and touch the lives of more of His people.

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Sometimes I just want to stop. Talk of Covid, protests, looting, brutality. I lose my Way. Become convinced that this "new Normal" is real life.

But then I meet an 87-year-old who talks of living through polio, diphtheria, Vietnam, protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging for him. "No," he said slowly, looking me straight in the eyes, "I learned a long time ago not to see the world through the printed headlines, I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realization that we love big. Therefore, I just choose to write my own headlines. 'Husband loves wife today.' 'Family drops everything to come to Grandma's bedside.'" He patted my hand, "Old man makes new friend."

His words collide with my worries, freeing them from the tether I had been holding tight. They float away. I am left with a renewed spirit. My headline now reads, "Woman overwhelmed by the spirit of kindness and the reminder that our CAPACITY to LOVE is never ending."