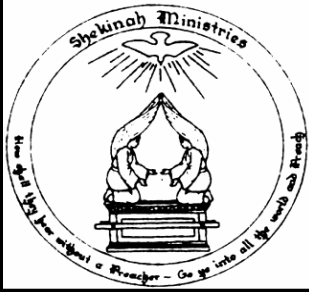


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Beloved Partners and Friends

Some years ago – actually quite a few now – I wrote an editorial based on David’s law which goes like this: *“For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.”* Each has his ministry or talents according to his several abilities but the Lord expects us all to run the race as a team and to keep on running it. Those who fight on the battle field and those who are ENABLERS receive equal reward. Of course, this seldom happens amongst Christians because we have not reached the place of true KINGDOM LIVING and we are still all about self and “what is in this for me?” We will continue to fight as hard as ever on the front lines but we need people to stay with the stuff and ensure that the seriously needed supplies reach those front lines. Both Napoleon and Hitler lost the battle in Russia because they were unable to keep their armies supplied in the harsh Russian winters. Those staying with the stuff failed those on the battle fronts. I had cause to look back in the last few weeks and think of all the people who ran with us or stayed by the stuff but they are no longer around to enjoy and rejoice in the fruit of their labors and that is tragic. One thing is certain in the Kingdom of God – the Lord expects us to enjoy the fruit of our labors. In one way or another, this is declared throughout His Word. How shall we ever enjoy the fruit of our labors if we do not continue the battle or stay with the stuff? and “get with the program” as a friend of mine would love to say! Now, here is a rebuke from the Lord through His prophet, Jeremiah. *“If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trusteth, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?”*

## GET WITH THE PROGRAM : STICK BY THE STUFF

We are all in a race to attain the finishing line not as the marathons of this world where there is only one victor but where, through love we ensure that everyone attains the prize and that prize is Christ. If I have run under normal conditions and become wearied, disillusioned and disappointed how shall I contend when the war horses are galloping and the real pressure begins to mount? The western Church has grown lethargic because it lacks PASSION FOR CHRIST. Religion has replaced true fellowship and relationship and brought people into spiritual and emotional bondage. Few are interested in attending Church except on Sunday mornings and who can blame anyone when the services totally lack substance and there is no presence of the Holy Ghost with His life-giving power. The Church needs a fresh revelation of the glorious Jesus. It is soul destroying to me to attend churches where it is patently obvious that the attitude is “DEAD business as usual why did I come?” I was reading of Abraham Lincoln who was accustomed to praying daily with his domestic servants and his staff. He prayed in the oval office and before every session of Congress. He prayed with foreign dignitaries and always before making major decisions. These are his words to the American people as he addressed Congress and what a shame this cannot be said of the current occupier of the White House.

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, the many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in number, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power to

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confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. .If in the land of peace and prosperity the western church has become Laodicea and is wearied by being surfeited with the attitude “I have need of nothing...” how will believers contend when the real pressure is applied? The western church is entering into a DARK AGE that is darker than the educational, social, economic and cultural historical DARK AGES all because we are too satisfied and too complacent. In the arrogance of the church that has opened the door for liberal humanism and created a spiritual vacuum, we have give full opportunity for the rise of every false religion and in particular, Islam. So, what am I saying? It is sad to note that those who once ran with the footmen, contended with the horses and overcame the swellings of the Jordan are no longer in place and have become wearied. I think of persons upon persons who have dropped out of the race through disillusionment, bitterness, particularly offence and every pathetic issue that they have allowed to rob them of rejoicing in VICTORY. And, in the light of the victory upon victory that the Lord has given us in this ministry, they are no longer present to be partakers of the fruit of victory because they allowed flesh to get the better of them. No excuse is good enough for dropping out of the race and there is no reason justifiable in the eyes of the Lord who has given us every reason to conquer and prosper. I am thinking of a couple who recently in their lives allowed the root of offence to grow and rob them. Of course, the offended will always JUSTIFY THEIR SELVES and never really say what their offence is all about. I have learned that Christians can get seriously offended over the most pathetic thing and it is usually because they have grown tired of running and contending. We are still doing what the LORD has told us to do and experiencing victory after victory as one can only experience when obedient to the Lord. What is deeply saddening is that one-time supporters are no longer around to enjoy the fruit of victory and the blessings of their investment and lose their reward. In the meantime, like the plodding tortoise and without fanfare and splash we go from victory to victory and glory to glory in building His Kingdom in the areas of the vineyard to which He has called us to labor. **STICK WITH THE PROGRAMME AND STAY WITH THE STUFF. WE** are in the work for the long haul. Stay with us or join us and you will be with a winning team. Do not back the wrong side, as it were. There are far too many hares in the kingdom with all the gusto and splash and fanfare who get led astray by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life. Their fruit will prove them. We recently had people who came back into our lives after many years. How tragic to see the development and growth of the work but they have not run with us through the trials to attain the victories. It is also so exciting to return to a place after many years and see the same faces still serving the Lord and the same people still supporting the tortoise ministry – little by little, here a little and there a little but building brick by brick until the wall is complete because like Nehemiah’s team, “WE HAVE A MIND TO WORK.”

## **STRATEGIC APOSTOLIC LEADERS CONFERENCE 2011**

Mark your calendar NOW! Shekinah/Kalibu Ministries will be holding a strategic leaders conference in August 17th to 20th 2011. We will be bringing in leaders from areas impacted by this ministry in different parts of the world to share, strategize and plan for the next decade in the ministry. Delegates will be coming from Finland, Malawi, Lithuania, New Sudan, United Kingdom, Mozambique, USA and our future work in China. This is going to be a glorious gala event done in the spirit of excellence. Set aside this time NOW. We will host this event in Chicago as it is central and easy for people to fly in and out of. Everyone who has partnered with us over the years needs to make sure that they attend and are a part of what lies ahead . We look forward to having a glorious time in the Lord.

### **LETTERS**

From Madingbor James Makur, New Sudan

I dearly greet the staff of Kalibu Academy, and the entire student body in the mighty name of our Savior, the LORD Jesus Christ. My special greetings and congratulations go to the man who planted the seed of faith in me, the Reverend Michael T. Howard. .Dear, Pastor Michael, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for showing so great a concern in the future of the new generations of New Sudan and Africa. Through you, Africa and the rest of the world is blessed and sincerely, I am one of the people that has tasted of the blessings through you. May God’s blessings and wisdom rest upon you forevermore !

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It took six months but I was able to put together 25 boxes (600 pounds) of goods for the container to Malawi, Africa. It started with the Shekinah newsletter. I’ve always enjoyed hands on mission opportunity so when the container project knocked, I answered. Something about finding and touching the items that will later bring people joy is all the motivation needed but could I do it with the limited amount of money I had to devote to the project? My income has drastically decreased in the last few years which has drastically increased my ability to be frugal. So rolling up my sleeves, I got to work. Starting around Christmas, I collected soap, towels, and washcloths. The money I could have used for friends and family who have everything they need became instead, money to buy for those who have little. As time went on, clothing, school supplies, bed linens found their way into the boxes stacking up in my living room. It seemed like everywhere I went, I found items very reasonably priced and shouting to me, “Pick me, send me.” Thank God for Walmart. At work, I saw a cart full of beautiful youth non-fiction books destined for the trash. I intercepted them (with permission) and packed them away for the school’s library. I have access

some great used books, so was able to purchase quite a few. Of course, everything I got was not brand-new but the items had to look brand new and be functional. Here's one example. I was in a local ministry run thrift store. I'd been thinking "shoes" but buying retail shoes was way too expensive. What do you think was in that thrift store? Brand new -never worn children's leather sandals for \$1.00 a pair!!! I bought every pair. Into a box they went. It seemed like whatever God laid upon my heart to get-there it was; piece goods, shoe laces, scissors, pencils, knap-sacks, etc. I had several pairs of little boy blue jeans but the knees were worn out so I made shorts out of them. I drove Roz crazy with questions. The scary part was when I looked at all those boxes now ready to ship and thought, "Great, you collected all this stuff and it will be cost prohibitive to ship it!" God came through again. I found a freight company who cut 75% off of their charges because it was a relief project for Africa!!! So, God bless you, people of Africa and God bless Shekinah and the good work they do there. You've blessed me, Heavenly Father, by always being my Great Provider. By helping me concentrate on others, my own selfish motives fall by the wayside. After I saw the boxes put on a pallet and rolled away, in my mind's eye, I saw my seemingly big pallet, in the very back corner of an enormous empty container. Now, it seemed very small and insignificant. My heart sank, until I remembered there were lots and lots of others with the same vision God gave me and that is to bless others. The container will be full of all our efforts together. God will provide. Susan S.C.

(Ed Note) What a testimony and what a blessing this will be for Malawi. We are working on shipping a container by the end of this year. Remember that we are in need of items for the Bible school studio apartments, the widows and orphans in the Nsanje Project and the cottages for staff and visitors at the school. Anything that can be used to furnish a home will be greatly appreciated and that includes kitchens as well as living rooms and bedrooms. Thank you. Please send all items to the following: Shekinah Ministries

c/o I.C. Fluid Power, Attention Jordan,  
63 Dixie Hwy, Rossford OH 43460  
(419) 661-8811 ext 3006.

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## **MICHAEL HOWARD'S ITINERARY 2010**

Aug 15th (Sunday) Jubilee Outreach, San Antonio TX, Pastor Morales (210)337-7060 10.00 a.m.  
Aug 17th (Tues) Home Group Springfield MO, Jim and Georgene Allread, (417)823-0189 7.00 p.m.  
Aug 20th/21st (Fri/Sat) Kinross IA, Daryl Gehman (319)325-2467 7.00 p.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.  
Aug 22nd (Sun) Voice Ministries Elkhart IN, Pastor Bob Deering, (574)970-9240 10.30 a.m.  
Aug 23rd (Mon) Spirit of Prophecy Comfort Suites, Elkhart IN, Gary Rogel (574)536-5681 7.00 p.m.  
Aug 24th (Tues) Voice Ministries Elkhart IN, Pastor Bob Deering, (574)970-9240 7.00 p.m.  
Aug 25th (Wed) Upper Room Ministries, W. Lafayette IN, Pastor Del Broersma, (765) 463-7380 7.00 p.m.  
Aug 26th/27th (Thurs/Fri) Healing Center, Brainerd MN, Ruthie 7.00 p.m.  
Aug 29th (Sunday) New Life Assembly of God, Findlay OH, Pastor Dutch VanderVlucht, (419)423-8465 9.00 and 11.00 a.m.

We have greatly enjoyed being with friends and supporters as we have traveled in the States this year. We are almost half way through the itinerary already. It has been a really busy time with sometimes two or three meetings a day but amidst the "Business as usual" mentality that we have seen in a number of places we have also seen those who are hungry for the Lord and hungry to grow. Those who are willing and excited to make time and come out to the meetings no matter what night of the week it is.

We have seen so many who are existing in their comfort zones. It has become so familiar so they either ignore or do not even hear the word of the Lord to "Come up higher" or to rise to another level in Him. He is longing for us to so fall in love with Him all over again if we have grown cold or luke warm or even if we have never had the experience of being totally surrendered to Him.. He wants relationship and for so many it is just religion. It is no wonder that there are so many Christian divorces when we, as Christians cannot fall in love and have a relationship with our heavenly bridegroom. If we cannot do that then how can we ever expect to have a loving, lasting relationship with our spouse.? When we get the spiritual right then the physical will fall into place. When we are filled with a passionate love for God then it will overflow to all of those around us.

A whole generation has heard the message of the Gospel of ease:

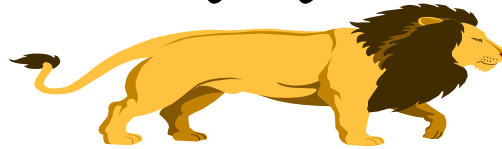
"Get saved and you will prosper, get saved and you will be healed, delivered, set free, not suffer, be comfortable....."

It is no wonder that churches are emptying as things get tougher and tougher with the economy and everything else that is happening. God never promised that it would be easy, in fact He said that there would be persecution but what He did promise was that no matter what we are going through, no matter how tough things become He will be there beside us and He will see us through every situation and circumstance when we are obedient, when we love Him and when we place our trust in Him.

Let us get back to Gospel basics. Let us fall hopelessly in love with Him so that we become passionate about Him. He gave us our emotions and expects us to be emotional about Him.

Thanks to everyone who has been such a blessing as we have traveled amongst you. We are sorry that there is often so little time to really spend with you all.

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## UPDATES

We have recently received this letter. How refreshing it is that children are permitted—even encouraged to pray together for their nation, schools and for the nations of the world.

I have had a meeting with Rev. Francis Mkandawire general secretary of the Evangelical Association of Malawi in Lilongwe concerning dates in 2011 for the Children's National Day of Prayer.

The suggested dates agreed with the Evangelical Association of Malawi in Lilongwe offices were for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2011

On the 28<sup>th</sup> the Friday the prayer time will be held at schools and other venues all over the country where children and youth will be that day when the director approved it in the schedule for the day.

The prayer focus will be for the needs of the institution, families, communities, Malawi and for the nations around the world. The goal would be for the children of Malawi to arise as prayer warriors and to compile these requests with a prayer mobilizer appointed at the school or venue.

An adult representative and two children of each school will then attend a venue in the region on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, bringing main prayer request with them for corporate prayer which will be made during a program organized by the CNDP committee. The committee will also invite leaders of each region to be part of this event.

Two questions for you...

Will it be possible to use the Kalibu School venue as EAOM discussed last year and would this date be suitable for Kalibu to host and to be part of the program for the Southern region?

Would you be part of the planning committee or appoint a representative of the Kalibu School ?

Rev. Francis Mkandawire is in the process of requesting the Presidents approval of this day and for him to be part of this event and in helping to promote it.

I am looking forward in hearing from you and what your thoughts are about this opportunity to be part of this event to mobilize children to pray on a national level.