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MAY 2023 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

HUNGRY & BLESSED



In last month's News & Views, I promised some photos of God's blessing on us with our new location. At the same time, it is challenging to know you are so blessed while other brothers and sisters in Christ are struggling just to have enough food to feed their children. Jesus said that "the poor will be with you always." In



a previous News & Views, I touched briefly on the difference between those who always seem to have their hand out and those who are asking for a hand up so they can take care of themselves. The people that we have opportunity to help are the latter, people that need a hand up because of a disaster

because it is when we work together that our little becomes much and helps us make a difference for the Kingdom of God. Thanks to each of you for your obedience and let's all do something and keep our hearts tender to those

who are suffering. I'm sure we all would rather be on the giving end than the other. We are blessed to be a blessing! Mark your gift "Feed the Hungry."

not of their own making.

It should be impossible for us, as God's children, to live in such abundance and turn a deaf ear to the cries of parents who lack safe shelter and food for their children. I have traveled in over 40 third world countries and among many

Even as I was preparing to write this newsletter, Stephen Tambuli made me aware of the devastation in Malawi caused by cyclone Freddy, five full days of constant hurricane wind and unvielding

The home

of a CTC

teacher

rain. Many people died or lost everything they had, homes were destroyed, and crops brought to the ground through no fault of their own. Many are

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of the poorest of the world. I know that God is the ultimate an-



swer for this fallen world. However, until He returns to establish His Kingdom, we who He has seen fit to bless have some responsibility to stand in the gap, especially for those in distress. In February, I presented an opportunity for us to establish a "Feed the Hungry" account that would

allow us to quickly respond when there is a need presented to us and we know the people involved need a hand up. Only one response came in at that time. In faith I took it to be the "seed" offering that would eventually grow into a great harvest that would feed many in need. Since then, a few other gifts have come in, one of which was \$1000.00. I praise the Lord for every gift

struggling to find food for their families, especially in the bush. I have released \$1000 of our "Feed the Hungry" account to aid in this humanitarian and evangelistic effort. We are making a difference and advancing the gospel in the process. Thank you for caring and sharing



what you can to help others have hope and the knowledge that Jesus is alive and cares about them in their struggle.

I am scheduled to fly to Malawi May 19th where I will spend five days ministering and hopefully see some of the churches we have recently built. Please keep me and my family in your prayers!

Last month I promised to share some photos of our new location. God has been so faithful to us although the experience has had many challenges along the way. Personally, I think much of that has been the enemy trying to rob us of God's blessing. All of us enjoy unexpected blessings but often the blessing of God comes after a battle has been fought and won. Since we war not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers in high places, we know that the battle must first be won in the spiritual realm before it can be manifested in the physical realm. Too often we are quick to fight the physical battle without waging warfare in the spiritual realm. That only makes the physical struggle harder and the result less desirable. Prayer that releases God to work His will in every situation is a key to victory!

I guess I am safe to say that many people know me as someone who is tight with money. I believe in being accountable and doing my best to be a good steward of what God entrusts to my supervision. I have always lived on a budget and still do today. In the beginning, I would take my paycheck and convert it to cash, then put the cash in envelopes according to the category and amount listed on the envelope. If there was no money in the envelope, we could not purchase anything until there was. I only allowed us to be in debt for one thing beyond our mortgage payment. Most of my life as a Christian I have been a tither and beyond. As a result, God has blessed me even though I went through a divorce and yielded half of what we had in the process. God has remained faithful! The divorce left me with the townhome and a line of credit against it. I remained single for four years, not looking to remarry, and worked hard to get out of debt and move forward. A couple of years after God brought Vicky into my life, I was involved in an auto accident where a woman hit me as I was jogging. After back surgery, six screws, and two plates, we took the remainder of the settlement as well as our savings and purchased a new home. We kept the townhome as an investment, renting it out. The townhome still had part of the line of credit as debt but was worth much more. I did not like being a landlord and tried to sell it, but it was soon obvious that selling was not what God wanted at that time, so we rented it again.

After Daniel came on the scene, we realized we needed a larger home. We put the townhouse up for sale and sold it for \$50,000 more than what I had tried to sell it for before. During the interim, we had been looking at homes a bit larger, hoping to add a bedroom and office. Also, I wanted to be on water. One of the homes I had previously lived in was on a pond. I often enjoyed getting home from work, grabbing my fishing pole, and spending a few minutes catching a couple of bass and tossing them back. It was so relaxing for me and something I have really missed.

Vicky did most of the work looking for places we wanted the realtor to show us. We looked at a lot of homes, some on ponds and some on lakes. Almost all of them were much more than I wanted to spend. Also, I wanted to stay debt free and was dead set on not having a mortgage. Then Vicky found a home that was on a pond and had only been on the market for a day. It was the location we were looking for and then some! The price was right, and the square footage was what we needed. It was arranged so that we could move a couple of walls, put up a couple of walls, and have what we were asking God to provide. Now that the remodeling is almost finished and the white drywall dust is finally gone, we have a fully functioning kitchen with a large island overlooking the family room and a small inground swimming pool to Daniel's delight. The home sits with a pond in the rear and a walking area surrounding the pond on three sides and woods on the fourth. Beyond the pond is a lake surrounded by a nature preserve. We often see deer walking from the preserve area to the woods on the left side of the pond. I have an office that I can actually move around in and is <u>not</u> the pathway to the back door. We give God all the glory and praise for His faithful blessing! Thank you for standing with us during















this time and for your prayers!!! This last picture is where you find me most of the time now. I call this missions control center!

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as we continue to train pastors and Christian leadership worldwide. You standing with us enables us to keep moving forward in all that God has for us together. You are making a difference in so many lives! What we do today for God's Kingdom will echo throughout eternity! Thank you! We covet your prayers as we also pray for God's blessings to you! May God's best be multiplied to you many times over!!!! Truly we are blessed to be a blessing to others!

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