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**Beloved Partners & Friends**

A faithful supporter of many years standing made the comment just last week, “You surely know how to really stretch the dollars.” Yes, that is what it is all about. As people of integrity with what is entrusted to us we have a huge responsibility to use the resources made available to the last penny. If we cannot be trusted with money and material possessions then however will we be careful and mindful of the eternal souls of men?

I wish that each of you would be here to listen to the comments of Malawians across the board as they express their delight that the NATION has finally received an Academy of this caliber. The official prospectus states, “The vision and burden of building a College was given by the Holy Spirit in order to raise up a new generation of Malawian leaders. This new generation will be thoroughly equipped in the most modern Twenty First Century education but disciplined with the ethics and morals of the highest Christian biblical standards... Through dedicated and committed Christian teachers, students will be instilled with a love of learning. The Academy will be solidly based on a foundation of love. In the words of the great Eighteenth Century revivalist, John Wesley, ‘an ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge.’ Acknowledging that every individual is an intricately interwoven vessel of spiritual, physical, mental and emotional elements each of these elements will be completely developed at Kalibu Academy. Fully understanding the principles of servant hood and stewardship, the staff at Kalibu Academy will train the students in the clear understanding that leaders are servants and that national leaders of tomorrow at every level and in every walk are in office and position to serve the nation and not their

selves...”

We are now on the count down for the opening of the Academy in January 2007 although the official opening will not be until later in the year. There is still a vast amount of work to be done. Just when one thinks that something has been completed then up pops another task. The focus is to get the Academy up and running so that from day one the students will get the choicest education and this is where we really need your help. We are on our last great push and certainly ask for your best support for the final completion of this first phase of the project. Many have faithfully believed in what we are doing and equally have faithfully INVESTED. We have learned that this is really the Lord’s project and that He will bring in all the INVESTMENT that is necessary and in good time. On a Continent that is so accustomed to poverty and suffering it pains us to continuously see the enormous abuse and misuse of finances and resources by world organizations and even Christians involved in social programs. For instance, the pop icon, Madonna who has been seduced into being a disciple of the Jewish cult, Kaballa, is about to visit Malawi and invest three million dollars into a project here. It has taken us ten years of building and I have just been thinking, “If only we had had those same material resources and financial opportunities that Madonna is offering, what would be done?”

Well, actually, those same resources *are* really readily available. The body of Christ is so richly endowed and yet, we just do not channel our resources wisely and INVEST as we ought according to the Word of the Lord. We are INVESTORS AND STEWARDS, but it is really all about **vision**.

We had a vision to see Mozambique set free and it was freed. Today, it is one of the most missionized countries in Africa. We had a vision to see Southern Sudan set free and it was set free. Most people thought that we had utterly lost our heads in going to Sudan. Many refused to even receive our newsletter any longer because they thought that the whole Sudan vision was nothing but a fool-hardy notion. I also remember well how many people laughed and mocked when we placed our first foundations on this Academy site. Nehemiah and Ezra had a vision to build again the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. The enemy and even some of their fellow Jews mocked and ridiculed and sought every means

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whereby to frustrate *their vision*. But, we read this amazing account of complete victory despite all the odds stacked against them. "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." (Neh 4: 6) Vision takes hard, frustrating work to fulfill. Vision also takes the **dedication and commitment** of a source of supply. That, beloved, is your role. Most of you will never visit Africa and see first hand, the completed project but your INVESTMENT resources have gone into very fertile soil. All we are asking of the many friends is that you simply obey the promptings of the blessed Holy Spirit. So many people have told us as we travel, "Well, how can my twenty dollars or ten euros help when you need so much?" This is what the BODY ministry is all about. This is what the chain of supply means: faithful commitment to seeing the resources reach ground level. This makes you a vital part of the vision too. Supporters often get to thinking and even openly say, "Well, all I am good for is my money" or "All you missionaries ever want is my money." Oh, beloved, you have missed the whole point. Of course we need money but we need it as an investment **through the eyes of vision** and not just giving. Someone, just an ordinary person, recently invested the considerable sum of their hard earned savings of over 15,000 euros into the African work. What a sacrifice of their sweat that requires an equal responsibility on my part to use their sweat scrupulously so that they receive at maximum, their reward and return on their investment. Their life will never be the same because it was an investment and the Lord will multiply back to them in so many ways. Yes, your small INVESTMENT of twenty dollars alone will not make a great difference but, place your investment with that of another thousand investors all giving the same and it becomes a huge amount. It is all about getting behind the vision and being obedient. This is where it is so important.

We speak in Africa of "DONOR FATIGUE" with different projects. People get tired of a project that drags on and on. This also happens in the Body of Christ but never should if we will always remember that we are part of a big VISION not of Michael Howard but of the Lord Jesus. Investing should never grow stale or weary or "FATIGUED" if we ever keep before us the delight of the Lord and the thrill that we are a part of something so much bigger than "me." Your INVESTMENT mixed with the delight and joy of the Lord in being able to make that investment of your sweat into something ETERNAL must give you a thrill that will never lead to FATIGUE. You are an amazing part of something so much bigger than you. I wrote of the need for visionaries and PROvisionaries. I am the visionary and you are the INVESTOR. We need each other in the Lord's great Kingdom to get His work done. Give me the tools and I will find a way to make them work even if I have to beat a hoe into a shovel or turn a sedan car into a pick-up truck to carry cement.

Let me share with you the scope of what we are also continue to do here in Africa at the same time as the Academy building project progresses. This will give you an idea of just how far your investment stretches

## PASTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMS



This enormous task and responsibility is hugely significant. It is so important to keep all, but especially our rural pastors equipped in the Word. Training is always on-going with seminars and conferences to stir up, challenge and encourage our leaders to reach higher and higher in Christ. Teams travel out from the Kalibu headquarters for these training sessions that are held in different district headquarters. Of course these conferences and training sessions are costly in terms of finances and time. Delegates need to be transported, housed, fed and taught. With

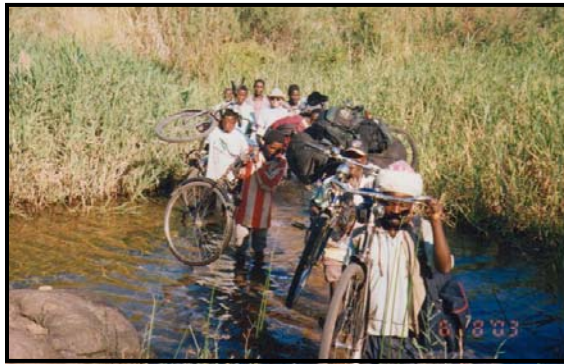
several hundreds of pastors, evangelists and workers to teach, it is an on-going ministry that is often forgotten. Each month, a local ministry newsletter is produced at headquarters and sent out in the vernacular to all pastors and workers keeping them informed and updated on events in the entire ministry as well as a teaching and any spectacular things that might have taken place such as healings, deliverances or miracles.



## CHURCH BUILDING AND BICYCLES

Each month valuable finances are invested alternately into bicycles or church roofing. With enormous distances to be covered in ministry we desire that all of our pastors and evangelists have bicycles to help them execute their various ministries to the people. In each district, we have a senior pastor who is an overseer. He watches over the affairs of many pastors and evangelists. He is really an apostle who handles all the ministry issues in his district and reports directly to the Blantyre headquarters if there are any problems and issues that he is unable to solve. I might point out very clearly that this is NOT a denominational structure. Each local church is completely independent and local leaders are free to run their affairs as they see fit. The overseers are in place for mainly support and spiritual and moral direction though in cases where necessary, the overseers and headquarters have the right to step into establish discipline or God's governmental order.

We have established a vibrant church building program. Local churches are required to mold and burn bricks, supply timbers and build their church. The headquarters will provision with cement for floors and plastering and corrugated iron sheets for roofing of the churches. This vision creates unity and a work ethic that leads to members having self worth as a result of the respect of the community. Dignity is established which in turn improves the spiritual climate of each local church. Achievement is so important especially here in Africa and we aim that our leaders, pastors and evangelists become achievers .



## PASTOR SUPPORT

This is a vital and on-going ministry within Kalibu/Shekinah. There is no way to adequately express both our own and the workers thanks for this financial help that they receive faithfully each month from so many of our partners and friends. Again, there is a huge financial commitment by the ministry. Very often people suddenly stop their support because of personal burdens or forget to send it but the recipient is never penalized and we continue to carry the burden. There is still huge scope for you to support a pastor, evangelist or worker with US\$30 (25 Euros) a month. This support helps to create personal dignity that encourages our people to become achievers. This is an immense responsibility to the ministry but worth everything when one sees the impact that it makes in the lives of individuals.





## FAMINE RELIEF

It seems one season just passes with the hope of relief that comes with the rain only to have the hopes shattered by yet another disaster. The rains of last year began so well and seemed to have broken the drought of several years. Just when everything was going so well, the rains suddenly stopped except in isolated areas. Once again, we are facing maize shortages and that, therefore means famine. Once again, we are forced into purchasing large quantities of maize and beans to help bring relief to at least some of our people and also most importantly, to keep the Academy program running. Without feeding workers their daily lunch, few would even consider working despite the money they receive. Relief

aid purchases always means that large sums of money are tied up in food supplies. Thank you once again to our faithful partners and friends for so often taking care in this area. Already this year our advance purchases of maize and beans that is on-going has topped \$10,000 (8,000 Euros) and more is needed. None of these purchases are ever budgeted.

## MOZAMBIQUE

I have just returned from a week long trip to see our work in Mozambique and spend some quality time with Pastors Jim and Eileen. I cannot even begin to tell what an incredible work *they* are doing there without any hoopla. What a solid,

Christ-centered, governmentally ordered and thorough training of leaders is being undertaken in their Bible School. Jim and Eileen work tirelessly under the most frustrating conditions to extend the ministry train the leaders and set up new works. It was thrilling to hold a training seminar and watch the pastors come from upwards of 180 miles, cycling two days on their donated bicycles to come for some teaching. Almost 80 servants packed into the little church and literally soaked up the teachings. We are so proud of the work of Jim and Eileen that has grown from their living in a tent under a mango tree to now having three houses, a church, saw mill and a solid operation that has taken seven years of life-giving investment. They are true blue missionaries. Any

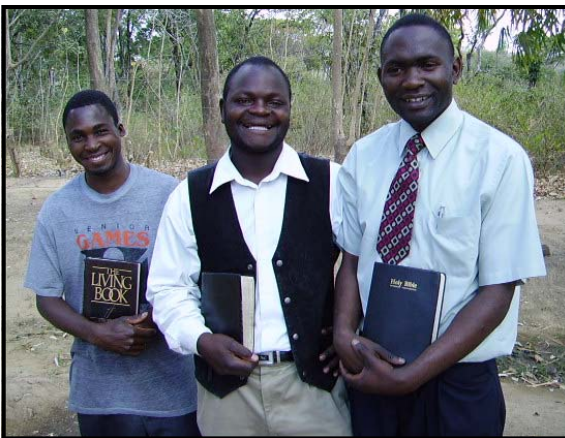


of our partners or friends who are in the wood business or who know people in that business, please contact us. To support the ministry in Mozambique, Pastors Jim and Eileen are real tent-makers with great testimonies and stories. Jim cuts exotic woods especially the rarest black wood or ebony and Eileen makes all types of high quality pens out of these exotic woods. Eileen is also a talented artist who sketches and paints particularly African scenes. Jim and Eileen currently have a concession of 30,000 acres of land for some 30 years. What an achievement. Many of you have supported them and we still covet your on-going support

especially for Mozambiquean pastors and evangelists. Bless you.

## CRUSADES AND OUT-REACHES

We endeavor to hold four major crusades each year and several minor ones. Africa loves evangelism and this is an important part of our vision: to reach the lost and establish solid New Testament Churches. Crusades draw the various local churches together in unity. Again, in Africa, people come walking and cycling great distances to be part of any crusade. These crusades take a huge amount of investment in again, time and finances and always result in the establishment of new branches and churches. Most of the outreach work is done in the limited time between May and November. During the remaining months, local people are preparing, tending and reaping their gardens and this is a full time undertaking.



## BIBLES

African people love the Bible and it is important for believers to own one. We are blessed here in Malawi that the Bible Society is hugely subsidized from overseas sources and the Bible is still relatively cheap. Yet, at \$5(4 Euros) a piece, it is still out of the price range of most rural Malawians. \$120 (100 Euros) will purchase a box of Bibles and the transport to ensure they arrive at their rural destination. This is such a worthy investment and blessing and another on-going responsibility of the ministry.

## JUST HELP

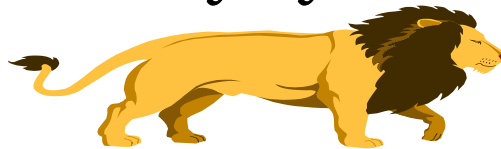
Recently, the wife of one of our members was taken desperately ill. He did all he was able for his wife and took her to a mission hospital where the doctor did an operation but nothing improved. Finally, he came and pleaded for our assistance. The woman was in a serious condition. Using our influence and good name we were able to get the woman a top priority examination and scans. She was found to have a cyst the size of a cabbage growing in her womb. Urgent surgery was required. Even with our considerable influence the costs were over \$600 (500 Euros) of unbudgeted finances. Very special partners in Great Britain came to the rescue. This woman's life was saved through our quick action followed by loving support of partners and friends. On a daily basis we have myriads of requests: someone entire household goods were stolen; another's salary was robbed; a workers wife died and they need a coffin; school fees; somebody's house burned down; another is sick plus just blessing this one or that one for their work or sacrifice or simply a love gift that is all part of our responsibilities as Christians.



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Sermon on the Mount	\$10
Proven Arrows of Intercession	\$10
Recklessly Abandoned	\$10
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Perverted Gospel	\$10
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The Only Good One is a Dead One	\$10
This is That	\$10
Price of Disobedience	\$10

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### HOSPITALITY

We teach all of our people that they must be hospitable but it takes resources to feed and take care of visitors. Overseers especially have a great burden and responsibility in entertaining a continuous flow of people with all of their needs too. This is all part of the calling and burden of ministry. There is seldom time when we do not have visitors at our headquarters. Beloved, these are just some of the areas of on-going responsibility that we have as we continue to build the Academy. This does not even take into account our overseas works and commitments that entail vast amounts of travel. Yes, we certainly know how to stretch your dollars. Please do not get FATIGUED!

### AVAILABLE TAPE SETS

Tapes cost \$4 each so a set of 10 would be \$40.

Canada Conference 2003	6tapes
Georgia Conference 2002	4tapes
Kingdom Living	16tapes
Intercession	8 tapes
Tabernacle of Moses	10 tapes
Sermon on the Mount	8 tapes
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Intercession DVD (6 hours of teaching)	
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