

Dear Friends of Furtherance:

January Report

On behalf of our board, my wife and Eloise, we want to wish you and your family a Happy New Year. We are recovering from the postal strike which seems to have caused a lot of turmoil. We were late getting our Newsletters out and this left you uninformed. We also did not receive any gifts via the postal service during the closure. If you sent support by regular mail and it has not been cashed, blame the government of Canada. We are so sorry. If perhaps you were waiting on the strike to end to send support, we just want you to know that the mail is moving again. I hope this helps.

We are finding that more people are opting to send via e-transfer to furtheranceoff@gmail.com. Your gift is uninterrupted when you send it through e-transfers. Especially, during a postal strike. This has been found to be the greatest and easiest way supporters are finding to send their donations. I must admit I was skeptical about using this method, but I use it all the time now. It is rather user friendly and is secure. The downside of this is e-transfers cannot be used from other countries. Only those living within Canada. Unfortunately, we are not setup to take credit or debit cards.

For those of you who have a PayPal account or can transfer via PayPal, our email address to use is furtheranceoff@gmail.com.

To make receipting go smoothly, we would appreciate it if you could include your mailing address when sending transfers and specify what you would want the gift to go towards – i.e. regular ministry cost, Africa, specific projects, etc.

Let me share some encouraging updates and prayer requests. This has got my heart pumping as I look to 2025.

Africa Report

Hunger is a real problem in Malawi. Some children have died because they ate poisonous roots believing it was a good root. It looks like we might have a good corn harvest. We still have a bit of an irrigation problem. We use solar panels to pump water from the well we drilled, but clouds can prevent solar panels from drawing power from the sun. This leads to less access to the water. We bought a diesel pump as a backup. We are also looking at other options. We may need to drill another well. We are also looking at drip irrigation. This can be expensive. Please pray for wisdom.

I spoke with Pastor Pyton and reminded him that our utmost purpose is to preach the gospel. That is why Furtherance Ministries exists. We will help people in every way we can, but the gospel message must be central. There are schools

and a farm now. We have built houses for pastors. We feed children in the schools. However, we never want to slip into a social gospel. Our goal is to keep the main thing the main thing. Our main goal is to reach souls. Furtherance Ministries has sent more than \$100,000 Canadian to Malawi, Africa in the past year. This is amazing. This was because of you, our generous supporters. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Let me show you that souls have been kept first on our priority list.

- ***In the past three years we have seen more than 8000 souls saved.***

Here is a quote from church planter Pastor Pyton. I know this man and have seen this work with my own eyes. "It's over 8000 saved for 3 years excluding our crusades because through your ministry people are saved in all our churches and every month pastors are praising the Lord for your sacrifice, prayers and encouragement and teaching and the church is not like before--."

---every Sunday people are getting saved. Pastor Ed and Paul yes you have done a lot here in Africa and you are pioneers and people will not forget your sacrifice, prayers, financial support, and number of people are still remembering your teaching, and the way you done this year we are amazed and praising the Lord for Christmas gifts we received from you. Zikomo abusa" (This means thank you pastor.)

- On December 27th, I led a man to Christ in Africa. My wife and I did a video call to this family and expressed to them the need to be born again. This man called me the next day to say he had repented of his sin and trusted Christ as Savior. He told me he was born again. I had a short Bible study on assurance with him. In the study, I used John 1:12 and John 10:27-29 as assurance of salvation. Today as I was driving to church, he sent me a picture of him preaching in his church. I asked him what he preached. Here was his reply. "I told the people about born again, I told them to repent their sin and receive Jesus Christ in their heart. I have given them the verses, John 1 vs 12 and John 10 vs 27 -29" I asked if there were any decisions for salvation. Here was his reply. "Yes Sir." Can you imagine? Saved on December 27th and preached his first message Jan 3, 2025 and saw souls saved. Praise the Lord! If that does not make me tingle, I have lost my jingle.

- Via technology I was able to attend New Years service in Malawi. It was an all-night prayer meeting. Since they are 6 hours ahead of us, I prayed in the New Year with my African brother and sisters at 6 PM my time. This allowed me to go to bed early.

- My present plans are for me to be in Africa this year again. I mentioned in our December Newsletter I had some health issues. I have met with a neurologist, and they are convinced I did not have a stroke. They want to investigate my heart. I have an appointment for October to have a special test. It sounds to me like they are not overly concerned, or we have a very flawed medical system. I will meet with another specialist in January to check to see if I am still cancer

free. I had prostate cancer back in 2019 and God healed me. I took no medications nor went through any procedures. God answered all our prayers. If I clear all these hurdles, I will be back in Africa in August.

- If you are interested in booking meetings, I need to hear from you soon. It is going to be a busy year.
- Pray for:
 - Souls to be saved.
 - A clear bill of health.
 - Our finances to be replenished.
 - People from our churches here at home to be revived and excited about Christ.
 - Pray as we take January to overhaul our ministry, music and art to better serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Keeping on keeping on for Christ,

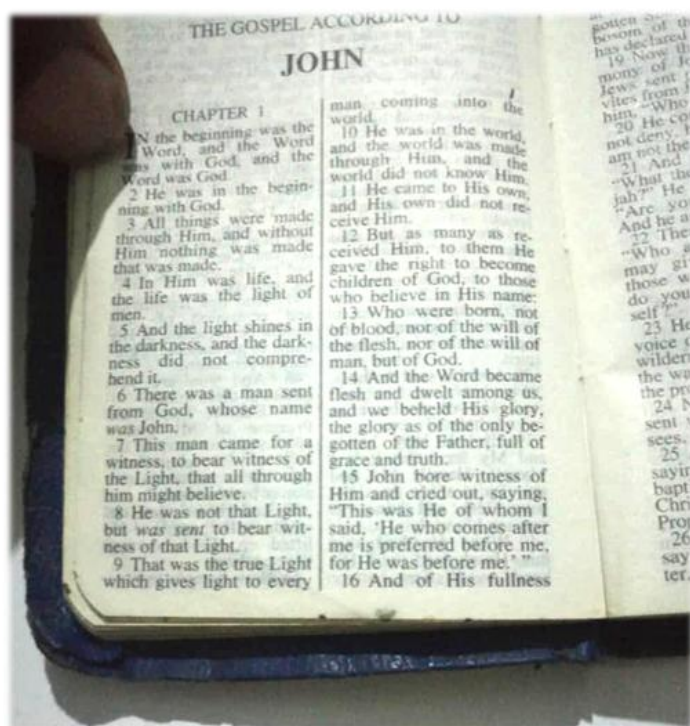
Ed, Theresa, & Eloise



Dalex is a security guard at Hotel we stayed at in Blantyre, Malawi.



Dalex speaking at his church about the gospel only a few days after him accepting Christ as his personal Savior.



Dalex's Bible turned to John 1:12. His assurance of salvation.





Crops at Ruby Morrissey Farm needing rain. Clouds interrupt the solar panels used for irrigation. Pray for rain to come soon.