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# UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,  
It has been a whirlwind May/June so far. I returned from Africa to the graduation of my elder grandson. Congratulations James and may the Lord watch over you as you take the next step of many in your life. On graduation day the packers came in and began to pack up my home and the following day I moved into a new place. Two days later I had dental surgery.  
AFRICA oh AFRICA!!! It had been 15 months since I had return at the outbreak of Covid and what a delight it was to be able to return and see all those faces again. The elderly thought that I was never coming back. We have lost a handful from old age and they were quickly replaced by some who are really needy but there were no deaths from covid. The reports from pastors stating the rigors of the pandemic are because the situation was drummed into them and many reacted out of fear. Africa by a large has not been subjected to the pandemic like the rest of the world and the numbers that have died are but a small percentage compared to world figures.  
I traveled via Europe. After having spent 11 hours at the airport I realized that the United States is way ahead of the curve. Europe is paralyzed by fear. It was a huge international airport with no shops.

or restaurants open. I paid to use one of the lounges and there were no food or drinks available except bottles of water and I was told if I wanted one I would have to go outside the lounge to drink it. Work this one out – every person at the airport HAD to have a negative covid test in order to travel. Everyone on the planes had to have a negative covid test to get on that plane and when the food and drink carts came, we all took off our masks. How much more paranoid can we be? None of it makes any sense. Apart from that the trip was amazing.  
We held a pastors’ conference after we had distributed and taught the elderly. Out of the 24 pastors we graduated we are left with 12. That is a particularly good percentage. The others either fell in adultery, incest or decided to take a second wife. After all the teaching they received at the school over the three years they were with us they still did not get it AND the teacher that taught on the family has succumbed to adultery himself. We had a wonderful time outside under the trees. We sat in a circle and the message for them was on unity. There were a bunch of pencils on the table in front of me. I picked one up and snapped it in half saying this is what happens when we stand alone but when we are in unity (I picked them all up and tried to break them) we hold each other up and do not allow outsiders in to try to corrupt what God is doing in our.... 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.”

## REPORT FROM PASTOR SHADRECK:

April and May have always been significant months in my village as we see multitudes of faith groups gather in unison over Easter festivities and a time of the harvest. This is when we begin to reap everything that we had put in the ground during the rainy season and the Lord has surely blessed us with a wonderful harvest. We have endured a lot as a people. We have suffered the blows of the pandemic and loss as well as the economic challenges that keep coming our way. This harvest season has reminded some of us to be grateful for the provisions the Lord has blessed us with from His bounty. Pastor Roz also came to us at the turn of the seasons to grace us with her fair presence after such a long time. We praise the Lord for making her trip a success. We were told it would be long and when Francis called us that we should pray because there was an issue with testing for covid in Germany we did not despair for we knew the Lord would not let us down in a season where He always gives us plenty.

We have just returned from a good three weeks of doing distributions and teaching at the Bible school in Nthondo. I enjoyed seeing just how happy the elderly were to see Pastor Roz. Some of the elderly did not think that she would ever come back to Malawi since the previous distributions following the onslaught of Covid were done by Francis and the team. We did try to keep her arrival a surprise and it surely was. Their faces lit up as soon as they saw and all the pleasantries of meeting a familiar face after such a long time followed. I think I had more fun this trip than all the other meetings put together. The elderly were overjoyed to get their packages as usual, more so because they got clothes as add-ons. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you our dearly beloved friends for making this distribution possible.

The message through this distribution campaign was one of unity and reconciliation. When we look around our small circles, we will realize that we either have people who have scarred us in some way and there are those we have wronged through our interactions. Needless to mention that not all of us have this scenario going on but as a principle of coexistence; it is imperative to reconcile with one another. Admitting the wrongs, we have done and even if we did not cause any grievance, so long as we are involved in any apologizing and forgiving one another for such always brings us close to each other and makes us take steps towards building a better living environment for everyone around us. True fellowship must flow from a deeper place in Christ before it is expressed and shared outwardly. We need each other and therefore must strive to be united body but to do that we must first stir up unconditional love in our beings.

In conclusion I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful family we have in Alabaster ministries. We are one team that is far from perfect but always work together as a family. The previous year has pushed us all to new heights and the fits we have endured have brought us closer as well as made us stronger. I would like the entire team to know that I deeply appreciate them and cherish every moment I spend with them. I would also like to thank Pastor Roz for rewarding our hard work with a wonderful game drive. I saw elephant, leopard, and lions for the time in my life, needless to mention that elephants can be intimidating the first time you ever see one. I am brave but I must confess there was a time I wish I were driving the car when one bull elephant decided he had had enough of our rattling engine and wanted to charge at us (I would have been out of there faster than the morning dew LOL, but I cannot drive). It was a wonderful experience and I would like to thank you for that. We stayed at this beautiful place next to the Shire River and my brother Eric was a little scared to swim at the pool because he thought the Shire River crocodiles might swing by for supper but he did eventually. We had such a great time and we are now refreshed and ready to go do some more hard work. I bless your heart and all those who make this wonderful family that is Alabaster a successful story. God bless you always.



**Alabaster Ministries**

## 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 PASTOR ERIC:

I greet you in the most wonderful name of our dear Lord and Savior. I hope that this finds you all well and pray that the Lord should continue blessing you our dearly beloved friends. It had been far too long since the last time Pastor Roz visited Malawi. I was incredibly grateful for the heart the Lord has blessed her with that she braved the fears of flying the thousands of miles she had to so that she could visit us in a once red flagged covid zone. We are particularly happy that red flag has since been removed but we are overjoyed by the Grace of God that Pastor Roz could come and have fellowship with us.

The Lord has been faithful and continues to bless my family as well as growing my church. My ministry to the People of Nsanje has been but one huge adventure and I praise the Lord for the opportunity and privilege to serve the elderly in my region. When I was asked if I would move to Tengani to better execute my duties I had no idea it would turn out to be such a huge blessing for my family. I had fears of taking up new responsibilities and of course the fear of not living up to what was expected of me. However, the prayers and support that you our dearly beloved and the elderly provide for me are sufficient that we are able. The ministry has continued to thrive despite all the challenges we have endured with this pandemic.

For far too long it had been Francis, Shadreck and I visiting the elderly in their villages and at the distribution centers. We were always having to answer questions of when we will ever see Pastor Roz again. Some even did not hope that she would ever come back to Malawi following the fear that covid has inflicted on most of us. And so, the team made sure we kept her arrival a surprise for all. It was wonderful to see all the familiar faces at our distribution centers sharing a smile with their dearly beloved friend in Pastor Roz. I will always be grateful for the messages of encouragement you bring to every distribution event, Pastor Roz. I had several conversations with the elderly during the meetings and they were touched by your message of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace. Often, we do not see the bigger picture in our squabbling as individuals. We put our selfishness above everyone else and in that we are blinded from all the hurt we inflict on others. Reconciliation however starts with realizing those mistakes and apologizing for the wrongs we have done to our friends. I will teach my youth team this great message as we together begin a new season of spreading love and healing in our communities.

I would like to extend my gratitude for the wonderful time we have had in the past three weeks. We had a hectic year and to reward us for the hard work Pastor Roz took us to a game park. Most of you will not believe it when I tell you that I have lived in Nsanje forty-plus years but had never seen a Lion or an Elephant or even the antelope.

Praise and worship at one village with the elderly.



And so, this game park drive was my wonderful opportunity to see lions and elephant. We arrived at the gates and of course Francis says guys lets pray and I heard my brother Shadreck pray that we see lots of elephants. God answered his prayer but I have to say he was not so keen sitting in the back seat when two big bull elephants, who were annoyed by the rattling noise of our four-wheel vehicle started to come towards us with ears flapping. No sooner had they began charging than I heard Shadreck say, "ok mom it's time to go!" We had a great time of laughter. We love you so much Pastor Roz. Come back to us soon. We will continue to pray for your health and would like to implore you our dearly beloved to keep her in your prayers.



Eric and Shadreck on their beds in the hotel.



The ELEPHANT!! Before it began to move towards us.



The female lion we saw on the banks of the Shire River. Shadreck kept trying to put the window up but I had turned off the engine. For a hunter he was extremely nervous.

Continued from page 1... lives and church. We all need to be there for one another and stand together in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I am forever grateful to God for the gift of His Holy Spirit. He empowers me to do what I do. He convicts me BEFORE I ever do something wrong and I can listen or ignore. When I ignore it is because of self. These men are not "our pastors" and we are not there to control them or their churches but we are there when they need us in whatever field. I have told them that they are not to name their churches Alabaster because they are independent. There is only one Alabaster church and that is the one on our property in Tengani.

We all walked up to our new property. God has surely blessed us. On one side of the property is the road???? and the other side borders a forestry preserve. It is on the outskirts of the village which is wonderful because it is quiet and peaceful. During the conference we slept by the church in our tents. The cows moored and dogs barked all night. We were awakened early one morning by someone filled with devils talking to himself in many different voices. This new property is the site for the Bible School.

The last time I was in Malawi I taught on dying to self and that subject has been so on my heart for over a year now. None of the pastors would have fallen away if they had died to those things of self. I have come to realize that it is not just an "African" problem but it is a world-wide church problem. This is why the church is weak because we will not die to self. One of the reasons we hear little or no teaching on the Holy Spirit is because it is He that brings the conviction in our lives and we are not comfortable with that feeling so we have shut Him out of our churches. This trip with the elderly we taught on the "tree." When we get tired of something in our life, we will chop that branch off BUT just as with spiders weaving webs again a branch will grow back with even more shoots. It is not good enough for us as the children of the Kingdom to get rid of one branch at a time we must take the ax to the root. Matt 3:10 *"And even now the axe lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."*

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They can so identify with pictures and parables so that is how we teach them. I love the acronym KISS. Keep it Simple Sweetheart OR Keep it Short Sweetheart,

It was also a wonderful experience to watch how the Alabaster leadership has continued with the work on their own. What an amazing team under the leadership of Francis. God has given him a wonderful gift of how to relate. It does not matter whether they are pastors or government officials, chiefs, or church people, he is able to communicate with all of them. That is a great asset to any missions organization.

Please continue to pray as we begin to develop the property in the mountains. We must put a road in and terrace part of the property. When that is done, we will have a borehole in place so we can begin to build. Remember it is Africa and these things all take much time. The picture on page 1 to the right of us is the land. As you can see it is wooded which is amazing because trees have been cut down and the country has become denuded of trees as it is their only form of energy for cooking.

I am always stunned that no-one has come up with something that is energy efficient and affordable for third world nations.

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