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UPDATE

Dear Friends and Partners,

Matt 13:44 *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."*

Worldly wealth makes us feel secure but that security is in self. I have met people who have come from poor backgrounds and because of sheer hard work (and there is nothing wrong with that) they have made a lot of money. Often, however, they do not know when enough is enough and it can lead to the *"Love of money is the root of all evil."* Money is not evil and even Jesus required money to go about the Father's business. The LOVE of it, however, often detracts from what God intended it for. Remember the rich young ruler who refused to give up his wealth and follow Jesus? When he walked away did Jesus go running after him? We can have the Kingdom of Heaven here and now. We do not have to wait until we die and cross over. I was driving home last night from my grandson's tennis match and this incredible peace flooded

me. It was so overwhelming so as to make me wonder. As I began to meditate. I began to think of the times I have surrendered self and allowed the Holy Spirit to take over. When we do that all seems right with the world. The more room we give HIM the more He takes over and fills us with all His attributes. We exchange discord for peace, fear for faith, resentment for happiness, bitterness for sweetness, hostility for friendliness, hate for love and they are His and not mine and all I have to do is allow HIM to work it out through me.

This is the great treasure that the man found in the field. This is the pearl of greatest price that the man sold everything he had to purchase.

Luke 17:21 *'The kingdom of God is within you'* Heaven is a physical place but we are able to live it out in the now. I am a member of the human race and because of that am a citizen of the United States. Even at the time of Jesus the Romans could not get the concept that people were to render unto Caesar BUT that they were already a part of the Kingdom of God. 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."



The women's conferences in Chididi are always a blast and there is one special old lady who has never missed a single event. It is impossible to miss the ever-jovial Mandalena who defies old age by walking miles and miles to conferences with her friends and upon arrival starts leading in songs. The pastors are blessed to have such a wonderful friend and councilor who is never shy to give advice when it is needed and does so without mincing words. She is such a blessing to the younger generation and Alabaster is lucky to have such a germ in its fabric.

Mandalena does not remember when she was born but she was about 20 years old when Malawi gained independence from

British rule on 6th July 1964 so she will be 77 this year. Her husband passed away in the early 80's, she never remarried and devoted her life to raising four boys and two girls. Three of her children passed away and she is left with 2 women and 1 man. She has sixteen grandchildren some of whom are in Chididi and others in Mozambique with their parents. Her sons migrated to Mozambique in search of good farmland since Chididi is overcrowded and the land is mostly rock which makes farming exceedingly difficult. Mandalena is overjoyed to be part of Alabaster Ministries. She is eternally grateful to you our dearly beloved friends who make the distributions possible as it helps her feed her younger grandchildren as well as improve her quality of life. She is very thankful that through her dear friend and faithful servant Pastor Roz, you can reach out from thousands of miles away to make a difference in their lives in the southern villages of Malawi. May the Lord continue to bless you.



Deliya Guta has been a beneficiary of the distributions for years now and she has true servant heart. She used to help the cooks in the kitchen when we had our large meetings which we have not been able to host because we must preserve our elderly from Covid. God knows how many cooks we have had to go through over the years because of the demeanor around old people and theft amongst other things but we have never had

when Deliya Guta manned the kitchen. She has a wonderful character and personality and her heart of gold is a model for others to follow. The contagious smile she brings in all our meetings lights up the faces of many who come across her path. We praise the Lord for positioning Deliya Guta in our lives and in this ministry.

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.

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REPORT FROM PASTOR FRANCIS:

I had received reports that two of our brethren were in conflict and they were requesting that I should make a 360-kilometer trip to mediate and resolve their differences. I thought it must be something profoundly serious if they are calling for a gathering. I had no idea what the problem was and I did not know where I would start. In Africa, such gatherings are a big thing so one must be prepared. So, I went to see Mr. Oresti, our Director for a talk. He summed it all up with one scripture, John 17:7-10: *"Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them."* The Lord Jesus Christ is praying for His apostles. Christ is not praying so that these may become popular or rich or great men of this world but that they may be preserved for God's purposes and kept from sin, that they may be strengthened for the incredibly important duty that was coming after Christ's ascension, and that they might be brought safe to heaven. With that scripture I confidently started off for Chididi expecting to find unhappy faces around me but to my surprise I found everyone seated in a circle which meant they were all engaged in conversation. This included the conflicting parties. This made my task a lot easier.

The prosperity of the soul is the best prosperity. The Lord beseeched the Father in heaven that His disciples should be united in affections and labors, even according to the UNION of the Father and Son. Jesus wanted us all to be preserved by His everlasting power FOR HIS GLORY and PURPOSES. He wants us to be mature in that and not squabble like children and forget our purpose and the immense responsibility on our shoulders as men standing in the gap and shepherds looking after His precious flock. Even though we live in this world, our lifestyle and conduct as believers is far from the world's. It should be the embodiment of the very principles of the kingdom of heaven. Christ did not pray that the Father should spare us the hard times of the world but that God the Father should keep us from evil, from being corrupted by the world, from being persuaded by the iniquity in our hearts, and from the power and deceit of satan. We are not spared from everything that goes on in this world just because we are in the Lord's service. If anything, we should know and prepare that perhaps we will get the worst of it. We ought to look at it like the purification of gold ore through fire. The ore is taken from the dirt, and there is nothing precious about that ore. It is useless unless it goes through the fire and we marvel at the end product. Trials and temptations including little squabbles should not be the story of our lives, it is just a part of this process we call life and the purpose of the trying of our faith is to make us stronger, help us with our temperament, help us deal with things better than we used to and prepare us for things the Lord has in store for us as we continue to grow.

The Lord did not leave us here to pursue the same objects and passions as men of the world do but to glorify God, and to serve our generation. The Spirit of God in us always opposes the spirits of the world and if the Spirit of God is on fire in us, we cannot have time for arguments and impatience with another because that is unlike the nature of our God. Our Lord Jesus Christ also prayed to the Father that we may be made good. It is the prayer of Jesus that all who are His be made and remain holy and that even the disciples themselves must also pray for sanctifying grace. The means of attaining this grace is as it says in John 17:17, "through thy truth, thy word is truth." Our Lord Jesus devoted Himself wholly to the Father, especially by offering Himself as a sacrifice without blemish unto God, the eternal Holy Spirit. True holiness for all Christians is the fruit of Christ's death by which the gift of the Holy Spirit was purchased. Jesus gave Himself for the church so that He may Sanctify it. If this truth has no effect on us and if our views lack this truth then as men of God we have failed because this becomes a mere notion when it ought to be the essence of our living and working faith in God.

In verses 20-26, we see that Jesus is one with the Father and prays on behalf of all that had been given to Him and believe in Him (even the unbelieving who will in due time also believe in Him); that they should all be brought to heaven and there the whole company of the redeemed will behold His glory and see their beloved Friend and Brother and therein find REST as coheirs with Him. Christ being joined to the Father as ONE SPIRIT and ONE BODY with ONE VOICE prays that we also should be filled with the fullness of God and enjoy a blessedness of which we can form no right idea in our own present state. Jesus Christ prayed that all believers should be as one body under one head animated by one soul by their union with Christ and the Father in Him, through the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. The more we dispute about trivial things, the more we grow distant from one another and the Lord. Let us strive to keep the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, praying steadfastly that all who believe may be more and more united in one mind and one judgement. It is only through our unity that we will convince the world of the Truth and Excellence of our relationship and faith and enjoy more fellowship and sweet communion with God and His blessed church.

The purpose of going through this chapter was first to establish who we are as believers and under what leadership we operate. By operating under the leadership of Christ under the tutelage of His mighty Holy Spirit, we are submitting to the Father in heaven. And if the Father in Heaven by the Union of the blessed Holy Spirit is one with Christ then we ought to strive to attain oneness among ourselves. God is love and is all about unity.

PURCHASE OF LAND:

This week the purchase of our new plot of land was finalized, the Ministry of Lands put up the beacons and all title deeds were signed. The first thing we must do is sink a borehole as the closest water is almost a mile away. The senior chief has told us that if we do what we have said we will then he will give us more land at no extra cost. Once the borehole is drilled, we will be able to build. One of our pastors will move onto a small holding next to the property to oversee everything. The main purpose of this is to build a Bible School with dormitories, a kitchen (so that our cooks do not have to prepare food in the rain) and we will be doing market gardening and will have a flock of goats and chickens. Goats are hardy, drought resistant and hardly ever get sick. During Ramadan goats are bought in great numbers to break the fast after sundown and it appeals to us to sell to Islam and use their money to propagate the Gospel. The market garden will be used to feed the students and the elderly in the area and anything left over will be sold. The garden will have to be fenced off of course because if not the goats will eat everything. We will not have to build a church on the property because the pastor already has a church building which we have enlarged recently. It is possible that we will be able to have two Bible schools running – one at the property we already have and one up in the mountains. With a possible end in sight for Covid it is time to get back in the saddle and get with the program. Even though all has been running smoothly it has been maintenance and God does not maintain but He is forever moving forward with new visions and new ideas and we need to follow His lead..

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FROM PAGE 1:

In Submitting ourselves to Christ we automatically become children of the Kingdom of Heaven and have dual citizenship but our first allegiance should always be to the Kingdom of Heaven. And, as I have said before, I will always obey the laws of the land until they supersede the laws of God.

"The Kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21 I am a physical being and I dwell in the United States BUT I am also a spiritual being and I dwell in the Kingdom of God.

One day the Kingdom of God will be manifest on the earth and Jesus will rule a physical Kingdom from David's throne with Jerusalem as His capital. For all those who think that we have replaced Israel, we have been grafted in and Jerusalem will always be God's capital on this earth which is why satan fights so hard against Israel and why so many try to lay claim to Jerusalem. I just read a book and the author describes her first visit to Israel and what happened as her feet touched the ground at the airport in Tel Aviv. It brought back memories of the times I have been there. There is an overwhelming urge to weep and a sense of belonging. That is because that land belongs to HIM and our spiritual being acknowledges that fact and weeps because of all the conflict that has taken place. *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee."* Ps 122:6. Whether we have had the honor to visit Israel or not we are commanded to pray for her peace even though that peace and the peace for the world will ever come when Jesus returns. That is the one thing that the earth wants more than anything – peace. That is what satan will offer through the anti-christ which is why man is striving for a One World global alliance. There is only ONE who will bring everlasting peace and that is Jesus the Christ when He returns as the triumphant Lion of the Tribe of Judah – as the King of ALL kings, past and present. *"And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called. Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end".* Isaiah 9:6,7