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Poalm 68:6
"God setteth the solitary in families:
he bringeth out those which are bound
with chains: but the rebellious dwell
in a dry land."

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Dear Praying Saints,

These last two months have been very difficult times for us, but our Lord has been with us all along the way. It seems like everything that could go wrong did go wrong. I have had to repair my wife's car several times, but it is running fine now. My truck engine blew up, and I am having it replaced. Our washing machine broke down, and I had to have it fixed. Our new computer finally came in on January 25th. Thieves have stolen our telephone cable twice during these past two months, putting our home telephone out of order for many weeks. I have had to buy a new cell phone just to communicate with people, but our home telephone is working now. And our water has been going off and on on a regular basis, but this problem has been stabilized for the time being.

But our gracious Lord has used many of our kind and thoughtful supporting churches and several of our dear Christian friends to help with these numerous unexpected and pressing needs. We wanted to thank you all for helping us with these many needs. We also wanted to thank you all for your faithful monthly support, for your love gifts, and for your many prayers for us, as well as your prayers for our National Pastors and their church families.

Our Lord has been blessing our ministry in many wonderful ways in spite of our earthly difficulties. Our daughter, Hannah, asked the Lord to save her on Friday night, December 15th, 2005. The Lord used William to help his sister to come to the Lord. When Hanna disobeyed us, William would tell her, "Hannah, you are going down." He told her this many times. During our family devotions, he would also ask us to pray for his unsaved sister. After Hannah was saved, she told William, "Now you can't say that I'm going down any more." We give thanks to our Lord for saving our dear little girl.

Several unsaved people have been led to the Lord through the work of our National Pastors and through our various ministries during these last two months. Two pastors from the neighboring country of Mozambique came to visit me in January. They wanted me to help them with a hunger problem in their village. After we talked for a while, I asked them if they knew that they were saved. They told me that they were saved, but they could not tell me how they got saved. They were trying to serve God without knowing him – how sad! After giving them God's plan of salvation for about an hour, they bowed their heads and asked the Lord to save them. After I gave them a Bible and took them out to eat I drove them to the bus depot so they could begin their long journey back home. They left rejoicing in their new salvation in Jesus Christ, and they were thankful that they had a Bible of their own. **Please pray for five of our pastors from Blantyre as they will be making a missionary trip to this village in Mozambique during the upcoming Easter holidays.**

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Another man named Alick was saved in a Sunday morning service at our newest church, Makalanga Fundamental Baptist Church. I taught a Sunday School lesson on 'The Parable of the Sower.' Then Evangelist Wells Mwachande preached a simple Gospel message from the book of Romans. During the church invitation, Alick came forward to get saved. Pastor Shadrack Mwachande told him about God's plan of salvation. Then he bowed his head and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save him. He told our church family that he had been a Roman Catholic all of his life, but he had never heard that salvation was only through faith and by grace in Jesus Christ. He had been taught that salvation came by his own works and by his obedience to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. He rejoiced that he was saved; and he was glad that he knew he was going to heaven when he died.

Pastor Shadrack Mwachande told me that six people had been saved in his church during the months of January and February. Shadrack also told me that his brother-in-law, Harry Chiwaya, asked the Lord to save him a few days ago. He had been very sick for the last two years. Harry was a dedicated Presbyterian who believed that his church membership and his good works would save him. But a week ago, he was admitted to the hospital suffering from a bad case of tuberculosis. After Shadrack talked to him about his soul and eternity from God's Word in the hospital several times, Harry told him that he wanted to be saved. Then he asked the Lord to save him. He spoke English, so I gave him a BEAMS Bible to help him to grow 'in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' Our worker's little girl, Lucia, asked the Lord to save her too. Whyte Majombe led a primary school teacher to the Lord in January. It is always a great blessing to see your own disciples winning people to their Lord.

Please remember to pray for these new believers in Christ who have recently been saved. Pray that they will faithfully serve their Lord all of their lives. And pray for a group of young people from a village in Ndirande who have asked me to come and teach them the Word of God.

Lord willing, our Annual Church Conference will be held in August of this year. **Pray that our Lord will bless our meeting and send revival to His people.** I am also planning to construct a new Bible College building in Bvumbwe. I have already bought all of the land for this project. **Pray that the necessary funds will com in soon for this upcoming need.**

Thanks again for your reliable prayers for us and for our various ministries. Thanks also for your generous and sacrificial giving. We do greatly appreciate all of the many things that you have done for us very much. We do consider it to be an honor and a privilege to be workers together with you all in the work of the Lord.

Your missionaries to Malawi, Africa,

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