

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters of Furtherance Ministries:

As I pen this update, we are now into a brand-new year. On behalf of our family, we want to wish you a very happy New Year. We do not know what this coming year holds for us, but we do know who holds the coming year. What must I do in the light of the unknowns which lie before me? I thought of three places in the word of God where the word **“must”** is found. As we step into a new year filled with unknown *“musts”* God gives us some unchanging anchors. Here are three biblical *“musts”* that can lead to a victorious Christian life in 2026.

**The Musts That Will Anchor Your Year:**

1. The Must of Faith - *“Ye **must** be born again.”* (John 3:7)

The Christian life begins with transformation, not self-improvement. Salvation comes only through faith in Christ and His finished work. This settles our eternity and anchors our hope.

2. The Must of Following - *“The son of man **“must”** suffer many things---If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”* (Luke 9:22–27)

Jesus calls us to daily discipleship: deny self, take up the cross, and follow Him. True life is found not in holding on, but in letting go as we surrender our all to Christ.

3. The Must of Forever - *“Whom (Jesus) the heaven **must** receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”* (Acts 3:21)

God is moving history toward restoration. What is broken will be made right. Living with eternity in view gives strength, purpose, and peace today. A new year anchored in faith, shaped by obedience, and guided by eternal hope will always be a victorious year.

We have recently completed our final booking for the year on the road. It was a blessing, but we are very tired. This has been a full year and amid the busyness there have also been battles. We are now in our 27th year of Furtherance Ministries and have never taken any extended downtime. Our plan is to take January and February off the road, as winter travel is difficult and often unsafe. Please pray that we will be able to rest and recharge. We are hoping to get away for a short time simply to allow our bodies to heal. During this time, I will only post occasionally on Facebook.

I just celebrated my 77th birthday. Perhaps, that explains a little of the wear and tear on the body!

For those wishing to book meetings, please send requests to Furtherance Ministries at email address [furtheranceoff@gmail.com](mailto:furtheranceoff@gmail.com). Arrangements have been made to respond to those inquiries. Please pray especially for our Administrative Assistant, Eloise, who will be carrying a heavy load during this season. The office will remain open and active.

Because of your faithful prayers and generous support, we were able to send Christmas gifts to 27 individuals in Malawi who serve as pastors, teachers, cooks, farm workers, and security. These dear people have labored faithfully for years as volunteers with little or no income. Our currency goes a long way in Malawi. Each worker received 630,000 kwacha dollars which is approximately \$500 Canadian. That is like winning the lottery for them. I want to share a brief note from Pastor Pyton which captures the spirit of what you have made possible:

***“Thank you very much for the Christmas gift we have received from you. On behalf of my fellow beneficiaries I would like to praise the Lord and thank you for the wonderful gifts we have received from you and this is a great miracle and it has never happened in my whole life and the lives of my fellow beneficiaries. We are not taking this for granted, and I have no words to say!!! I am telling my fellow beneficiaries to pray for you, mum Theresa, entire board members in the ministry and all friends in the ministry, Once again ZIKOMO ABUSA (Thank you pastor)”.***

The African people in this area of Malawi have never seen such kindness before. I have been in the ministry for 41 years, and I have never seen a board like the Furtherance Ministries board. I have never seen such generosity or such personal care for a ministry as we have seen in our supporters. Only God can reward you for what you have done and He will.

We love you, appreciate you deeply, and thank God for you. We pray the Spirit of God will guide and strengthen you as you stand for our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Keeping on Keeping on for Christ,

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Pictures of a few of the teachers, pastors, and workers who received their Christmas Gifts.