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# UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,

*Romans 10:8-11, "BUT what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, "that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. "10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. "11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."*

The English Dictionary defines faith as a complete trust or confidence in someone or something OR a strong belief in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof. Faithfulness is the concept of unfailingly remaining loyal to someone or something and putting that loyalty into consistent practice regardless of extenuating circumstances. It simply implies that one must always be so overwhelmingly full of faith and completely devoted to one's belief. The word faith derives from the Greek work "pistis" which means "belief, properly persuaded or convinced to come to trust, or confidence in someone or something." and putting that loyalty into consistent practice regardless of extenuating circumstances. It simply implies that one must always be so overwhelmingly full of faith and completely devoted to one's belief. The word faith derives from the

Greek work "pistis" which means "belief, properly persuaded or convinced to come to trust, or confidence in someone or something." We know and quote the verse; "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the WORD of God." Faith is a great gift from God which He freely bestows on whosoever desires to know Him and listens to the voice of His Holy Spirit speaking through the precious WORD of God. Apostle Paul received immense revelation of the mysteries of heaven through his disposition and by the abundance of his faith in Christ Jesus. It is not a surprise therefore that the book of Romans should carry the theme of faith. First the apostle establishes the process by which faith is produced in our hearts- "by hearing the message of God in His word, and message is best delivered through Jesus Christ by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Strong's concordance also says "pistis" in secular antiquity referred to a *guarantee* or warranty which in Scriptures, faith is God's warranty, certifying that the revelation He birthed will come to pass. With this in mind then we should begin to have a deeper understanding of what the apostle Paul was saying when he says faith comes by hearing the word of God. It is not a mere physical receiving of sounds echoing in our ears but it seems that this hearing signifies the acknowledgement or acceptance of a report. Why acceptance of a report? In Rom 10:16 Paul quotes the prophet Isaiah (51:1) in his lament that so few have received the reports of the prophets. Cont page 2

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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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We even sing about it today when we say "Whose report shall we believe? We shall believe in the report of the Lord!" The word "Report" is the same as the word "message". We have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ our savior, the good news has been given to us freely. For us to believe the report of the Gospel we must first believe the report! Believe that Jesus Christ has the power today to make a difference in our lives just as he has demonstrated in recent weeks by healing one of our dearly beloved friends Dina Viazhi.

Faith comes by hearing EVERY word of Jesus Christ. It is not a guarantee that the message of Jesus Christ will birth unwavering faith in all mankind. The Children of Israel refused to believe Isaiah in antiquity just the same as so many refuse to acknowledge Christ today. In more recent millennia, our disposition has birthed ideas and realities parallel to the simplicity of the Gospel so much that even the theological experts offer knowledge compared to faithfulness which is far better than mere knowledge of the word. Faithfulness is a better measure of spiritual maturity than knowledge. The knowledge of the Word of God alone is not good enough without practicing faith.

Practicing faith makes a big difference in our lives. We can choose at any point of our lives not to rely on our knowledge of the Lord but to have faith in the fact that He never fails us. Spiritual maturity is time dependent but that does not imply that we must be as old as Dina (93 – see report on page 3) to attain spiritual maturity. It all depends on how much time are we willing to spend with the Lord and receive revelation from His Holy Spirit. Faithfulness can and should be demonstrated at any point in our lives. Modernity has restricted our faith to implying logic and reason in everything. It is now more necessary that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached so that other might hear and believe our report. The Gospel must be given not only to be known, and believed, but to be Obeyed. It is not a system of notions and proofs but a rule of PRACTICE. The beginning, progress, and strength of our faith is by Hearing ONLY the word of God who strengthens us for all eternity.

### MINOLA KANDIEDO:

Minola Kandiedo is 80 years old and was born in January 1941 at Tengani, Nsanje District. She does not remember her birthday because no one really paid attention to birthdays in Malawi at that time except for those who were fortunate enough to be born at Christian Hospitals which issued birth certificates. She was raised in the Tengani area with her four siblings who taught her how to navigate the Shire River as well as to fish using traditional methods. She is the only surviving member of her house. Minola travelled to Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) in the late 1960's to try and find employment in the Malawian communities of those who had travelled to Salisbury for work. She recalls walking hundreds of kilometers through forests where every breath felt like your last because of the presence of Lions and Leopards. Whilst in Zimbabwe, Minola got pregnant and God blessed her with handsome boy. She returned home a year later to start a family in Malawi but her husband passed away a year after they married leaving her with two children. Her son later succumbed to Malaria and so she put all her efforts into raising her daughter. She used to farm her land for food, exploit the Shire River for fish which she could smoke-cure to preserve it for future use or use it for barter to supplement their pantry. She has always been involved in missions and remembers traveling to Chididi and beyond as a young lady preaching the Gospel. She is very influential among the elderly and teaches the women in the choir how they used to do things back then with that "Old time religion."

Minola's challenge today is dementia and a house which has completely fallen apart forcing her to live with her daughter. Tengani has become a dangerous place for those who are as old as Minola. Intensive awareness campaigns have reduced cases of assault and homicide on the elderly. The inaccurate suspicions that when you are old then you are automatically branded as a witch have not been heard in the region which is such a relief but there is a new sect of barbarism against elderly women. Unscrupulous and evil men have taken to defiling the elderly for rituals in the search of wealth. Minola is a survivor of such a traumatic ordeal after her house collapsed which is why her daughter decided to take her in. We thank the Lord that Minola has recovered from that trauma and now lives just outside our property at Tengani. We would implore those who would like to bless Minola with a new home to assist her and make her dreams come true. Minola has been living with her daughter for the past eighteen months and she still goes to the river to fish for food. I am amazed by her resilience to go against all odds and her generosity to still give to others in need even when she does not have much herself.

## 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

**You can support this exciting and vibrant ministry by sending checks to:**

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It is our prayer that the Lord answers her prayers and blesses her with a home of her own. Minola has been living with her daughter for the past eighteen months and she still goes to the river to fish for food. I am amazed by her resilience to go against all odds and her generosity to still give to others in need even when she does not have much herself. It is our prayer that the Lord answers her prayers and blesses her with a home of her own.

## DINA VIAZHI:

While I was in Malawi on the recent trip, I noticed that one of my favorite elderly ladies was not at the distribution. We asked the pastor where she was and he said she was sick with malaria. We packed up lunch and her bag with food and went to her house to pray for her. As usual the, "Not far, just over there," turned out to be some distance. Never ask the locals how far because, "Just over there" can turn out to be three or four miles away.

We found Dina very frail and with a terrible skin malady. Her skin was literally peeling off almost all her body. It was not like the peeling from sun burn but thick layers of it. She sat on a chair and we sat at her feet, laid hands on her and began to pray.



I put pictures on Facebook asking what people thought it was and no-one, not even doctors, could give me an answer.

Then it occurred to us that it was nothing less than witchcraft. Fortunately, we had covered that during our prayer session with her. Francis continues with the story a month after I returned to the States:

I went to Marka with Pastor Eric Ndaluzo to visit the old people there. We planned to go and visit Dina Viazhi afterwards because we were still under the impression that she was unable to walk following her "illness." I was so busy talking and suddenly I felt a pat on my back and to my amazement, there she was greeting me and laughing as always. You can imagine the look on our faces when we saw her. She said she started walking forty-eight hours after we had been to pray with her during the recent distribution exercise. Dina was born in 1928 in Nsanje. There were no schools anywhere near Marka so she is not educated at all but has faith that is as strong as the matter of the mustard seed and the mountains. She believed in her heart that all the words of healing she has heard Pastor Roz preach and the power that is in Communion is not in vain; after all, it is the New Covenant God made with His people. Her faith has healed and restored her.

Before we prayed:

After we prayed:



## REPORT FROM PASTOR FRANCIS:

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus and pray that this finds you well. The Lord has been so good to me and my family and continues to bring us from glory to glory. It is my hope that you are all succeeding in your endeavors and will continue to break barriers throughout the year. Due to upsurge of covid we are, once again, having small meetings and house visitations. The scourge of this pandemic continues to be felt across the world and we pray the Lord grants us all some respite soon. We have a burden to radically evangelize our villages and will continue forging ahead having taken all the necessary precautions to avoid contracting and spreading the virus to our beloved villagers.

We are going through a difficult time in our nation now and there is a lot of confusion especially in the rural areas where it exceedingly difficult to access most things. Businesses are struggling, the social-political status is deteriorating at an alarming rate, the church is struggling financially and sometimes overwhelmed by the demands faced by its members. The power struggle in this country can sometimes get frightening because there is certainly no clarity in anything that is going on now since most of the good developments get sabotaged by the corrupt and greedy factions. We pray that the Lord shows His mercy and grace and sheds His light on our nation so that we can see His hand moving in all these predicaments we are facing. Things should not be difficult in such a small country as ours.

I am excited to report of the growth that we have seen in the Youth and Women's ministries. It is much more rewarding when you begin to see the fruits of the seeds you planted and nurtured. It gives you a certain feeling of accomplishment and propels you to strive to reach greater heights. I am privileged to be in a position where I can help others realize their calling and purpose and if I can do just a little bit to help point them in the direction of their dreams inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Years ago, the Lord gave Pastor Roz a vision to minister to the old people. Little did she realize that that vision and burden would multiply into what it is today.

Line upon line and precept upon precept both in the teaching of the Word and in the growth of the ministry. The landscape in the lower Shire has been badly devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic and economic migration which meant the elderly inherited the huge burden of taking care of single mothers and grandchildren. This is why there is such a need for women's ministry and a youth program to assist the elderly fulfil their dreams of having good and successful families. The journey that Pastor Roz began has multiplied tenfold and I pray the Lord continues to renew her strength so that she can continue to see the fruit of this amazing vision.

### **FALESS DAMITON:**

Faless Damiton was born in Nthondo village in 1942. She has been living in Meke village for the past twenty-five years. Faless is widowed and takes care of eight grandchildren in the Nthondo mountains in Nsanje. Faless' life is nothing short of a miracle. Her husband passed away when she was only thirty years old and she raised four children two of whom have passed away due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic that has claimed so many lives in this region. Her deceased children left behind eight grandchildren who have been under Faless's care.

Her normal day starts at 5 o'clock in the morning with trip to the borehole which is quiet a distance from her house but she must try to get there early since there is only one functioning borehole in a village with 900 households. Some days she spends about three hours at the borehole especially when the grandchildren are in school. She stands in line for hours and carries her water home to prepare food then head out to the fields Cont below.

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### **FALESS DAMITON continued:**

is incredibly old now which makes things like bending down difficult and gardening is an extremely tough exercise but the grandchildren have been assisting. Faless has never had a proper home. Shas resolved to gathering tree cuttings and special flexible stems which when skillfully woven together and covered with mud helps to provide protection from winds but are easily washed away by rains as is patently clear in the photograph above. This sort of housing does not allow for privacy since there are no bedrooms. She has an old thatch on the roof which harbors rats that eat food reserves and spread lice. The thatch also leaks in the rain which makes living conditions exceedingly difficult in the wet seasons.



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