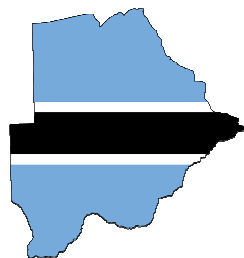


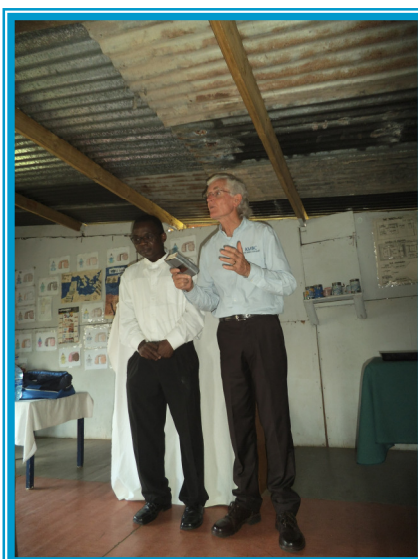
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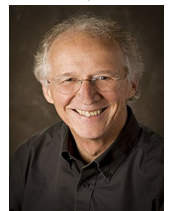
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INTRODUCTION

What a magnificent year 2017 has been for me. KMBC is now completing her 31st year and by the grace of God over 300 pastors and missionaries have now been sent into Africa thoroughly trained and equipped. Through them, we have been able to plant almost 120 new churches. It has been amazing to witness and to experience the miraculous provision of God supplying our every need day by day. Then in addition, gripped by the spell of Africa, I have been privileged to make over 50 mission trips into Africa, and now I head off to Botswana for the first time where I will speak in Gaborone, Palapye and Kgogosi.

Botswana was sadly neglected in the Colonial times, but there has been rapid development through the exports of diamonds, copper, gold and beef. Earnings have been wisely used to develop the country and wonderfully the leaders have been corruption free. Today Botswana has the most stable and sustainable growth in Africa and this has happened over the past twenty years.

The Tswana were the first Bantu people in Africa to respond to the Gospel and later several tribes turned to the Lord in the 19th Century, mainly through the work of the London Missionary Society missionaries. The most notable of course were Robert Moffat and David Livingstone. In a very small way, I now follow in their footsteps seeking to train and equip their leaders.

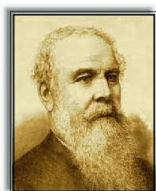
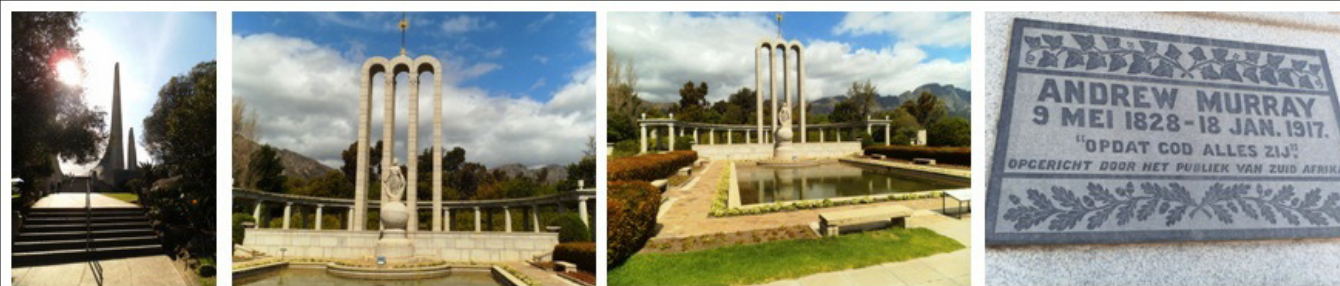


Yesterday I read this quote from [John Piper](#):

"I am wired by nature to love the same toys that the world loves, I start to fit in. I start to love what others love; I start to call earth home. Before you know it I am calling luxuries needs and using my money just the way the unbelievers do. I begin to forget the war. I don't think much about people perishing. Missions and the unreached people drop out of my mind and I sink into a secular mindset that looks first to what man can do, not what God can do. It is a terrible sickness."

Please pray that this terrible sickness will never get hold of me. Besides my lecturing at KMBC, I also have so enjoyed leading a Bible study every Thursday evening where eighteen of us gather around the Word of God. Also, every Sunday I am privileged to preach around the Province. In the kindness of God, I completed a 7-week course on Doctrine at St. Olav's in Durban, preached regularly at the Brethren Fellowship and once a month at our two Zulu churches in Imbali. I am the Rector of both these churches.

Then in the kindness of God I was invited to speak at the Missions Conference at Christ Church Paarl, it was a great privilege and a very blessed time. Besides all the meetings, the Rector Trevor Wecke kindly took me to some of the historical sites in the area which is what I love to see. We went to Andrew Murray's church in Wellington, visited the Huguenot monument and went to the gates of the Victor Verster prison from where Nelson Mandela walked his road to freedom ...it was fantastic. (see the photos below)



One of my heroes is [Bishop J.C. Ryle](#), listen to what he said:

"A zealous man in religion is pre-eminently a man of one thing. It is not enough to say he is sincere, hearty, uncompromising, wholehearted and fervent in spirit. He only sees one thing, he cares for one thing, he lives for one thing, and he is swallowed up in one thing. And that one thing is to please God. He burns for one thing - to please God and to advance God's glory. If he is consumed in the very burning he cares not for it, he is content."

This of course is very similar to what [Henry Martyn](#) wrote:



"I am ready to burn out for God. I am ready to endure any hardship if by any means I might save some."

Botswana

Republic of Botswana

Africa

Geography

Area: 581,730 sq km



The Kalahari Desert covers 80% of the country.
Dry and prone to severe droughts.

Population: 1,977,569 Annual Growth: 1.46%

Capital: Gaborone

Urbanites: 61.1%

Peoples: 51 (2% unreached)

Botswana's leaders have been notably free of corruption and have used fiscal discipline and tenets of liberty to build infrastructure, manage natural resources, and invest in their people.

Despite being ranked as a middle-income country and having a high literacy rate, unemployment has risen to nearly 20% and the scourge of AIDS still haunts them.

AIDS has devastated the country. Botswana has the world's second-highest prevalence of AIDS after Swaziland. The disease has stolen 28 years from the nation's life expectancy and created a situation so dire that a recent president stated, "*We are threatened with extinction.*" Over 100,000 AIDS orphans exist in the country, a staggering number for such a small population.

Relative stability and religious freedom have led to an open door for the Gospel in Botswana. Many Christian agencies engage in evangelism, church planting, and more social and holistic ministry. But even though 65% of the population identifies as Christian, animism and old tribal rituals are often mixed into their faith.

Challenges for Prayer

- Pray for mature beliefs free from tribal or animistic thinking.
- Pray for more Biblical training for indigenous Church leaders to protect from syncretism.
- Pray for young people to choose abstinence to cleanse their nation of HIV/AIDS.

MY DIARY

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER

Today I am off again into the Africa I love and to be with the people I am willing to give my life for. BUT... I must first go into the "Missionary Workshop" and spend time with the Lord. Today my Bible readings continued in 2 Kings, Daniel, Psalms and 1 Thessalonians after which time I was able to pray. This morning I was able to pray especially for the Kabyle people who live in Nigeria, another of the unreached people in our world.



But then it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to mentor me in his book "My Utmost for His Highest".

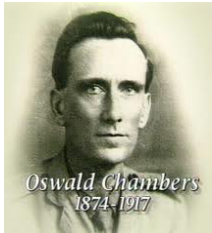
"The central thing about the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is a personal relationship to Himself, not public usefulness to men. It is not its practical activities that are the strength of this Bible College, its whole strength lies in the fact that here you are put into soak before God."

And so with my heart put into soak before God I flew out on the early flight from Pietermaritzburg and then out of O.R. Tambo for Gaborone, Botswana. Sadly, Pastor Julius, who set up this trip for me was not at the Airport to meet me, but there was another pastor, Pastor Mooke to meet me. After exchanging some money he very kindly took me to the bus station in Gaborone from where you can catch a bus to anywhere in Africa. I found the bus which would take me all the way up to Palapye, a journey of about four hours. So there I was not knowing a soul, heading up to a place I have never been before and was in the biggest wreck of a bus I have ever been in in my life (see photo).



In true African style, there were two young men from the church waiting for me in Palapye. By this time, I was starving so we headed off to Nandos where I was able to stand them to supper. They loved it. From there it was another hours drive into the rural areas, to a village called Kgagosi, where I will be preaching. When one lives in the rural areas the people really touch your heart, so on arriving the pastor and his wife moved out of their bedroom and asked me to move in. After

travelling for over 15 hours is was wonderful just to be able to read and rest especially after the long bus drive.



On this missionary trip, I will quote each day from a book I am reading of **Oswald Chambers**, entitled "**One Hundred and One Days in the Epistles**". Based on Romans Chapter 1, this is what he wrote.

"We have no right to preach unless we present the Gospel, we should not advocate a cause or a creed or an experience, but preach the Gospel, and we cannot do that unless we have a personal testimony based on the Gospel. The New Testament preacher has to move people to do what they are dead against doing, and that is giving up the right to themselves to Christ".

Now I can fall asleep so thrilled to be back in Africa, and especially in the land of Moffat and Livingstone."

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER

I love waking up early in the rural areas to the sounds of the roosters crowing, the cattle being taken to pasture and the birds singing at the beginning of a day, it is a wonderful privilege to be here. So now, let me go again into the "Missionary Workshop" and prepare for the day by spending time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in 2 Kings, Daniel, Psalms and then I began with 2 Thessalonians, after which time I was able to pray. I must always remind myself that prayer does not fit us for the greater work, it is the greater work. Today I was able to pray for another unreachd people, the Romani people who live in Turkey, after which time **Oswald Chambers** said the following:



"The men and women our Lord sends out on His mission are the ordinary human stuff, plus a dominating devotion to Christ brought about by the Holy Spirit".

Please pray for this dominating devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ to be in my life.

By this time my hot water has arrived and I could enjoy a lovely warm bath and shave (see the photo of Gotsha warming up my water on the fire)" The funny thing is that when you boil the water like this on an open fire, the water tastes like fire! After breakfast, which Gotsha kindly arranged for me of some sandwiches and tea, we headed off to the church for my first meeting. While the attendance was small, the response to KMBC was overwhelming, with the three pastors wanting to come and study with us.



This of course is what we long for, they are such lovely men but with no theological training. From there we went to visit some of the church members and I will never forget visiting an elderly lady in her little hut, she has recently been converted. She could not believe that a Bishop was visiting her ... a white Bishop.

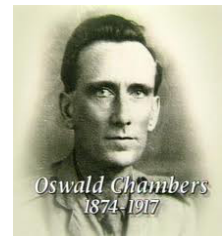


We then went to visit an old London Missionary Society church and spent time beside a grave of a woman who had come out in 1898. After a lovely lunch, we went back to the church for our next meeting where I spoke on Hebrews Chapter 9 verses 27 and 28. The church by this stage was absolutely packed and the pastor felt that revival had come at last to his church



On going to my little room Gotsha very kindly boiled some tea and made a sandwich for me, so let me close from the book I am sharing with you. This is with what [Oswald Chambers wrote on Chapter 2](#).

"Because a man has altered his life it does not necessarily mean that he has repented. A man may have lived a bad life and suddenly stops being bad, not because he has repented but because he is like an exhausted volcano. Repentance means that I estimate exactly what I am in God's sight, not only am I sorry for it, but I become the opposite".



It is now time to sleep in Kgoksi so grateful for the privilege of being here.

SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER

Another full day of ministry lies ahead of me so let me follow what Chambers said and get into soak before God. As I continued with my Bible readings in 2 Kings, Daniel, Psalms and 2 Thessalonians, I can smell the smoke from the fire where Gotsha is heating up my water. After that, I was able to pray especially for Kinnaura people who live in the rural areas of India. Afterwards **Chambers reminded me:**



"It does require the supernatural grace of God to live 24 hours of every day as a saint, to go through drudgery as a Disciple and to live an ordinary, unobserved, ignored existence as a Disciple of Jesus. We must be exceptional in the ordinary things and this is not learned in 5 minutes".

Gotsha kindly brought my hot water and we enjoyed our little breakfast together. Afterwards he borrowed my toothpaste again, and we set off for the church for our last meeting. I preached from 2 Timothy Chapter 2 on the Qualifications of a Leader, the church was packed and it seemed to be well received.



I love working across Africa and in true African hospitality, lunch was provided for everybody. When everyone had been looked after I was on my way again. Gotsha kindly took me all the way to Palapye where I will need to spend the night so that I could catch the early bus down to Gaborone. I should arrive there by 2:00 in the afternoon and will go straight into a meeting with church leaders. After Gotsha had dropped me off, I was able to leave him with a gift expressing my gratitude for his kindness to me and also enough money to fill up his car. Now I look forward to him

coming to KMBC in April. Pastor Sukgoma kindly accommodated me for the evening and took me on a tour of the city of Palapye. It was amazing to hear of how little crime there is.

It has been a lovely day of ministry here in Botswana, it is now late and I need to rest before my final day tomorrow. **Oswald Chambers** closed with these thoughts from **Romans Chapter 3**.

"All of righteousness is a filthy rag unless it is the blazing holiness in uniting us with Him until we see nothing but Jesus first, Jesus second and Jesus third".

SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER

Another long day lies before me so I want to first listen to the heart of God in the Word of God. My Bible readings continued in 2 Kings, Daniel, Psalms and 2 Thessalonians. After which time I was able to pray especially for the Bhoi people who live in India. To close my devotions **Oswald Chambers** said:



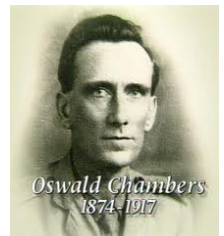
"The missionary message is the limitless significance of Jesus Christ as the propitiation for our sins, and a missionary is someone who is soaked in that revelation".

I missed Gotsha this morning ... no hot water. After a cold shower and a shave, I then met with the pastor and his leaders and was able to encourage them to come to KMBC for the Diploma in Missions. He then took me to the Palapye bus terminal where I was able to catch a bus to Gaborone a journey of about 4 hours. It was incredibly hot, the bus was packed but sadly, there was no air-conditioning and because of the state of the bus, the windows could not open. It really was a difficult trip. When I eventually arrived in Gaborone I was taken immediately to the church where they were waiting for me and I was asked to speak on Christian Leadership. I preached from 1 Peter Chapter 5. It was now almost 5:00pm and time for lunch!



Slowly a weary group of people found their way to the pastor's house where I spent the night. Time to read, time to pack and get ready to go home in the morning. So let me share what **Chambers** wrote in **Chapter 4, in closing**.

"In this College God is at work, bending, breaking, moulding, doing just as He chooses. Why He is doing it we do not know, he is doing it for one purpose only, that He may be able to say - 'this is my man or my woman'."



MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER

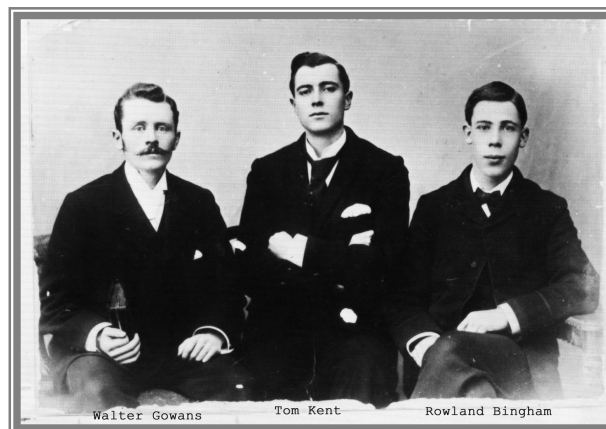
Following on the calendar from Robert Murray McChesney, my Bible readings continued in 2 Kings, Daniel, Psalms and 1 Timothy. Later in my time of prayer, I prayed for the Daya people who live in Indonesia. To close my devotions **Oswald Chambers** spoke on his Bible College and he said this:



"We must break out of our little world of experience into abandoned devotion to Christ. How dare we talk of making a sacrifice for Christ. We are saved from Hell and total destruction and then we talk about making sacrifices ..."

What a privilege it has been to see God doing just that at KMBC during these last 30 years.

SAA notified that my flight has been brought forward by 3 hours, which meant I had to get to the airport very early to make the flight. This meant a very long stay over in Johannesburg, but it gave me an opportunity to finish the **biography on Roland Bingham**, the man who opened up the Sudan for the Gospel and who started S.I.M. It is a very emotional read. Bingham and two of his friends set out for the Sudan from England as young men with no missionary society backing them, just a clear call from God. Just look how young they were from this photo!



Within weeks, Tom Kent and Walter Gowans had both died leaving Bingham all alone, but he never gave up. I was moved to tears when I read of **Walter Gowans'** last words that he wrote to his mother back home.

"Written in view of my approaching end which has often seemed too near but now is almost imminent, I want to write while I have the power to do it. Glory to God, He has enabled me to make a hard fight for the Sudan and it may seem to others like a total failure, but it is not. We will have the victory. I have no regret for undertaking this venture or in the manner in which my life has been given away. My only regret is for you my dear mother for your sake I would have chosen to live".

My work in Botswana is now over, please pray that these three pastors who are lovely men and serving the Lord in Botswana with such zeal will now come and study at KMBC.

On my arrival back home, I was able to preach at Emmanuel Church on the Sunday where one of our students, Sthembiso Ndlovu is to become their minister. I was able to deliver six bags of clothing, Charmaine taught the thirty children who had come and I was able to baptize Sthembiso and pray for the church in the coming year.



Emmanuel Church, Imbali – Sthembiso's baptism



Sunday School

On Monday, I will need to finish off my lectures for the term, set the exams and then head up to Rwanda where another group of forty pastors are waiting to be trained. During these days, I have so enjoyed re-reading the life of [C.T. Studd](#). He was incredible. It was a case of all or nothing for him. At the age of seventy from his hut in the heart of Africa, he could write:



"My days are eighteen hours as a rule and no meals but what I gulp down as I write. Much of his writing was done between 02:00 and 06:00 am. He gave his life for Africa and he started W.E.C. which was to become over time one of the largest missionary societies in the world. Listen to how their motto came about.

A young fellow sat talking with them and said to C.T. "Is it a fact that at the age of 52 you mean to leave your country, your home, your wife and your children? "

"What? said C.T. Studd "have you been talking of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ be God and died for me then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him".

Compared to Roland Bingham (S.I.M.) and C.T. Studd (W.E.C.) my life is absolutely nothing but driven with the same vision..

So please pray for me head off to Rwanda on what will be my 52nd mission trip into Africa.

Over these years, I have managed now to cover every country from **Nairobi in Kenya**, right down to **Cape Town in South Africa**; it has been the most amazing privilege and joy.



UPDATE ON

Rwanda

Republic of Rwanda
Africa

Geography

Area: 26,338 sq km

A fertile, mountainous country similar to its southern neighbour, Burundi.

Population: 10,277,212

Capital: Kigali

A massive 25% population loss in 1994-5 through massacres, genocide (nearly 1 million) and flight of refugees (over 1 million). Most of the latter have returned

Official language: French, English, kiNyarwanda.

The entire population speaks kiNyarwanda

Religion

There is full freedom of religion

Largest Religion: Christian



Answer to Prayer

Rwanda has made great progress in many areas since the tragic events of 1994-95.

The nation's infrastructure was brutalized during the conflicts. Political stability since 2000 allows for rebuilding and developing roads, buildings, government services, water and sanitation, education and communications systems.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Church to lead in national repentance, reconciliation, and healing.
- Pray for the provision and hope for widows, orphans, and other continued victims of the genocide.
- Pray for committed believers to stand firm in the face of cultural and tribal pressures.

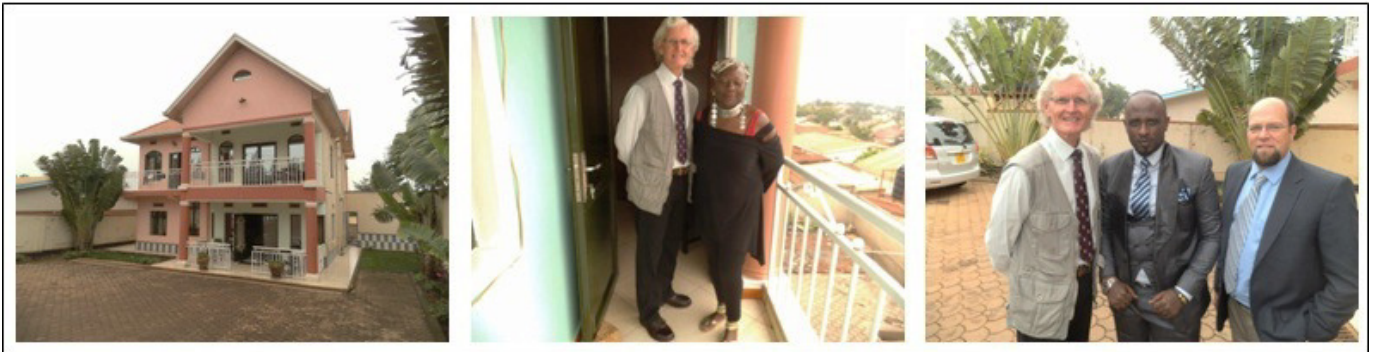
MY DIARY

SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

This morning following the in the footsteps of Livingstone, Bingham, Gowans, Kent and C.T. Studd I went into the "Missionary Workshop" in order to spend time with the Lord, to read His Word and to pray. My Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Jonah, Psalms and 1 Peter, after which I was able to pray. Today I prayed especially for the Shaikh people in Bangladesh, another one of the 6000 unreached people groups. Then as always, it was time to be mentored by **Oswald Chambers**.

"Determinably take none seriously but God and the first person you find you have to leave severely alone as being the greatest fraud you have ever known is yourself."

I took the first flight out of Pietermaritzburg, flew up to O.R. Tambo in Johannesburg from where I flew on to Kigali International Airport in Rwanda arriving at 9:00 in the evening. It was wonderful to see how improved things were at the airport and I went through customs in no time. Then at the entrance, I was warmly met by my dear brothers John and Fred. It always takes time in Africa to greet one another and from there I was taken to my guesthouse where I will spend the night before going to Gatisbo in the Eastern Province for the Conference. It felt wonderful to be back in Rwanda for this my 6th visit. The spell of Africa has truly gripped me and this year I have been so very privileged to visit eight countries teaching the Bible and equipping pastors for ministry.



After supper, they very kindly ordered me some of my favourite African tea. I feel so unworthy of the love that these dear brothers show me, but they really appreciate me coming very much. So after a long day of travelling I want **C.T. Studd** to close the day in his own inimitable way explaining to us what the Bible meant to him.

"The outstanding lesson which he learned during this period was to become a man of one book. From this time onward, it became a principle of his life to read the Bible almost to the exclusion of every other book, marking it copiously, and receiving it in the attitude of a little child, in simple dependence upon the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Word to him. He maintained direct communion with God through the Word and afterwards he never felt the need for conferences or conventions he learnt the secret of walking with God alone."

It is now very late, tomorrow I will be preaching, but how I long to become like Studd, a man of one book.

SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

Today I will be privileged to be preaching at Pastor Fred Kiiza's church. It is critical therefore for me to follow Studd and to read from the Word of God. My Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Micah, Psalms and 1 Peter and then I could pray. Today I prayed not only for the service, but also for the Musahar people who live in India. Afterwards **Oswald Chambers** was brilliant and he said:

"Spiritual leakage begins when we stop to lift up our eyes unto Him. Whenever there is leakage, remedy it immediately, and recognize that something has come between you and your God."

This is very similar to what Leonard Ravenhill once wrote:

"There is nothing worse in life than a half-filled Christian trying to over flow."



After a good nights rest and my time with the Lord, we went to Fred's church for the morning where I preached from Hebrews 9:27-28. There was a wonderful response to the message with many indicating of their desire to follow Jesus. The service lasted just on 3 hours after which time I was taken to Fred's lovely home (see photo) and to enjoy some cool drinks. From there we all went to lunch and then left for the Eastern Province, a drive of just over 3 hours.



I have started reading the biography of William Perkins; it really is fantastic and has been a huge blessing to me. After settling in to my little room with everyone asleep, I am able to read and prepare for all my lectures tomorrow. But let **C.T. Studd** again close off the day by showing us the great joy he found in bringing people to Christ:

"I cannot tell you what joy it gave me to bring the first soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. I have tasted almost all the pleasures that this world can give. I do not suppose that there is one that I have not experienced, but I can tell you that those pleasures were as nothing compared to the joy that the saving of that one soul gave me."

I will never forget the first soul I led to Christ while I was doing my military training in Grahamstown, the young man sleeping next to me in the bungalow came and asked me how to get saved, it was wonderful.

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

It is a beautiful morning up here in Rwanda and it felt so good to be here. But first let me go into the "Missionary Workshop" to spend time with the Lord in prayer and in the reading of His Word. My Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Psalms, Micah and 1 Peter, after which time I was able to pray. This morning I remembered the students back at KMBC writing their exams, the pastor's conference which begins today, and then for another unreached peoples' group, the Bashgali people who live in Pakistan. As always, [Oswald Chambers](#) was brilliant this morning and this is what he said:

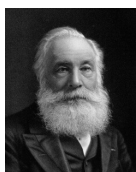
"If I brood on the Cross of Christ I do not become a subjective pietist interested in my own affairs, I become dominantly concentrated on Jesus Christ's' interest."

As the sun slowly begins to rise over the Rwandan hills, I was able to go out for a long walk such a very special time for me. I love meeting the people walking to work and was able to soak in the magnificent countryside. After breakfast, we set out for the Conference where the pastors were ready and waiting. They were singing such beautiful Rwandan songs, it sounded out of this world. I have been asked to give 12 lectures on preaching, so this morning I covered numbers one and two, lecturing on:

- 1) The Pastor's responsibility to preach and to teach:
- 2) The need for Expository preaching.



By that time, the pastors were ready for lunch and we all enjoyed a lovely lunch together.



It was then an opportunity for me to do some reading and I am reading a magnificent [biography on Williams Perkins](#). From 1584 until his death, Perkins served as a lecturer and a preacher at Great St. Andrews Church in Cambridge. He also served as a teaching fellow at Christ's College, disciplined students at Corpus Christie College in the afternoon and was a mentor to them. In these roles, Perkins influenced a whole generation of students including Richard Sibbs and John Cotton.

Ten years after his death, Cambridge was still filled with the power of Perkins's ministry. In addition to all his ministry, he loved to read and it was said of him:

"He perused books so speedily that no one would think he read anything, and yet so accurately that one would think he had read everything. But for Perkins the Bible stood alone at the centre of the Christian's life and he defined Theology as "the science of living blessedly for ever."

The brothers are so kind to me on these trips and on returning to my room there was some African tea waiting for me. I loved just sitting outside and watching the sunset over the Rwandan hills. It was then time for supper and time to prepare my lectures for tomorrow and to read Perkins until my eyes won't stay open a second longer. But to end off today, I want you to again listen to what C.T. Studd wrote; it is so relevant to my work:

On the 31st of May 1918 this is what he said: "The closer you live to these people the better. Keep them out of your house and off your veranda and you will have a bad time as you give them, and as a bad opinion of them as they have of you. Be thick with them, make them your friends and they will be the most loving and joyful people on earth and make tears come into your eyes on many occasions."

Please pray that at KMBC and on my trips into Africa "I will be thick with them and make them my friends." Over these 40 years, I found this to be true, all over Africa these dear people are the most loving and joyful people on earth and time and time again they have brought tears into my years.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

For some reason I woke up very early which meant I was able to spend much more time with the Lord, which was wonderful. My Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Micah, Psalms and 1 Peter and then I was able to pray. Today I prayed especially for the Wassulu people who live in Guinea. And to close Oswald Chambers reminded me of an important lesson in life:

"Beware of the cares of this world; it is extra-ordinary what an enormous power there is in simple things to distract our attention from Jesus. Refuse to be swamped with the cares of this life."

There was then time for me to read more on William Perkins and to walk around the area of Gatsibo ... a perfect start to a beautiful day up in Rwanda.

After breakfast, we again made our way back to the conference where I will speak for the morning.

- 1) Preparing the man
- 2) Preparing the Message

It is always humbling to see how much they enjoyed the teaching and exhausted we all headed off for lunch. At the end of the second session, I was moved to listen to the testimonies of some of the pastors who confessed they had not been preaching from the Bible, and together we asked for God's forgiveness and committed each other to expository preaching in the future.



After lunch there was then some time to finish this wonderful biography on Perkins. Let me share just one quote from him on the sufficiency of Scripture:

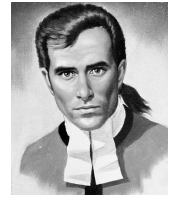
"He embraced it as the means, through which God breaks a hard heart, humbles a proud heart, awakens a sleepy heart, encourages a troubled heart, enlightens a darkened heart, and then regenerates a dead heart. The Bible sustains us in times of dark affliction, comforts us in times of deep sorrow, strengthens us in times of danger and guides us in times of confusion."

After supper, it was time to prepare for my lectures tomorrow and to start a new biography on the life of Francis Schaeffer. Again, we will allow [C.T. Studd](#) to close off a wonderful day in Africa.

"Formally I had as much love for cricket as any man could possibly have but when the Lord Jesus came into my heart I found that I had something infinitely better than cricket. My heart was no longer in the game; I wanted to win souls for Christ."

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

I am so very privileged and blessed in life. To be up here in Rwanda, teaching the Bible, training rural pastors is a dream for me. So on another magnificent morning I went into the "Missionary Workshop" remembering what **David Brainerd** once wrote:



"Oh that my soul should never offer any dead cold service to my God."

To keep the fire burning, my Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Micah, Psalms and 2 Peter Chapter 1. Afterwards in my time of prayer I prayed especially for the Nubian people in Egypt. Then as always, **Oswald Chambers** mentored me and this is what he wrote:

"The type of Christian experience in the New Testament is that of personal passionate devotion to the Person of Christ."

With that passionate devotion to our Lord, I was able to go out for a walk and then return for breakfast - see photo of the banana man. At the conference, these dear brothers were again in song and I was able to begin immediately with my lectures after such meaningful worship.

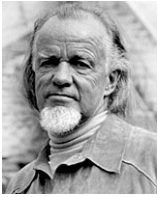


This morning I was able to teach on:

- 1) **Constructing the Message with Illustrations**
- 2) **The Introduction, Conclusion and Illustrations**



I now have given over 9 hours of teaching and was able to sense the Lord's enabling, which was wonderful.



After lunch and a little zzzzzzz and then I was able to continue reading the biography on **Francis Schaeffer**. Not only was he a phenomenal apologist, preacher, teacher but also a beautiful poet and I so enjoyed this little poem he wrote:

*"Oh, God, not
Only for a time
But for eternity
May I serve Thee."*

After supper and some African tea I was able to read and prepare for three more hours of lectures tomorrow. On this trip I have allowed **C.T. Studd** to share his thoughts on:



1. The Bible
2. Soul winning
3. Loving the people we work with
4. Sharing the Gospel

But now I want you to listen to him speak about money and fund raising ... it is brilliant

"No appeal was ever made for funds, no collections taken at meetings, nor plates at the door, nor any other means used to stimulate giving, such as sales of work, bazaars, etc. The work was started and is carried on in absolute trust in the faithfulness of God, who promised, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.' The committee in no sense hold themselves responsible for the support of missionaries; they carry no burden about it, for that is a matter solely between Master and servant, Father and children. There are no fixed salaries or allowances on any Field; each month just such sums as are sent in for the various Fields are forwarded to them for equal division amongst the workers. No grumbles are heard in any of the "camps" for as Mr. Harrison, who has taken Mr. Studd's place in the Heart of Africa writes: 'For myself, I am gloriously free from anything in the way of a "load" concerning money matters, and whether it be for things personal, or things for the running of a station, or things for work in general, I myself will stand to this testimony.'

For the past 31 years the Lord has graciously provided all my needs personally, for KMBC and for Footprints into Africa. Praise the Lord. But now it is very late and time for a short sleep in the Africa I love.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER



Everything is so green and luscious up here with all the recent rains, it looks absolutely beautiful across the rolling hills of Rwanda. As I went with joy into the "Missionary Workshop", my Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Micah, Psalms and 2 Peter. In my time of prayer I was able to pray especially for the BOZO people who live in Mali. Then **Oswald Chambers** wrote the following in his daily readings:

"There is only one relationship that matters and that is your personal relationship to a personal Redeemer and Lord. Let everything else go but maintain that at all costs and God will fulfill His purpose through your life. One individual life may be of priceless value to God's purposes and yours may be that life."

Having spent time with the Lord, it was such a joy to again go for a walk, greet the people, chat to some and just soak in the culture of the people up here (see photo).



I returned for breakfast and then we went to the conference where I spoke on "**Delivering the Message**" all morning, and prepared some messages with the pastors - they loved it ...

After lunch, there was opportunity for me to read and finish this magnificent biography on **Francis Schaeffer**. It really was a huge lesson to me and taught me so much ... and of course enjoy my African tea which was all ready for me!!



When he started **L'Abri**, which later spread all over the world, **Schaeffer** established the work on four principles:

1. They made their financial and material need known to God alone, in prayer rather than sending out pleas for money.
2. They prayed that God would bring to them the people of His choice.
3. They prayed that God would plan the work and unfold His plan.
4. They prayed that He would send the workers of His choice rather than asking for workers.

Please pray that I may try and follow these steps in the work of KMBC and Footprints into Africa. Schaeffer was an outstanding example for me; it really is a book worth getting.



Who better than **William Borden** to close off another brilliant day in Rwanda. When he was describing the life of **Samuel Zwemer**, he said this:

"He was a man with a map. Charged with facts and with enthusiasm, grim with earnestness, filled with a passion for Christ and the perishing."

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER

It rained all during the night so I slept like a log with the beautiful noise of the rain falling on the corrugated iron roof. I was then able to begin the last day of the conference in the "Missionary Workshop", where my Bible readings continued in 1 Chronicles, Micah, Psalms and 2 Peter Chapter 3. My prayer time followed and I was able to pray especially for the Rahanweyn people from that tragic country of Somalia. But then **Oswald Chambers** wrote:

"We should be pouring out now, spending to the last limit, not draining on Him to satisfy us. 'You shall be witnesses unto Me' - that means a life of unsullied, uncompromising and unbribed devotion to the Lord Jesus, a satisfaction to Him wherever He places us. Beware of anything that competes with loyalty to Jesus Christ."

With that warning ringing in my ears, I went out for my last walk as the sun began to rise - it was magnificent. Then slowly I made my way back for breakfast and we went to the conference for the final morning. I spoke on **"The Picture of a Preacher"** from 2 Timothy Chapter 4. By the grace of God, the talks have gone exceptionally well; the pastors have been very challenged and blessed - hopefully never to be the same again.



It is always emotional for me to say goodbye. They are such precious men with such zeal for the Gospel, but with no resources. I love them and want to pour all I have into their lives. All too soon it was time to head back to Kigali, so after lunch we set off on the long drive. I will fly back to Johannesburg tomorrow morning.

After a lovely supper it was time to pack up everything ready for my flight in the morning. Tonight I want **Floyd McClung** to close off a very emotional but brilliant day up here in Rwanda.



"If you have apostolic passion, you are one of the most dangerous people on the planet. The world no longer rules your heart. You are no longer seduced by getting and gaining but devoted to spreading and proclaiming the glory of God in the nations. You live as a pilgrim, unattached to the cares of this world. You are not afraid of loss. You even dare to believe you may be given the privilege of dying to spread His fame on the earth. The Father's passions have become your passions. You find your satisfaction and significance in Him. You believe He is with you always, to the end of life itself. You are sold out to God, and you live for the Lamb. Satan fears you, and the angels applaud you."

I fell asleep in the heart of Africa as the happiest man in the world!

SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER

Sadly this is my last morning. I have loved being up here in Rwanda and the brothers have spoilt me. But let me go to my Father in Heaven and spend time in the "Missionary Workshop". My readings this morning in the Bible continued with 2 Chronicles, Micah, Psalms and John Chapter 1, after which time I was able to pray. This morning I prayed especially for the Brahui people who live in Pakistan, as well as for one of our past students who is now church planting in Pakistan.



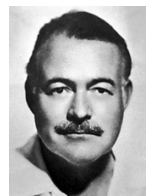
Oswald Chambers then wrote:

"Shut out every other consideration and keep yourself before God for this one thing only - My Utmost for His Highest."

Because I must be at the airport at 07:00 am, there was no time for breakfast, but John was there to take me to the airport - the best "transport director in the world".

As we drove to the airport I remembered what Ernest Hemingway once said:

"I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy."



And so my 52nd missions trip into Africa draws to a close.

My body is tired after all the preaching and traveling ...

My pen is now dry ...

My books are read and summarized ... and I have tried to pour out my best to the brothers, preach my "lungs out" as Perkins said.

So who better than **John Piper** to end this trip on a glorious note:

"Matthew 24:14 - I don't know any more inspiring missionary promise than this word from Jesus.

Not: This gospel should be preached.

Not: This gospel might be preached.

But: This gospel will be preached.



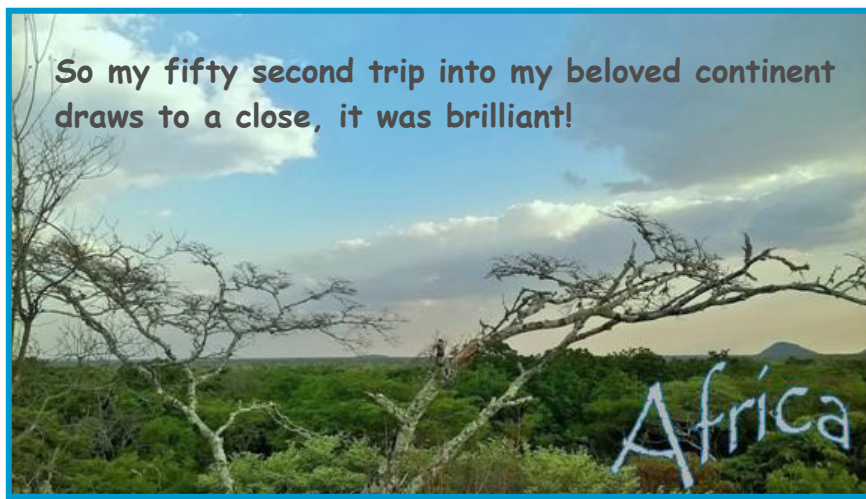
This is not a great commission, nor a great commandment. It is a great certainty, a great confidence. Who can dare talk like that? How does he know it will? How can he be sure the church will not fail in its missionary task?

Answer: The grace of missionary service is as irresistible as the grace of regeneration. Christ can promise universal proclamation because he is sovereign. He knows the future success of missions because he makes the future. All the nations will hear! The cause of world missions is absolutely assured of success. It cannot fail. Is it not reasonable, then, that we pray with great faith, that we invest with great confidence, and that we go with a sense of sure triumph?"

The land of 1000 hills and a million smiles beckons and one wants to return to Rwanda again and again. The problem with living in Africa is that it gets into your blood. Africa has been attracting romantics and explorers for centuries keen to experience its magical attributes. Where else can one be captivated by the smell of the soil after a thunderstorm, see a staggering profusion of animals and be in awe at the love and generosity of her people. Travel in Africa should come with a strong warning that it tends to get addictive.

So my trips for 2017 to Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Malawi and Botswana draws to a close - it has been the most enriching year of my life, teaching at KMBC, traveling across my beloved Africa, leading souls to Christ and training Pastors for Africa's Church. Surely I must be the most blessed man on the planet!

At the end of this amazing year, may I thank you all, my dear friends, so very, very much for all your love, prayers and generous financial support, which has enabled both KMBC and Footprints into Africa to continue to train pastors and missionaries for Africa and for me to make these eight trips into Africa this year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



So my fifty second trip into my beloved continent draws to a close, it was brilliant!

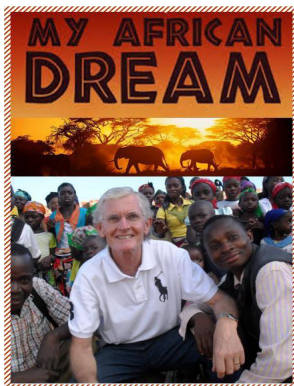
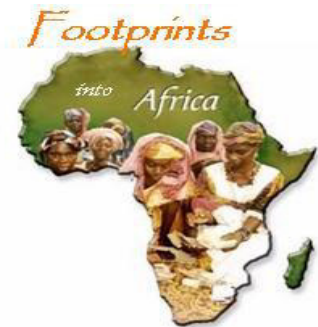
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one the followings avenues:

- ☑ 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,

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