

Dear Furtherance Team:

Greetings! Sometimes my heart is **overwhelmed** with the amount of work we must accomplish to keep this ministry where it needs to be. There are days when my heart is overwhelmed and weighed down by concerns, needs, uncertainties, or the demands of life in general. It's those moments when emotions feel too heavy to carry. When I get to that point my mind runs to Psalm 61:2,3. *"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy."*

There are times when I am **overjoyed**. It's in the small, everyday miracles like a kind word from a friend, the beauty of a sunset, a moment of laughter, or simply the sense of gratitude for what I have. It is a verse of scripture or the words of a song. These moments lift my spirit. I hear the voice of Jesus, *"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."* (John 15:11) If I tune my ear properly and the wind is just right, I hear that Old Testament prophet, Nehemiah, reassuring me with these words, *"The Joy of the Lord is my strength"* (Nehemiah 8:10).

Being overwhelmed and overjoyed are part of God's wonderful plan for my life. They shape me and make me into who and what He wants me to be. When overwhelmed, I **wait** knowing Joy is just ahead. When I am overjoyed, I **worship** because my heart has found its rest in God. Lord, help me to accept both "Overwhelmed" and "Overjoyed" as gifts from your hands for my good and your glory.

Every Wednesday at 2 PM, I spend about an hour and a half mentoring a young man in Africa. We do it by video through WhatsApp. On Sunday, he teaches this to about 60 people. This week he told me he was fasting for two days to make sure his heart was ready for Sunday. I received this note from him recently:

"Good morning Mr Ed.Sealy

I would like to say thank you for saved my life. My life has been changed .I have holy spirit in my heart .My spiritual life is growing bigger daily because of the powerful verses you sent to me and I make sure to read those verses daily. Therefore,I am here to promise you that , I will follow Jesus Christ up to the end of my life. And through the power of God , I will make sure that, so many Christian here, who have being saved, know the word of God .I will never tire to spread the word of God through preaching .Thank you so much Mr Ed. Sealy for taking your time to teach me the word of God , I am very appreciated .God bless you and your Family. I love you all. Tomorrow, I will send you a video and you will see, how I am preaching here. Thank you!"

I led this man to Christ after Christmas 2024.

I know this letter is lengthy so let me give you some bullet points:

- The Maize (Corn) crop in Africa is doing well and will soon be harvested. We are now planting a variety of crops.
- Pastor Pyton is keeping an exhausting pace as he ministers to the pastors of 10 churches. How I appreciate this man of God.
- Pastor Pyton's son, Daniel, has started a farm with funds provided by Furtherance. He is renting a property. Not only is he raising crops, but he is introducing some animals as well. He already had chickens. Now he has a goat and pig, as well.
- We are addressing the irrigation issue. We need another well.
- Souls are being saved every week in Malawi.
- We are encouraged by the ministry here at home as well.
- We will post our itinerary shortly.
- We should be able to present you with our next projects in the next update.
- I have passed all medical examinations, but still waiting for the results of one last test. If I clear all these hurdles, I will be back in Africa again in August.
- Theresa is well and busy.
- Pray we will remain faithful and fruitful.

We realize we are only a small part of a greater team which includes you. Sometimes my heart is about to burst with gratitude for your prayers and sacrificial giving which makes all this possible. **THANK YOU, TEAM FURTHERANCE.**

Keeping on keeping on for Christ,

Ed, Theresa, & Eloise