



This is one of our elderly. She needs a new roof on her cottage. It will cost about \$100 for the iron sheets if anyone is willing to donate. Her name is Stamele Mose and she has no surviving children or family. She was born in 1945. She is standing with Pastor Eric. We had masks made for all our people. Some took the disposable masks distributed by the government. They received only one each. Ours were made of cloth so they can be washed and reused.

October 2020  
rozheyms.org



# ALABASTER MINISTRIES

# UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,

Wherever I go I hear people say that this is the worst year they have ever experienced and they cannot wait for 2021. I hate to be a bearer of bad tidings but I believe that we are living in the end times and each year is going to get excessively worse. The spiritual battle has now descended to the earth's atmosphere and is definitely impacting mankind as never before.

Is 5:20 *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*

2 Tim 3:1-4 *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*

2 Tim 3:13 *While evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

I believe that for many this last verse applies. As I stated in the past, God has been telling me to pray about removing the blinders or the

veil from the eyes of the people, believers, and unbelievers. I think there are many who believe that they are doing right but are sincerely deceived because they are blinded to the truth. What is "TRUTH?" Jesus is TRUTH and therefore the Word is TRUTH. When we do things that are contrary to the Word then it is evil. Children were sacrificed to Molech by fire in the Old Testament and today unborn babies are sacrificed by either burning to death with saline solution or torn apart or left to die on some steel table in the back room of a hospital. You are probably going to be very shocked at what I have to say. I do not agree with abortion, it is murder BUT that is between the Doctor who does it and God and the mother and God. As to the baby – well, there are over 65 million babies in this country alone that are populating heaven. My mother was firmly convinced that when she got to heaven she would be working in the nurseries. Should the laws be changed – yes definitely for the sake of the nation. There is a law of sowing and reaping that stand for everyone and this nation is now reaping.

Gal 6:8 *For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

If there is one thing that I have learned about is that God's laws impact everyone – the saved and the unsaved, the just and the unjust. Page 4...

ALABASTER | MINISTRIES

8514 N. Donna Ct. Kansas City, MO 64153

"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

I greet you in the most wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray that the Lord is keeping you well. The Lord continues to amaze us with His wonderous deeds day in and out; my family is well and growing, my first born just gave birth to a handsome baby boy and bless the Lord for His precious gift to our family.

I visited the Chididi house group two weeks ago and spent some time at Chanazi Makwiza's house. She is really getting old and does not see that well now. She is always upbeat and loves to talk so I sat under the tree and just talked for about an hour with her. She repeatedly said she misses pastor Roz and asked me to inquire as to when we might have another distribution since we have only managed to do it twice this year. The situation in the villages is very desperate and requires immediate attention. The entire nation is facing food shortage problems needless to mention Nsanje has been hit with the worst dry spell I have seen in years. This is making it difficult to have small gardens in our backyards as 45-degree Celsius temperatures just make it challenging for most plants to survive. The cattle in the Tengani and most of the Shire valley areas have extraordinarily little grazing areas which is forcing local farmers to make long journeys to feed their animals near the overcrowded Shire riverbanks and puts them in danger of being taken by crocodiles. Either that or they go to the mountains where there is no water for the livestock to drink. We pray the rains come soon so that those who have livestock might receive some respite.

We are sad to report that Malawi has indicated a surge in domestic violence in the past 8 months. The statistics show that there has always been domestic violence but most people kept it quiet and it prevented the authorities to properly conduct their jobs and mediate such despicable actions. I am an avid member of several village committees that aim to end domestic violence as well as prevent child marriages. The wedding custom in most of Africa is that the man pays a bride price or dowry for their bride so women are bought and then belong to the man. This custom has been dealt away with in most quarters but there are a few regions such as Nsanje still practicing this traditional process of marriage. This sort of behavior encourages greedy and irresponsible men to force their daughters into early marriages so that they can be paid a fat bride price. I have personally brought to justice eight families who sold their young girls into early marriages so they could benefit from it. Pastor Francis and Pastor Eric came to see the girls over the weekend to encourage them to continue with their education. Pastor Eric was shocked to find a fourteen-year-old traumatized by the selfish actions of their families by forcing her into early marriage. We are grateful that the incumbent government is serious about eradicating this evil and they are providing the necessary legal assistance against any pariah. We were not allowed to take photographs during the meeting but we are looking forward to seeing the girls back in school with their peers. Here are five girls we really want to support:

Mary Masboy	16
Anne Gambuleni	16
Anne Aaron	15
Fattima Bolton	15
Maines Nditani	14

There are a lot of these needy children who are either forced into early marriages to feed their hungry families or to escape the poverty of their parent's homes. The ministry has been speaking out against premature marriages and encourages young girls to stay in school. We hope to help more girls than these five stay in school. All it takes is school fees and school uniforms. The cost is approximately \$10 per month and we sometimes aid the families with some food. If we can keep them in school then, because education is so important, their parents will not sell them as a third or fourth wife to some old man or even worse, sell them into prostitution.

May the Grace and blessing of the Holy spirit be with you always, AMEN.

**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

Our representatives there are Michael and Penny Shellswell.

Phone: +44-7780-383452 (Michael)  
+44-7551974316 (Penny)

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:

**Alabaster Ministries**  
8514 N Donna Ct  
Kansas City, MO 64153  
OR \_\_\_\_\_

Via the web site direct to PayPal.  
OR

Cash App: \$alabastermin  
OR

Venmo: Rozella Heyns@Rozella-Heyns

 Telephone (636)358-4615

 Email [alabastermin@aol.com](mailto:alabastermin@aol.com)  
Email [rozheyms@gmail.com](mailto:rozheyms@gmail.com)

 Website: [www.rozheyms.org](http://www.rozheyms.org)

## REPORT FROM PASTOR ERIC

I greet you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray that you are all well. We are continuing with house meetings for the elderly and weekly Bible studies in homes according to guideline laid down by the government. We give thanks to God that none of our elderly have contracted the virus and those we have lost this year are from their age.

I had a wonderful discussion with Ms. Stamele Mose (Moses in vernacular) as I was doing my weekly rounds. She was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1945 in the Senior Chief Tengani area, Nsanje. She is widowed, has no surviving children, and is still residing in Chinguli Village, Tengani. She lived just outside the Alabaster compound at Tengani and moved about half a mile further down the road because her house collapsed in a whirlwind. She started rebuilding it with the little resources she could find from time to time but even then, she was using mud which does not make for a strong building in this area. We sat under the tree at her new temporary residence and she asked me the question, "Which one of God's promises would you like to encourage me with seeing that am a widow, have no children to support me and the current situation is just very depressing.

A promise is, by definition, a declaration and affirmation that one will do something, or the assurance that whatever has been declared will truly happen. When we give people the expectation that something will happen in a certain given period of time, they live in anticipation of the fulfillment of that promise regardless of whatever circumstances there maybe. God has blessed me with Nora, my wonderful wife, three beautiful girls and a whole lot of trouble in the form of my two handsome boys. They mean the world to me. There have been times when I have promised them a birthday present or a goat over the many festivities we have and sometimes I forget but my youngest son always makes sure to say Hey dad! Remember you SAID you would do this and of course I always make sure I never break a promise. I am a man with many faults and I always try to make sure I keep my word; how about our Father in heaven who formed us with His hands and will always be there till the end of times and beyond?

Deuteronomy 31:8; *"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."* Stamele said at times when we (widows) are sitting in our dilapidated homes and we wonder what kind of life we would have had had if our family was with us in our times of need. She said sometimes she feels lonely and wishes someone would just embrace her and tell her things will get better. She is now 75 years old and simple chores like fetching water from the borehole, bending down to start fires and cook or bending down to clean is becoming such a cumbersome job. Cleaning a mud hut is, in itself, a health hazard because of inhaling dust and smoke from cooking on firewood which cannot be good for her lungs at 75. It is in moments like these that we find ourselves asking the question what about me? I know I am one of the children of God so His promises must apply to me too. What about me?

I assured her that God is not blind that He cannot notice her, and neither is He deaf that He cannot hear her prayers. Deuteronomy makes the profound Promise that God will never leave us alone and Jesus Christ in Mathew 28:20 affirms this by making yet another profound declaration; *"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."* In our vernacular Chichewa ALWAYS is FOREVER. The word of God in Mathew 28 states that *"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Often, we find ourselves praying the presence of God in our midst and we are just following the traditional ways of prayer that we have heard others pray and sometimes just because we like to pray in that way but Christ has, is, and will always be with us wherever we may be. He is with us in our times of victories, He is with us through the hardships of our lives, He is manifested in the laughter of little children and gentle breeze. There is joy in knowing that Jesus never leaves us, even for Stamele Mose, who has lived without her immediate family for well over twenty years, The LORD has been faithful to her and will continue to remain faithful to His remnant.

Knowing then that God is always with us forever, it becomes a test of our faith through application of His commandments to take care of widows and the underprivileged; that even when the going is tough and we are overwhelmed by so many other things, we obey the Lord's commands and make applications of our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for helping us and being the hands that reach out to these elderlies. AMEN.

Ed Note: We are planning on a food distribution in the next ten days so that our elderly and our churches have food for Christmas. If you can donate toward this then please do so. Even \$10 will stretch a long way.

I do not believe in the prophets of doom and gloom because we have a God who is in control of everything that is super large such as the universe and someone like you and me. I am talking in the perspective of size but as we know size means nothing to God. I am more important to Him than the whole universe. Even during the worst situations, He will come through for us and He will be beside us and His precious Holy Spirit will remain within us to guide and to guard, to teach and to love, to train and to comfort. As Christians in these uncertain times, we must know that He is always with us and that we must learn how to hear Him so clearly that there will be no wavering. I remember during the war years in Mozambique, when the Holy Spirit said to take another direction, we heard Him and OBEYED without question. It was a matter of life or death. We often had visitors from overseas who always wanted to know why, how, when, where? When the Holy Spirit gives a command then we had better obey it immediately. Questioning the Holy Spirit is no longer an option AND questioning if it IS the Holy Spirit is no longer an option. We had better become so familiar with His voice that when He speaks, we know that we know. How will we get through in these days – learn to hear and learn to OBEY. He is a strong tower and the righteous (that is you and me) run into it and they are saved. His eye is on the sparrow and He watches over me. I need to be a light and not filled with fear. Let us not always believe the bad report (I have totally quit watching any of the news because they thrive on bad reports that are done to ruin our day). I had a friend who used to call me every morning before I even got up. Their updates were always full of doom and it ruined my day so I stopped receiving their calls.

*Phil 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

ALABASTER MINISTRIES  
8514 N DONNA CT  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64153

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Toledo, OH  
Permit # 522

Return service requested

We have lapsed behind with the newsletters. Francis is now in the rural areas permanently as we lost a member of our staff so he is overseeing on site. It is not as easy for him to get reports through to me. The staff have done a magnificent job without me being there. I am planning to go back in February and hopefully the temperatures will have dropped by then. They tell me that there are no mosquitoes in Tengani which is unheard of. That area is one of the most mosquito infested areas I have ever been to. They have died off because of the heat and the drought. Snakes are coming into homes because it is too hot outside for them. Temperatures have been between 115 and 120 for weeks on end. How do we ever understand living like that when we are comfortable with either air conditioning or heat?

IT IS CHRISTMAS FRIENDS. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN DURING THIS PAST YEAR. IT NEVER SEACES TO AMAZE ME HOW MUCH CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH SO LITTLE BUT GOD KNOWS HOW TO STRETCH.

I plan on a distribution for Christmas so please send your \$10 gifts as soon as possible. I always try to give the staff a second gift at Christmas which amounts to \$500 for them all so I would greatly appreciate if you would contribute to that.

May you all have a blessed time and for those who will not be spending it with family this year remember that the Holy Spirit is our comforter and our friend and He loves us even more than family. If you sit quietly for a time on Christmas day and listen you will hear that still, small voice speaking to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM JESUS OUR KING. He is no longer the babe but the victorious, glorious, and soon coming Lion of the tribe of Judah and that is who we need to defeat and overcome the wiles of the devil.

