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UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,

I am entitling this the Lion and the Lamb. Many years ago, I was given the poster printed on page 2. I found it inspirational but many who visited my home did not like it. Many of us, even in unsaved households, grew up saying our prayers before bed. "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child, pity my simplicity, suffer me to come to thee. Amen" and jump into bed. We dutifully knelt and put our hands together and never really understood what we were saying. We grew up celebrating Christmas without understanding what the real meaning of Christmas was but we had our nativity sets and there was "Gentle Jesus" as a baby in the manger. "Gentle Jesus" became our Savior and our Shepherd and we need/needed Him to be our Shepherd. Times are changing and we should be changing too. It is time to see Him as our soon and coming KING. He is no longer the gentle shepherd but He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and He has all power and authority. He is here as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and the Commander of the armies of the Lord. He should have ceased to be the baby in the manger when we became born again into the Kingdom of God and were filled with the POWER of the Holy Spirit. That power should be so much a part

of our lives that we should be living epistles and fit for the Master's use. Many churches no longer teach or pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. It is one of my favorite subjects at the Bible School because the students literally change before our very eyes when they receive. For me it is second only to seeing someone accept Jesus as their Savior.

Lambs in the Old Testament were made the sacrifice in the Tabernacle or Temple. The lamb's atoning blood covered the sin of Israel. It was the blood of the lamb that was placed upon the door posts in Egypt so that the angel of death passed over. Jesus, the Lamb of God was the final sacrifice and His Blood covers our sin as far as the east is from the west. This is how so many still see Jesus but on the Cross and at His triumph over death, He became the victor and trampled on the head of the serpent. He became the LION.

In the Song of Solomon there is a simple Shulamite girl who falls in love with the Shepherd. The eye of the KING falls upon her and He wants to marry her. She is so in love with the Shepherd she does not want the KING but the Shepherd has become the KING, they are one and the same but she does not recognize Him as both. Many in the church can only see Him as Gentle Jesus instead of the triumphant King and Lord. It is time for the Bride to rise up and recognize Him for who He is. It is

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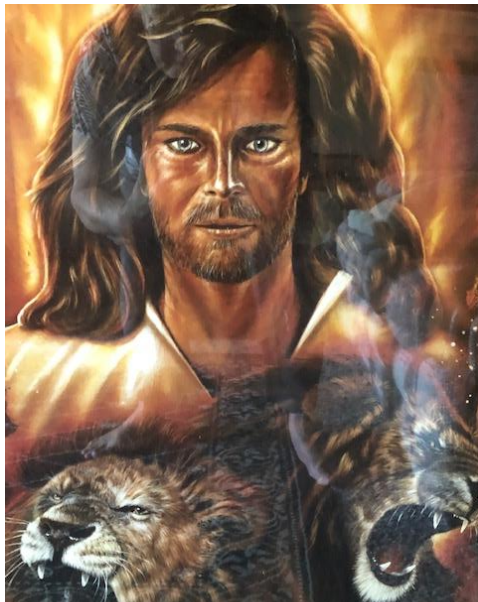
"He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meant for the master's use and prepared for every good work."

time for us to become the victorious, overcoming, militant, conquering church that He shed His blood for. I was in Minneapolis for some meetings recently. Minneapolis is one of the most liberal cities in the United States. When the police came and told them to shut down the church, they took it outside to the parking lot and preached from a flatbed in all weather – sleet and snow and the heat of summer and Minnesota can get very hot and humid in summer. This is an example of the LION mentality. The Bible says in Hebrews 10:25, “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” I know there was no such thing as church buildings back then but the body gathered in homes or wherever they could find a place to gather. In Rome they gathered in the catacombs which is a graveyard. One statistic that is coming out of covid is that there are more suicides, depression, and loneliness. Humans do not fare well when they are cut off and alone, especially the elderly. There is a time when the dictates of government will, and already are, contradicting the laws and mandates of God and this is when we need to be lions after the heart of the LION of Judah.

My heart has wept at what is happening here in the United States. This nation has always been a beacon of freedom to the rest of the world. What makes this nation so different from any other nation? The first thing other nations do when a new leader comes to power is to change the constitution. The constitution of the United States has been in existence for 233 years because it was inspired by God and written by God fearing men. I have experience socialism, communism, and despotism in Africa and what an amazing honor it was when I received citizenship in the United States. Now I see things happening here that I experienced in Africa and everyone says it cannot happen here. Wake up church because you will be the first to go through persecution. I see placards held up by the rioters (let us call them what they are), which state, “If your Jesus comes back, we will kill Him again.” There is an absence of the fear of God in this nation. We do not have to be born again to experience a reverential fear of God. In past years even if people felt that way, they would never voice it. These rioters are not out there protesting police violence. You do not tear down historical sites because you are mad with the police. They accuse the police of violent acts but have been so much more violent in their acts. The first thing they did in socialist take-overs in Africa was to tear down statues and street signs and try to change history.

It is not time for a revival in the United States and the United Kingdom but for a great awakening or a reformation. The definition of reformation is “an overhauling, rectification, reconstruction.” It is time for a complete overhaul. We have been lulled to sleep by the continuous grace message. There is a place for the grace of God – without it I would have been snuffed out a long time ago but we have made it a gospel and we have forgotten that He is the Great Judge and that all of our deeds and works will one day be placed in the crucible. I would really hate to be on the receiving end of the people with the anti-Jesus placards.

Let us rise up in these times of tribulation and recognize Jesus as the LION of the Tribe of Judah and open our mouths and let out a roar. We need the strength of the lion – a lamb does not have any strength. We will need His strength in these times. May we become the conquering, victorious, triumphant, church that the world is looking for. IT IS TRANSITION TIME!!!!!!



ABOUT US

We, Alabaster Ministries

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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:

We bless you in the most wonderful name of our Lord Jesus and pray that you are all well. We have been truly blessed by your wonderful gifts in the past month and would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all of you our dearly beloved for coming through to touch our hearts once again with your undying love and generosity. We truly cherish all that you do for us and the last distribution was such a blessing to us.

We have had to reduce the numbers at our Bible Study meetings to lessen the risk of contact and take care of the elderly at a time when Corona Virus is spreading faster than we anticipated in Malawi. We were first limited to 100 people per church session which made it easier for my small meetings with elderly since I was free to operate. The challenge in accessing the right information in the rural areas has made people lose FOCUS on the Almighty and they have placed it on FEAR and confusion. It is astonishing that one plague has brought the whole world into a frenzy. The economic systems are taking a hit, the sport industry has felt the pinch, the entertainment sector is shattered, people are afraid to come out of their houses, we have been glued to television screens and the internet, and worse still the church is under duress.

The Lord Jesus in Luke 17:20-21 speaks of the kingdom of God which has always been within us. Though it may not be a visible kingdom, it is a spiritual kingdom set up in our hearts by divine Grace. The fear that has gripped most people in our remote communities because of all the misinformation can easily make one lose his sight on the Mark which is Christ. I am reminded of how we build up our security fences in suburban Malawi. High and thick concrete walls with electric wires all around, alarms, armed guards, and guard dogs and yet with all that heavy protection, those who threaten our sovereign rights always find a way in. I have watched the banks operate in Malawi and the strict prevention measures they put in place needless to mention that fumigation hasn't been left out yet on several occasions they have closed down a bank or reported personnel sick. We can do all we can but the Lord Almighty is our ultimate and absolute solace. I look at Israel in Egypt and all the other plagues they saw but when they obeyed the word of God to use the blood of the lamb as a covering, they did not see the last plague Egypt suffered. The Blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient to make us endure all that threatens our sovereignty in Him.

We are reminded of the word that comes from 1 Corinthians 15: 58, *"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."* We have here an exemplification of true brethren in the Lord as you have not shaken in your resolve and the strides you keep taking to reach out and make a major impact upon our lives on the furthest side of the Atlantic. You have been steadfast throughout the years and have been the blessing to a forgotten and neglected people; abounding in good works which continue to enrich our faith in a better world. The seed that you have sown in our lives shall continue to grow until one day we in return are able to bless others with the fruit of your labors. We bless the Lord for bringing together this wonderful family of saints that is Alabaster. Please know that your generosity goes a long way into making our lives better and your blessings are never in vain.

We would like to extend our heartfelt regards to you our dearly beloved partners in the Lord that upon hearing of the drought situation in the Shire valley area, came through to support the churches at Tengani, Chazuka, and Nthondo areas with food supplies which will sustain their families and alleviate the pressure their households were under. A lot more people will sleep better at night knowing that they will not go hungry anytime soon and it is you our dearly beloved who made all that possible. We cannot thank you enough for your support and love which you profusely show us. It has been challenging for most people in the rural areas to make a living under the new measures implemented by law to further curtail the impact of Covid-19. Our economic system is such that we have more people living on less than a dollar a day and thus they need to fetch for all the essentials required for survival on daily basis. The able-bodied individuals of our communities have felt the pinch of adjusting to new realities and so have the weak and underprivileged elderly. Your support came as a gentle breeze and made our lives easier. We would like to say thank you very much and may the almighty God continue to bless and extend your territory.

PICTURES:



Pastor Francis with the elderly



House for the elderly ladies



Another house almost finished



Outdoor meetings

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR SHADRECK

Dearest Pastor Roz,

I want to ask you to join me in singing praises to the Lord Almighty for the people He has positioned in our lives. At the Bible School, we teach our brothers and sisters that a single act of kindness can change the lives of someone in ways that we cannot imagine. I remember sending you a report a few months ago on the acute hunger situation in my home area and the food sources that we were being forced to turn to because of food scarcity. Most people resorted to making the long trips down to the Shire river to either buy or risk their lives making dives for river planktons in crocodile infested waters. It was not long after I sent you that email that the Lord sent His saints to help us with bags of maize for my church and the elderly in my community. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to please convey our gratitude and blessings to all the saints who made this miracle possible.

Brother Eric and Francis came with the truck to my village and we distributed all the supplies sent to all in my community. Francis preached the word and together we said a blessing in thanksgiving for all the things that all those who have been positioned in our lives have invested in us. We would like to have you all in our community one day so that we can say thank you the African way. I remember teaching the elderly on that earlier this month and after we had finished our topic for the day, Mr. Abel stood up and began to narrate the story of Jesus and the 10 people who were affected by leprosy and upon being healed, 9 went their different ways jubilating, probably screaming, "come and see am healed!" BUT only one returned to say Thank You Lord for this miracle in my life. We say thank you for what you have done in my community and the lives you have touched.

As you are aware, I have started taking English lessons to help improve my literacy level to better execute my duties. I heard someone say a leader who does not read cannot lead effectively, and so I would like to take this opportunity to invest into bettering myself so that I can serve my community in the best way possible. Next time we meet I will be better at speaking English and will not require someone to translate.

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