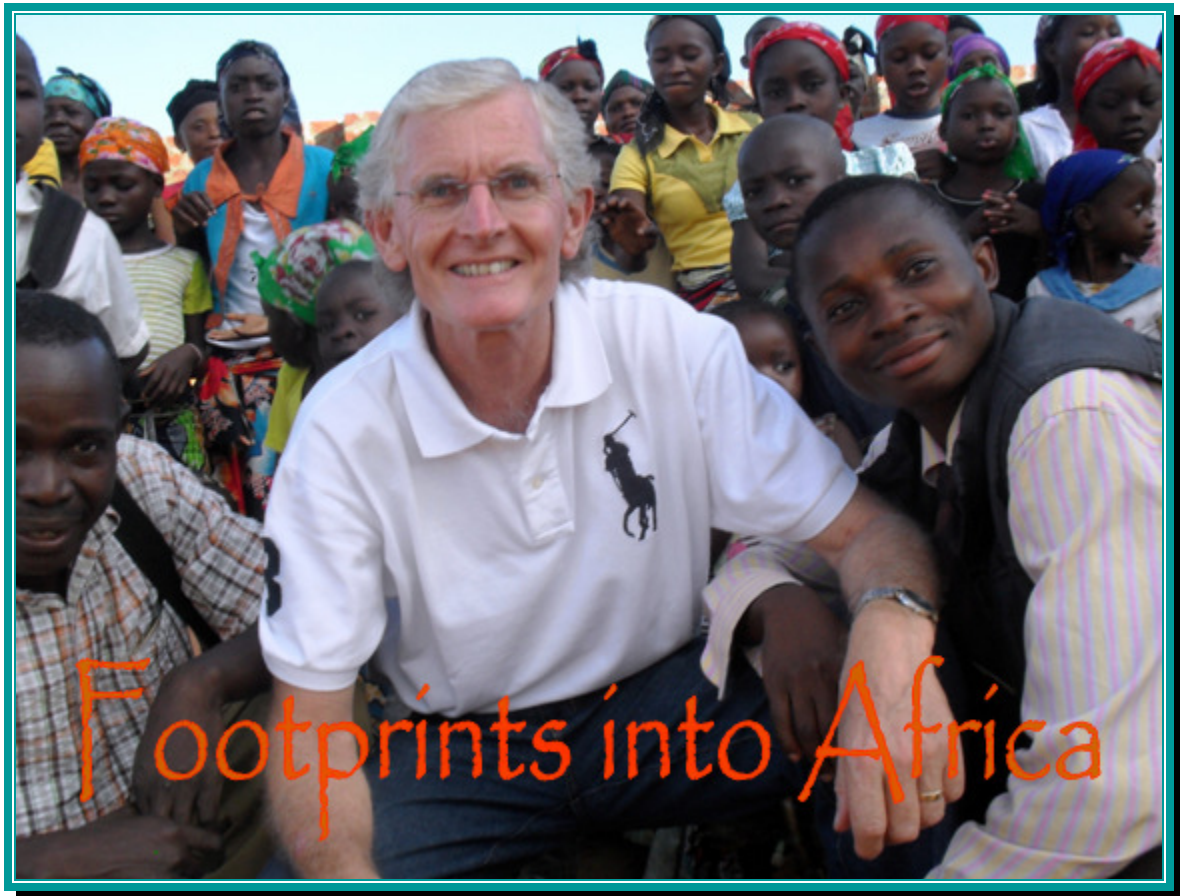


MY 10th
MISSION TRIP
TO
ZAMBIA

&

MY 50TH MISSION TRIP
INTO AFRICA



September 2017

Bishop Warwick Cole-Edwardes

Trip



LOOKING BACK OVER 37 YEARS OF ADVENTURES INTO AFRICA

In 1980 I received a phone call from Bishop Stephen Bradley asking me to go up to ONDANGWA in Ovamboland, which is the northern most part of Namibia and there to conduct a week-long Bible School for the pastors and leaders of our Namibian Churches. It was fantastic and little did I know but that week would change my life forever. I was gripped by the spell of Africa and I knew that one day that is what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. But ... I needed training, discipline, experience and above all godliness. So for the next 30 years I was privileged to work at Holy Trinity in Pietermaritzburg where I saw the work explode as I taught the Bible, verse by verse. By God's grace, it became one of the leading mission sending Churches in South Africa. There I prepared lectures on every book of the Bible, Doctrine, Church History, Ethics, Pastoralia, Evangelism and a year-course on Missions. I then opened the KwaZulu Natal Missionary and Bible College (which was first called Trinity Academy) for the training of African pastors and missionaries for Africa. But the Lord still wanted to train me further and I served Christ Church Pinetown for 6 years, establishing some wonderful friends for life. Then in 2010, while in the city of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo, while kneeling at the altar in the Cathedral, I knew my time had come. It was clear the Lord wanted me to stand down as the Bishop and Rector of Pinetown, cash in my Pension and go full-time into MISSIONS. My dear friends, the Lord has given me the most amazing years imaginable as I have reached out across Africa and now I head up to Zambia for my 50th mission trip. **Helen Blakeslee**, a missionary to Africa wrote these words, which I relate to so much ...

"I go to Africa not for fame and prominence, but because I am attached to Jesus Christ in a love that knows no sacrifice too great to be made : that men and women everywhere throughout AFRICA may know of and come to possess the wonderful inheritance He has won for them on the Cross. I go to Africa because I believe her people to be worthy of the most heroic effort that can be put forth to save them. I believe this because Jesus Christ believed and proved to the world that it was true."

Then **Floyd McClung** wrote about the great challenges of Africa:

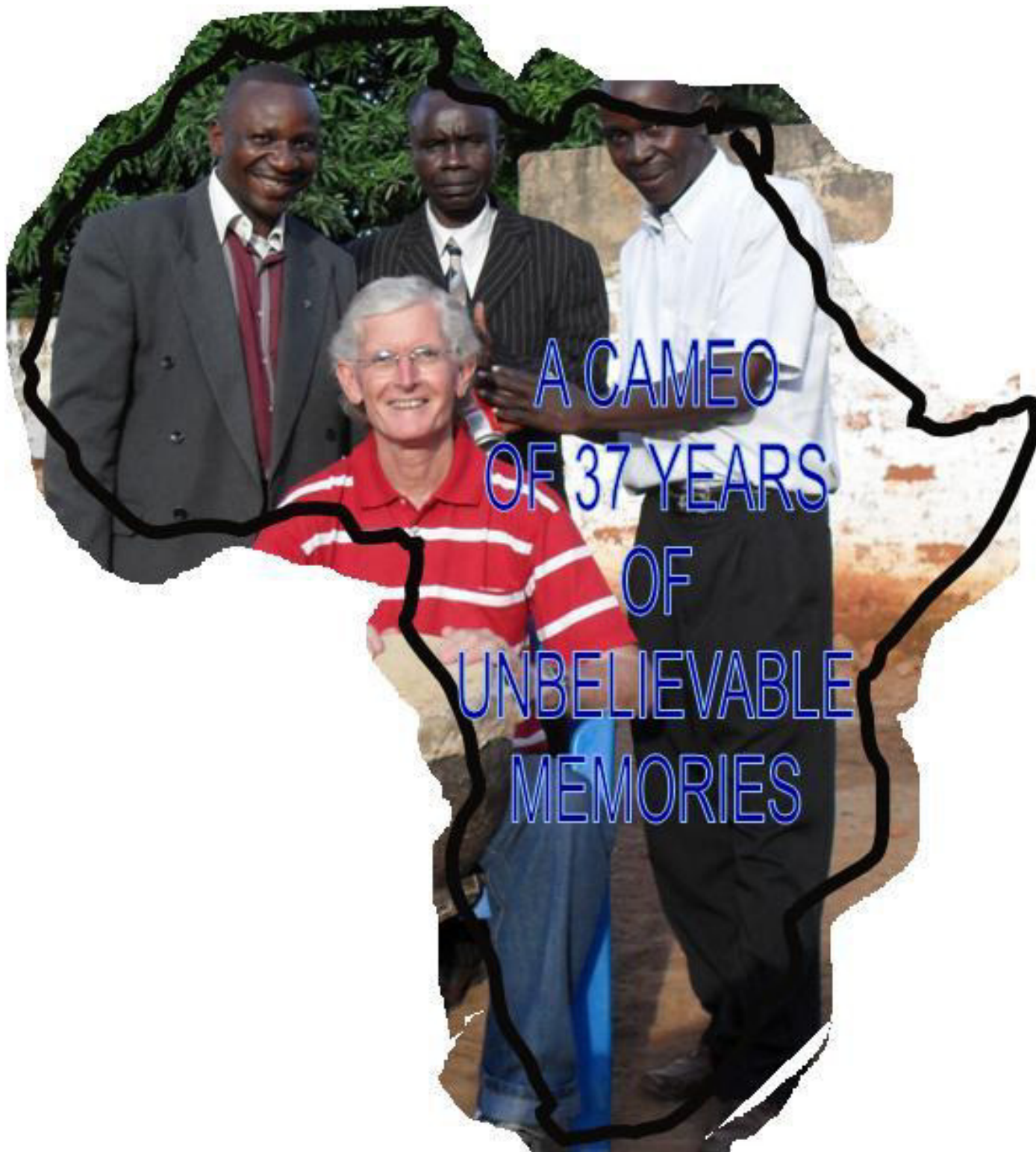
"The greatest growth, the greatest openness and the greatest move of God's spirit are happening in AFRICA, and Latin America. We need to build our work among the people we want to reach and mobilize. There are hundreds and thousands of teachable, dedicated, emerging leaders in the nations of AFRICA who are crying out for training and mentoring."

So with thousands of dedicated leaders across Africa crying out for training and mentoring, I move from Tanzania to Kenya; to Uganda; to Rwanda; to Mozambique; to Zimbabwe; to Malawi; to Zambia; Botswana; to Namibia and into the D.R.C., speaking at Conferences and from my base at KMBC lecturing 25 lectures a week during term time ... training pastors and missionaries for Africa. As **Donald McClure** wrote after 50 years of missionary service in Africa:

I am filled with an undying ambition to do something worthwhile in the great land of AFRICA."

Enjoy sharing these highlights of some
of my incredible visits into

AFRICA



It all started in **NAMIBIA** where my friend Chicken took me to see the first mission station established in Ovamboland. It was stirring to see the beautiful church MARTIN RAUTENEN built, his wagon, which brought him up from the Cape and his Pulpit.



Dave de Winnaar will never forgive me for asking him to take me to **MARY LIVINGSTONE'S** grace in Chipunga. Phew ... we searched and searched and searched, but after many hours we saw where she was laid to rest in Northern Mozambique, it was an amazing experience.



All my life I have dreamed of going to the **DAVID LIVINGSTONE** memorial, where his heart lies buried in Chief CHITAMBO'S VILLAGE in northern ZAMBIA. To go there stirred me, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but what a challenge it was to get there ... but so worth every kwacha ... and it was plenty!!



As you know, **MALAWI** is so much on my heart. When I go there, I always visit the graves of **RICHARD THORNTON**, **HENRY SCUDAMORE**, **JOHN DICKINSON**, **CHARLES MACKENZIE** and **ROBERT CLELAND**, amazing missionaries who brought to Gospel to Malawi.



While up in **UGANDA**, Pastor Alex always takes me back to the Cathedral in Kampala where I can visit the graves of **ALEXANDER MCKAY** and **JAMES HANNINGTON** the pioneer Missionaries for **UGANDA**.

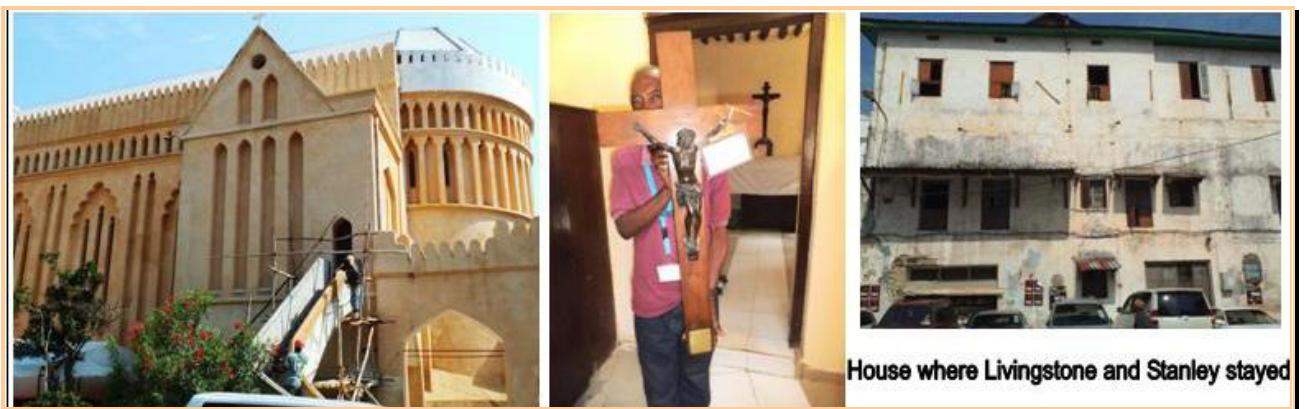


While in **TANZANIA**, I was taken to the town of **BAGOMOYO** and there on the beach you can see the **CROSS** erected by the first missionaries in 1848. Fairly close by is the church

where Chuma and Susi kept the body of David Livingstone before taking it to England. It was an incredible experience.



While I was there, I took a Ferry across to [ZANZIBAR](#) in order to see the house where David Livingstone and Stanley would stay before heading off into Africa. Then to visit the Cathedral and to bribe the Curator to allow me to take a picture of the Crucifix made out of the wood of the tree under which David Livingstone's heart was buried in Chitambo's Village was wonderful. What memories etched onto my mind forever.



Poor Eric Keiser's car will never be the same again after he drove his 4x4 up and down the mountain near [MULANJE in MALAWI](#) looking for the graves of the early missionaries - what an amazing find.



Then last year Dave de Winnaar took me to **LIKOMO ISLAND** after our visit to the village in Malawi. He must have traveled on the most horrendous roads in Africa. We arrived at the border, took a Ferry and stepped onto the island. This is where the missionaries set up their base after so many had died earlier from Malaria. There we visited St. Peter's Cathedral ... I probably will never get there again! To see **BISHOP MAPLE'S** and **BISHOP MACKENIE'S PLAQUES** and his Bishop's staff was overwhelming for me. A crocodile nearly had Don Douma for supper ... phew that was scary.



Then while I was in Livingstone recently I came across a great "find" - the **FRANCOIS COILLARD** Memorial Church. He was the man whom the Lord used to open up Zambia for the Gospel - it was a fantastic visit. In 1902, he wrote these challenging words to the General Missionary Conference:

"It was time for us also, as in China, Japan and elsewhere to uproot the hedges and pull down the barriers of denominations as far as possible, and blend all our energies into one mighty effort to extend the boundaries of our Lord's Kingdom."

To visit **the Cathedrals** in Nairobi and Kampala in search of missionary graves will never be forgotten. To kneel at the altar in the Cathedral in Lubumbashi and dedicate the rest of my life to Missions was a huge step.



But how can I ever forget some of the hair-raising experiences - **travelling** on horrendous roads in the D.R.C. while going up to **NTEKE**.



Then **sharing a truck with a cow and some goats** because no other transport was available. To be screamed at by the local village men and told to get out of a boat I was in because there was a crocodile 10 metres away was nerve wracking.



Also to visit **GENADENDAL**, the oldest mission station in South Africa was a wonderful experience. To visit the tombstone of George Schmidt was amazing ... Gregg and I loved the visit.



What an unbelievable 37 years: 50 mission trips into my beloved Africa; 300 students trained and equipped for Africa at KMBC; 120 new Churches planted and not one day of sickness - it has been the most stirring years any man could ever have been given by the Lord. How I love to sing:

“Take my life and let it be
consecrated Lord to Thee..”

But now listen to this beautiful prayer from **David Brainerd**. I look to the future and seek to do God's will for my life into **AFRICA**, wherever it may be, this says it all:

“Here I am Lord, send me.
Send me to the ends of the earth,
Send me to the rough and savage pagans of the wilderness,
Send me from all that is called comfort on earth,
Send me even to death itself - if it be but in Thy service and to promote Thy Kingdom.”



Update from Operation World.

Zambia

Republic of Zambia

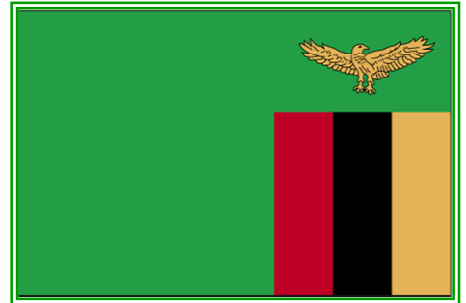
Africa

Geography

Area: 752,614 sq km

Landlocked central/ southern

African country; largely savannah grasslands with forested areas.



Population: 13,257,269 Annual Growth: 2.46%

Capital: Lusaka

Urbanites: 35.7%

Peoples

Peoples: 82 (5% unreached)

Challenges for Prayer: Missions.

There is an open door for ministry, although few are unevangelized.

a) **Receiving.** The emphasis is rightly on partnering with Zambians, training them for leadership and service and developing holistic ministries that are sustainable and useful.

b) **Sending.** The Zambian Church's interest in missions has grown in the last 10 years. Hundreds now serve cross-culturally within Zambia and to neighbouring nations, almost all of which are much less evangelized and even more in need of practical assistance. The Brethren/CMML alone has sent out 150 workers within Zambia, into the region and even to India and the UK. Pray for these first fruits to represent a much greater harvest.

The less reached - there are still unevangelized pockets and a few peoples who have received much less ministry than the majority.

a) **The many smaller groups of peoples** in the southwest are minimally reached - the Subiya, the four Khoisan groups, others.

b) **The urban satellite towns** of Lusaka, the Copperbelt and Kabwe are spiritually needy. Many are squalid shanty settlements, rife with poverty, AIDS and little hope. Pray for the work of Dorothea Mission, World Outreach Team Action and others in evangelizing these areas.

c) **The Indian Gujarati community** is both Hindu and Muslim, but few are Christian. South African SIM, Pentecostal Assemblies of God and Asian missionaries from Tanzania work among them.

MY DIARY

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

Today I head up into Zambia for my 50th Mission trip into Africa which will also be my 10th trip to Zambia. I will be part of a team from the USA who are partnering with one of our past students, Humphrey Mumba, assisting him to launch his new church in Lusaka. But before I start off it is so important for me to begin the day in the "Missionary Workshop" and there to spend time with the Lord. My Bible readings continue in 2nd Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2nd Corinthians, always following Robert Murray Mc Cheyne's daily Bible reading plan. After



reading God's Word I was able to spend time in prayer, and especially for the HAUSA who live in Nigeria and who are one of the many unreached people groups in our world. Over the last 50 years **Oswald Chambers** has mentored me from his amazing book my "Utmost for his Highest" and this morning this is the question he asked:

"Watch when God shifts your circumstances and see whether you are going to go on with Jesus, or side with the world, the flesh and the devil. We wear his badge but are we going on with Him?"

What a challenge that is especially when we remember "From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him." Please pray that I will always be going on with Jesus and never siding with the world. After a short flight from Pietermaritzburg I then flew out from O.R. Tambo Airport in Johannesburg and landed at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport in Lusaka where Humphrey was waiting for me with his warm African smile and greeting.



It always feels fantastic to be back in the Africa I love. From the airport we were taken to the local Primary School where we had a short meeting. In true warm African hospitality we were all welcomed and presented with a Zambian scarf - see photo. It was then time to take the USA team to their Lodge where they will be staying for the next few days but I wanted to stay with Humphrey in his home in the township. After supper it was early to bed after a long day of travelling.



Each night on this trip I will summarize 📖 a biography of an African Church hero which I have read recently. Tonight I will summarize **TREVOR HUDDLESTON**, one of South Africa's heroes who did a monumental work to bring down apartheid. As you enter South Africa House in Trafalgar Square there you will see sculptures of Trevor Huddleston and Oliver Tambo. He was an Anglican monk who became the charismatic leader of the anti-apartheid movement; he was a close friend and hero to Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo and Walter Sisulu. Drawing from extensive private archives of all Huddleston's sermons and correspondence, the author Robin Denniston gives us a beautiful picture of Huddleston's life from his curacy in a working-class parish in the 1930's to the twelve years he lived in Soweto to the time he wrote his famous book, *NAUGHT FOR YOUR COMFORT*, his years as bishop of Tanzania and then of Stepney, Denniston explains his life. His last post was as the Bishop of Mauritius and as the Arch-bishop of the Indian Ocean, returning to England in 1983 to lead the anti-apartheid movement. His life was poured out as a sacrifice to his Lord and to the people of South Africa.

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER



A beautiful morning greets us up in Zambia, so let me begin by again going into the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in 2nd Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2nd Corinthians after which time I was able to pray. This morning I remember especially the MWANI people who live in Mozambique, after which **Oswald Chambers** reminded me of what he calls the "Divine rule of life".


"The expression of Christian character is not doing good, but rather God-likeness. If the Spirit of God has transformed you from within, you will exhibit divine characteristics in your life, not good human characteristics. The secret of a Christian is that the supernatural is made natural in him by the grace of God, and the experience of this works out in the practical details of life."

How I long for that God-likeness in my life. At the funeral of Robert Murray Mc Cheyne, the Rev. Roxburgh who led the service said of Mc Cheyne, that he was the most perfect exhibition of Christian character which he had ever seen embodied in a living person. After a wonderful sleep my hot water was brought to me in a bucket so that I could enjoy a warm

shave and wash. It was then time to enjoy our breakfast which consisted of two peanut butter sandwiches and a mug of Rooibos tea. Humphrey and I then went for a walk around the area ending up visiting the School where his son Samuel attends. Samuel was so glad to see me, especially when I gave him some money to buy some sweets. From there we went to the church for the beginning of the Conference. I was asked to speak on the different options of study at KMBC and by God's grace there was a huge response. I was then taken by the local Bishop to visit the school which he runs and it was out of this world. There were about 200 little children and as I went from class to class they all recited ten verses of Scripture which they had learned the previous term. It was very moving. Every day each child is provided with a nutritious lunch and because the majority of the children are orphans, it is free. We then returned to the Conference where I was privileged to give the second talk on "Soul Winning".



The Bishop very kindly stood me to lunch at the local McDonalds. Back at the Conference I gave my third talk on how to "Develop a Passion for Missions". It was such a privilege to speak on what is so much on my own heart. The day ended when the Principal of the local school invited us all for a Zambian supper. A lovely end to a wonderful day.

Tonight I will now summarize  the book on our second African hero, **ARCH-BISHOP DENIS HURLEY**. His memoirs covered the period of his life from 1915 to 1965 and they were followed by a brief account of the Arch-bishop's last 38 years by Paddy Kearney. These memoirs take us back to his childhood in the Lighthouses along the coast of South Africa, his school days at St. Charles College in Pietermaritzburg, his studies in Ireland and Rome, his becoming the youngest Roman Catholic Bishop in the world, and then his inauguration as the first Arch-bishop in Durban. Together with other church leaders, like Desmond Tutu, Beyers Naude and Trevor Huddleston, the evil regime of apartheid collapsed. After reading these memoirs, I was deeply challenged. Hurley was a humble, compassionate and loving shepherd as well as a courageous prophet to church and society.

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER



What a privilege it is to wake up in this township of Lusaka with so many loving people all around seeing to my every need. It was again time to go into the "Missionary Workshop" and there to listen to the heart of God in the Word of God. My Bible readings continued in 2nd Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and

2nd Corinthians after which time I was again able to spend time in prayer. Today I prayed especially for the SAHARAWI people who live in Algeria and then again it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to speak on Missionary pre-destinations:

“The first thing that happens after we have realized our election to God in Christ Jesus is the destruction of our prejudices and our parochial notions and our patriotisms. We are turned into servants for God’s own purpose.”

That is everything in a nutshell. The Gospel turns us into servants of God. What an incredible journey I have had of being a servant of God and of Africa over these last 37 years. After another hot wash and shave Dorothy again prepared our breakfast for us. By then the Bishop had arrived and I was taken to his church for the last day of the Conference. I was again privileged to give the first talk on ***Training Leaders*** from 2 Timothy, Chapter 2. After that it was time to spend with the many who were interested at studying at KMBC. An additional joy for me was meeting up with some of our past students: Kennedy Kamwanga, Humphrey Mumba, Tionge Msiska and Alice Banda, all of whom are serving God across Zambia, trained and equipped at KMBC.



After lunch we were then all taken to what was going to be one of the most amazing experiences of my life ... to meet **Dr. Kenneth Kaunda**. Today he is a man of 93 years but has become so incredibly gracious, humble and warm, it was wonderful to meet him. We spent an hour with him after which I was asked to say “thank you” to him for seeing us and then I was asked to pray for him.



I thanked him for his enormous contribution to Africa for bringing freedom to his own country of Zambia, but also for the way he stood next to Nelson Mandela and brought freedom to South Africa. I said to him he was raised up by God for Africa. After I had prayed for him he was quite emotional and was very grateful for our visit. I left him a copy of one of my Journals and a series of talks on the character of God by R.C. Sproul. Dr. Kaunda then responded and at the end of his speech he sang one of the hymns from his church, it was beautiful and left every one of us deeply moved. Lots and lots of photographs were then taken and we headed back to our homes.



At the end of another wonderful day I want to summarize 📖 the biography of another hero of South Africa. His name was **BEYERS NAUDE** and the book entitled 'PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH' by C. Ryan.


This is the biography of Beyers Naude, a story of remarkable courage. It is the story of a white Afrikaner who grew up to believe in the political mission and racial destiny of his people to rule over South Africa. He faithfully served his people until he reached the very highest office in the powerful Dutch Reformed Church. But at the very moment when honour and power were in his grasp, he drew back, believing that God was presenting him with a greater challenge. So began his long struggle against the apartheid policies of both his church and government. He founded the Christian Institute, learned from the black consciousness movement and was eventually banned for seven years. The price he paid was huge, he was persecuted, vilified and ostracized by his own people and even denied the right to minister in his own church, but in the end he was used by God to bring down apartheid. It was a humbling and challenging book.

FRIDAY 22, SEPTEMBER

Let me begin my last day in Zambia by again going into the "Missionary Workshop" to spend time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in 2nd Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and in 2nd

Corinthians after which time I was able to pray. In my time of prayer I was able to pray especially for the UREGU people who live in Morocco, another unreached people group. But then it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to teach me and this morning he spoke on the Missionary's goal.

“Neither gratitude nor ingratitude turned our Lord a hair's breath away from His purpose which was to go up to Jerusalem. The same thing will happen to us, there will be the works of God manifested through us, people will get blessed, one or two will show you gratitude and all the rest will show you gross ingratitude, but nothing must deflect us from going up to our Jerusalem.”


Please pray that nothing will ever deflect me from the work that the Lord has given me to do. Moira Dixon has written a lovely  book entitled “**BELOVED PARTNER**” which is on the life of Mary Moffat. In the book this is what she wrote about **Mary Livingstone**, the daughter of Mary Moffat and the wife of **David Livingstone**.

“She married a pioneer, a young man with fire in his belly and a single-minded spiritual vision. Such men do not look for an easy life, nor do they make it easy for others, but these are the men who change the world.”

Or listen to what **Albert Schweitzer** once wrote:

“Knowledge is nothing and deeds can only bear fruit and bring about transformation if they are inspired by sacrifice.”

The Bishop kindly came to fetch Humphrey and I at 06:00 and took us to the airport from where I flew down to Johannesburg and on to Pietermaritzburg. It has been wonderful being back in Africa, meeting with some of our beloved past students, living in a Lusaka township, experiencing a different way of life and above all being able to teach from the Word of God. The meeting with Dr. Kaunda will be an experience I will treasure for ever. It was also a joy to work alongside my nephew, Ryan Bradley and his team from America. They also have been gripped by the spell of Africa and I am sure will be back again.

As the day ends let me summarize the last  biography of an African hero, a man by the name of **ALBERT SCHWEITZER** written by Loskar Klaus. What an incredible story ... Schweitzer obtained four doctorates in Music, Theology, Philosophy and finally becoming a Medical Doctor. In 1913 he gave all of this up, a career of great academic distinction and of music where he became the defining word on Bach in order to become a Missionary to Africa. There in the forests of French Equatorial Africa he built a rural hospital. It will always be one of the most moving stories ever told. Once he was asked for his definition of leadership and he replied in one word - *EXAMPLE*. Listen to how Klaus ends this biography:

“In what does the importance of Schweitzer consist? Certainly all that he achieved in the spheres of Art, Science, Music and Theology is interesting and valuable. But of far greater and more permanent value is that which he accomplished and the example which he set.”

So there are five of Africa's heroes, airports are named after them, streets, cities, churches even Universities. They are revered across Africa and the world and I was humbled by their sacrificial service and example.

This ends my 50th mission trip into the Africa I love. **Hudson Taylor** put it so well when he wrote:

"It is no small comfort to me to know that God has called me to my work, putting me where I am and as I am. I have not sought the position and I dare not leave it."

Never will I be able to thank the Lord enough for calling me into this work of loving, mentoring and training Pastor's and Missionaries for Africa and by God's grace seeking to model the life before them. **Robert Shannon** was right when he said:

"Never pity missionaries, envy them. They are where the real action is, where life and death, sin and grace and where heaven and hell converge."

On Tuesday morning I will be back at my College with the students marking the exams which they have written while I have been away. Then on a sad note we as a family will meet to celebrate the life and death of Jon. But by God's grace in October I have been invited to Botswana to speak at a Pastor's Conference there and in November I will return to Rwanda where we are training the rural pastors on how to preach and how to build a Gospel church. I understand what **Albert Schweitzer** meant when he wrote the following just before he left for Africa:

"Not to preach anymore, not to lecture anymore, was for me a great sacrifice, and until I left for Africa I avoided as far as possible going past either St. Nicholas or the University, because the very sight of those places where I had preached and lectured but which I will never resume, was too painful for me."

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I cannot tell you how I have loved preaching every Sunday for the past 43 years and lecturing every day at my College for the past 31 years ... cut me off from these and I will die.

BUT

Without you my dear friends all the training at KMBC and each of these 50 mission trips into Africa; speaking at Conferences, encouraging our past students would never ever have been possible.

Thank you so very, very much for your amazing love, prayers and generous financial giving... Siyabonga



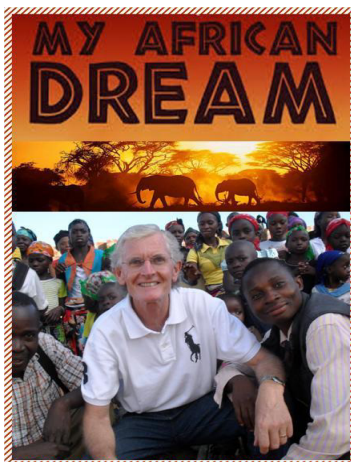
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one the followings avenues:

- ☑ Pray for one of the countries and the past students who are working there
- ☑ Sponsor one of these men to come and train
- ☑ Contribute to supply the pastors with resources for their work
- ☑ Contribute towards my missionary trips into Africa
- ☑ General support

I always so enjoy and look forward to your comments and feedback on my Journals.

Yours for Africa,

Warwick



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