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UPDATE

Dearest Friends,

It is hard to believe that another year has passed. With the covid situation I would have thought time would have passed by more slowly. It certainly has been trying on relationships with husbands and wives having to work at home and across the table from one another. If they did not have much of a relationship beforehand, they certainly must by now. It has hopefully drawn families together.

We are now entering our third year of covid and the deaths in 2021 far surpassed those for 2020 despite the fact vaccines were available. US deaths for 2020 were 362,208 and for 2021 it is 411,571 and we still have a month to go with a new variant and a present average death rate of 1,000 per day.

I had planned on a trip to Africa at the beginning of January 2022 but it looks as if I am going to have to postpone again. Malawi is one of the Southern African countries that has the new variant. I was supposed to spend some time in England on my way back with meetings already set up and British Airlines have already suspended their flights from these African nations. Thank God for my extremely competent team that can run the work without me constantly on the phone or being there physically. I believe that missionaries in the past have made the mistake of not training up the locals to continue the

work whether they are there or not.

For those who think that we are not living in the End Times, I see this covid as one of the End Time plagues. The spanish flu lasted just over a year without all the marvels of modern medicine. The bubonic plague (which also started in China) last approximately 2 – 3 years. This is going into its third year and the figures are rising in spite of modern medicine.

It is time for the church to be what God wants her to be and to bring healing – not just physical healing but healing to a hurt, bewildered world. Whose report are we going to believe? I have to believe the report of the Lord and trust that He will do what He says He will. He has never forsaken His people. He covered them in Egypt when the angel of death passed over, He was with them at the Red Sea and made a way for them. He was with Joshua at Jericho and fed Elijah in a time of terrible famine. He was with Daniel in the fire and David when he stood before Goliath and hid in the cave. What an amazing God we serve. That the God of the whole universe (universes) should care so much for you and me that He would cover me as a bird covers her chicks with her wings. He is my strong and mighty tower and the righteous – that is ME- can run into it and be saved!

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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.”

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS ARTICLE**REPORT FROM PASTOR FRANCIS:**

I greet you in the most wonderful name of our Lord Jesus and pray the Lord has been faithful, has preserved, and saturated you with His unmerited favor. The Lord continues to watch over us on this side of the world.

Of late, we have witnessed a rapid rise of prices of goods and services in Malawi so much that tensions between people have been strained to their limits. Just recently a disgruntled member ex-ruling party official has risen to gather masses to take to the streets for so called justice against this backdrop of the status quo. If we are to borrow a leaf from our own history of civil disobedience, we will see that what are supposed to be peaceful demonstrations of frustration against the authorities rioting and plunder quickly follow. The most unfortunate part of it all is that we continue to be divided across political affiliations and ethnic planes as a nation. The greed and corruption that has gripped this country for years continues to weigh heavy on the underprivileged who suffer the most in the aftermath of all that brings this impoverished nation to a standstill. We pray the Father in heaven has mercy and will you please keep us in your prayers.

It was so exciting to once again be able to do a distribution after several months had gone by. We usually go to distribution centers early but often we find that in most centers the elderly are already there before we get there. It is how their faces light up as soon as they see the vehicles coming that melts my heart. It makes it clear just how much this means to them. It is easy to be doing the distribution as a routine you follow through every quarter of the year but when you experience what those elderly experience for a moment you realize just how much their lives have been touched. Every time I see their reaction, I am reminded that I am a part of something much bigger than I could ever imagine. I am privileged to be a conductor facilitating your investment in lives of multitudes thousands of miles across the oceans.

I watched as the elderly received their bags and when they got their blankets, they quickly unwrapped them and covered themselves. Then came the priceless smiles. Dearly beloved, I wish you were there to see the seriousness of the effect your generosity has had on those elderly and their communities. We are so grateful and shall forever cherish the investment you have made on a people hundreds of miles away, in the Warm Heart of Africa. As we are going into the thanksgiving season, I would like to personally express my gratitude for all the effort, sacrifice, hours spent in prayer and your selfless undying support to this wonderful family that is Alabaster through the years. I pray the Almighty God bestow on you showers of blessings.

Dearly beloved, you have been to us both the epitome and summit of hope, that a once forgotten generation in our region could receive such love and compassion accompanied by selfless blessing of giving. We have hope that in a world where we are so very busy with our lives and jobs, there is you, who have gone where most are yet to go, who have gone the extra mile with Alabaster and have continued to reach out and make a difference in our lives. There is absolutely no means of measure to describe the selfless deeds you have done for this community of ours. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and continue to do the contagious charitable deeds wherever we may be, I pray that you know it in your heart that we are forever grateful for your support.

**ABOUT US****We, Alabaster Ministries**

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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 SHADRECK:

OPENING IN PRAYER BEFORE DISTRIBUTION IN ONE OF THE VILLAGES



It is my favorite time of the year again when we must sow seeds in the ground and then have a long season of waiting for the reaping of the fruits of our handwork. There is a principle in working hard and then sitting back to marvel at what you have produced. Just like we plant our fields with the choicest seedlings to produce great yields, I believe we were all positioned in this world to preform to the best our abilities whatever functions we are called to. So, wherever you are today, as you are reading this, I would just like to encourage you to positively look at what you set out to do at the beginning of this coming year and what you have been able to accomplish in 2021. Do not be down if you have not been able to do everything you set out to do at the beginning of 2021 but try and imagine how and where exactly you could do better. I have come to learn this through my many years of experience in farming my little garden in the rocky fields of the Nthondo mountains.

I was born and raised in the villages so I know just how hard life can be for those who have no strength to fend for themselves especially in this day and age when acts of kindness are exceedingly rare. I do not think that all of us in the wonderful family of ours are here by chance or some happenstance. This is a match made in heaven, and the Lord has placed all of you and all of us in OUR hearts so that we can share a smile in a world that is always seeking to know the meaning of Love. At least I do not have to search for that answer anymore. I cannot imagine anything else could possibly exemplify a greater love than this. First, that Jesus laid down His life for us so that we could have a relationship with not only Him but also with the Father and the precious Holy Spirit.

Second, and I hope I do not get in trouble for this but I have it on good authority from interacting with the elderly that they had gone through some extremely tough seasons and situations before but the Lord was preparing us for something worth so much more. God purposefully placed all of us in the Alabaster family so that together we could accomplish so much and be able to do what so many just say they would like to do but seldom ever do. I take my hat off and salute you, our beloved friends and family for your sacrifices. The sacrifices you make and your perpetual efforts in prayer and giving have extremely changed our lives. In my heart I shall forever chant both the anthem and fervent prayer; May the Almighty God bless and reward you a hundredfold.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LATEST DISTRIBUTION:



LOADED TRUCK ON ITS WAY TO A DISTRIBUTION VILLAGE



HAPPY BAND OF ELDERLY ON THEIR WAY TO A SERVICE, COMMUNION AND A DINNER



IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK IN 120° TEMPERATURES TO PREPARE FOR A DISTRIBUTION

REPORT FROM ROBERT:

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus and hope that you are doing well. We are continuing to encourage the youth in our communities to keep plugged into the things of the Lord as well as maintaining their focus on their education and other things which can better our communities. The Chididi youth will be helping in the construction of a house for one of the elderly women in the church as part of community service. We know we are not that capable financially but Chididi has road and water problems. The youth group will carry all the water, bricks, and sand to the construction site until the house is finished.

We have just wrapped up this year with conference engaging the youth and challenging each other to further improve ourselves and the conditions of our communities. We are glad that the ministry would like to support girls to achieve their education goals. I have grown up in Chididi and that is just about as far remote as it can get. Our communities are not built to support girls since the male child takes precedence. We are encouraging our friends who will soon be sitting for their final exams to get into high school and college in the following year to pull up their socks so as not to miss out on this opportunity.

I pray the Lord blesses you and preserves your families. May you have a wonderful thanksgiving and Christmas season. God Bless you. (Ed note) Robert is now our youth pastor and since he has taken it over the youth groups have risen from 200 to 250 in a matter of about six months. We have decided to give him a gift each month of \$25. He has a wife and baby and he needs help with some pocket money. If anyone is interested in taking this up each month, please send you money to the office in Kansas City and we ensure that he will receive it. It will be an incredible blessing for him.

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ENDING 2021 ON THIS PRAYER: ROZ HEYNS

Dear Lord,

This land, America, belongs to you. You chose Israel to be your land but we chose You. We came to this land for freedom to worship You. We came here because it gave us opportunities that we would not have had anywhere else. Our constitution was based on Your Word.

Forgive us that we have forgotten You in trying to make our lives more prosperous and in the busyness of our lives. Forgive us that we have not been content with what You have had for us. Forgive us, Lord that we have made time our idol and in doing so we have cut You out of the equation. Forgive us that we have opted for the things and kings of this world instead of the Kingdom and the King of that Kingdom. Because of our choices we have allowed satan dominion over this nation to where the lines are blurred between right and wrong between good and evil. We think our lives are a moral compass for our children but we do not think there is anything wrong with murder or sexual gratification outside of marriage and we wonder why sexually transmitted diseases are rampant.

Forgive us that we no longer honor your laws or abide by them. Forgive us Holy Spirit that we have kicked You out of our churches and out of our lives. You, who gave up Your place in glory and came to this cesspool to dwell in us so that we can have the power to be witnesses for the Kingdom in this earth. We have kicked You to the curb. Forgive us. Forgive us Jesus that we are not the witnesses you want us to be. That people do not see the YOU in us and are turned away from You by our actions is inexcusable. God forgive us.

I am interceding for this nation. This is a crucial time. Please God give your people one more chance. Take the blinders from the eyes of the people and let them see the TRUTH. The TRUTH as He stood before Pilate and Pilate asked Him what us Truth. Forgive us Lord that we are in the same position as Pilate. We can no longer recognize Truth when He stands before us.

Have mercy dear Lord. Have mercy.