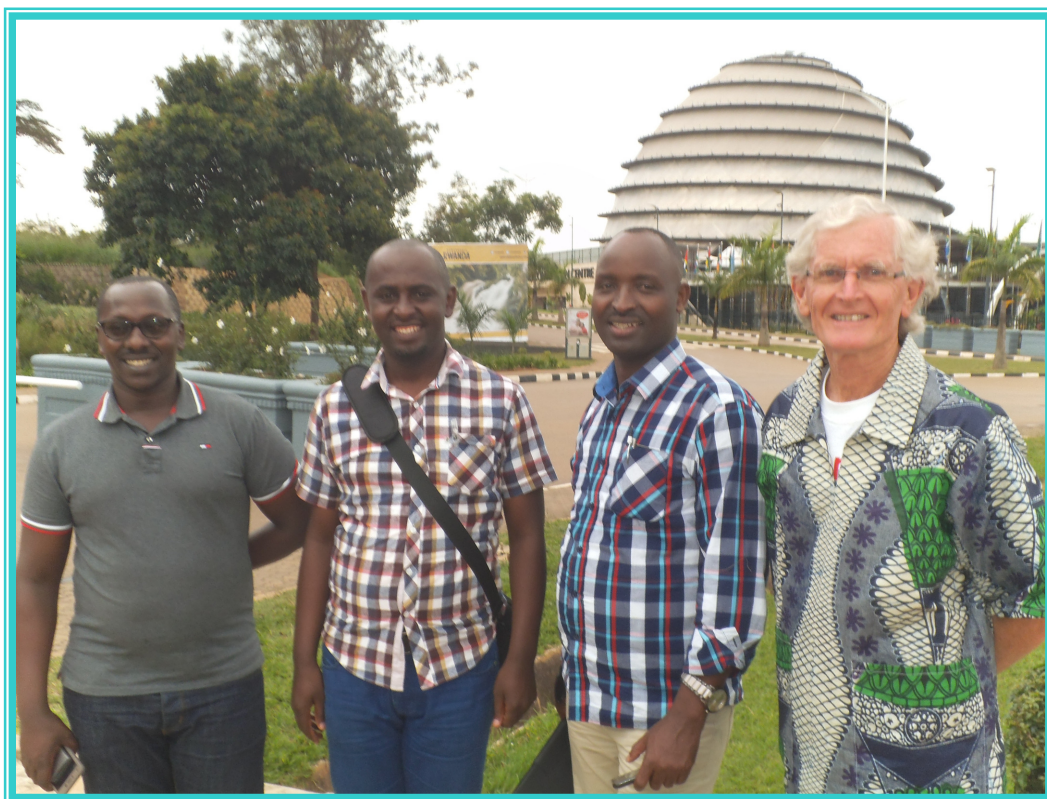


MY MISSION TRIPS TO

Rwanda

AND

Uganda



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Trips 54 and 55

BACKGROUND

After such an exhilarating trip up to Tanzania, preaching to those eight churches, travelling hundreds of kilometers all over the country and then going up to Ghanghe Ghanghe it was good to be home again and to regroup. I was able to complete all the terms' lectures to our students and to read some amazing 📖 Missionary biographies on Wilfred Grenfell, James Hannington, John Williams and James Chalmers. (The last two were sadly butchered to death while bringing the Gospel to the South Sea Islands). I then had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the grave of Barnabas Shaw, a Methodist missionary in the early 1800 and also to find the plaque to Dr. John Philip, the early superintendent of the London Missionary Society, as well as see the desk from which David Livingstone preached while he was in Cape Town (see photos below).



I also was very privileged to speak at Mission weekends at Christ Church Hilton, Christ Church Pietermaritzburg, Christ Church Howick and to do all the Easter services for Christ Church Waterfall. I enjoyed preaching at the Brethren Assembly and at St. Olav's in Durban, so life has been very busy.



But now I am looking forward to going back to Rwanda for my seventh visit, which will also be my 54th Missions trip into Africa. I will be giving twenty lectures on Pastoralia to about forty untrained pastors and then on the Saturday speaking at a Leadership Seminar.

Now a short update on RWANDA and UGANDA

Rwanda

Republic of Rwanda
Africa



Capital: Kigali

Answers to Prayer

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

Give praise for the commitment to reconcile and peace-build, to move on from the terrible past and toward a brighter future.

Challenges for Prayer

Rwanda's longer-term future must eventually move past the events of the 1990s.

A development programme called Vision 2020 intends to transform Rwanda's economy, infrastructure and values. Other challenges loom large on the horizon, most notably:

- a) *Political stability* is achieved.
- b) *The military-political conundrum of relationships* among Rwanda, Burundi, Congo-DRC and Uganda remains a challenge.
- c) *Rapid population growth and limited land*. Rwanda is already Africa's most densely populated country. Pray that wise solutions might be found to this deep-seated and long-term problem.

Uganda

Republic of Uganda
Africa



Capital: Kampala

Challenges for Prayer

Uganda has worked hard to recover from the devastation of the Amin and Obote years and has made great strides to this effect. Pray that the government might exercise its authority with even-handed honesty and a true concern for its own people.

Christian support ministries:

- a) The Bible Society has done much to promote new Bible translations and to publish Bibles. Thirteen languages remain without God's Word and a further 18 have only part of the Bible.
- b) Audio Scriptures and teaching are vital due to poverty, illiteracy, the widespread oral culture and unstable conditions.
- c) MAF's flying programme has blessed many.
- d) The JESUS film is available online in at least 40 languages.
- e) Christian radio and TV programmes air on the national network and are growing in impact and influence.

MY DIARY

SATURDAY, 17 MARCH

Today I leave for Rwanda but before I leave, I want to spend time with the Lord in the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, Galatians and John's Gospel, after which time I was able to pray. Not only was I able to commit the trip to the Lord but I was also able to pray for the KAZAK people, one of the many unreached people in China. Then as you know it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to mentor me, and this is what he wrote:



"Peter realizes now with the revelation of the Lord's hurting question that he does love him. Then comes the point ... SPEND IT OUT ... feed my sheep."

So with a deep longing to spend it out, I caught the first flight out of Pietermaritzburg up to Johannesburg where I met my friend Rev. Luis Esteves, and together we flew onto Kigali International Airport in Rwanda where my brothers John and Fred were kindly waiting for us. The Lord has given me some amazing brothers in Christ across Africa, I love them dearly and so want to serve and encourage them in their work.



After going through customs John and Fred kindly took us for supper at the Airport where we were able to catch up with all the news ... it was a very special time. From there we were taken to Dr. Garry Friesen's lovely home where we will spend the night.



It has been a long day of traveling so now let me fall asleep so grateful to be in Kigali. As I closed the day in prayer, I asked the Lord to please mould my life after that missionary to North Africa, **Samuel Zwemer**. William Borden said this of him:



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

SUNDAY, 18 MARCH

It felt so good to wake up in Kigali this morning, but before I can go out and minister to others, I need to be fed and taught in the Word and so I went into the "Missionary Workshop" and spent time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, John and Galatians, after which time I was able to pray. Not only was I able to pray for this week of lecturing, but also committed our journey up to Kalagore to the Lord. Then I prayed for the YEMENI people who live in Israel, after which **Oswald Chambers** said the following:



"If you have not been worshipping as occasion serves, when you get into the work you will not only be useless yourself, but a tremendous hindrance to those who are associated with you. The worship of missionary passion is the hidden personal worshipping life of a saint."

That must be the most horrible thing that could every happen, to become useless and a hindrance to those around you. John then provided us with a brilliant breakfast and Dr. Garry took us all to the morning service in the New Life Ministries Church. It is huge, seating over one thousand people, with three Sunday services. It also has the finest sound system and the very best lighting equipment in the world. Sadly, the sermon had very little Bible with almost nothing about Jesus ... Afterwards we were then taken around the Africa College of Theology and enjoyed a lovely lunch together in the city centre. From there it was a long drive into the Eastern Province of Rwanda, into the Gatsibo District where the Pastor's Conference always takes place. Having been there so often before it felt like coming home, but it was good to be there to unpack for the week, enjoy some African tea and to read my books.



After supper it was then a lovely opportunity to prepare for all my lectures tomorrow and to read. I am so enjoying 📖 **Harold Lindsell's** book entitled **"My Daily Quiet Time"**. Let him close off with a wonderful word of encouragement for the day:



"To the man who is staggering under the burden of a great load, to the mother whose mind is burdened for a lost son, to the youth whose heart is withered by an unrequited love, to the soul whose sacrifice for the Kingdom of God demands his all, here is a word from God **"As thy days so shall thy strength be"**. It is a real promise for it gives to our hearts the assurance not for a day or for a week, but for a lifetime."

MONDAY, 19 MARCH

It has been raining all night; the power is off so I had to wait for the sun to rise before I could do my readings. This morning my Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, John and in Galatians. After hearing the voice of God in the Word of God, I was able to pray. Not only was I able to pray for the Conference, which begins to day, but also for the HAMBURI people who live in Burkina Faso. Then **Oswald Chambers** wrote the following:



"A preacher is one who has realized the call of God and is determined to use his every power to proclaim God's truth. Gather your material and set it alight when you speak."

My material is now gathered for the three lectures I will give, so all that remains is for me to set it alight! After breakfast, we headed off to the Conference. This will be my sixth visit into this area so it was wonderful to meet up with some old friends. The three lectures I gave were:

1. The Portrait of a Pastor
2. The Qualifications of a Pastor
3. The Priorities of a Pastor

Luis Esteves then preached a sermon from 1 Timothy, after which time we returned to our room for some African tea and enjoy reading. I have started the 📖 biography of **James Chalmers**, one of the pioneer missionaries to the South Pacific Islands. This is without doubt one of the greatest missionary biographies that I have ever read, it makes riveting reading.



After a lovely supper, I was able to go over my lectures for tomorrow, read from the life of Chalmers and listen to the lovely rain falling on the corrugated iron roof. This evening **Harold Lindsell** wrote the following:

"Will it be your portion to go to heaven without having brought a single soul into a saving knowledge of Christ. Will you have no trophy to lay at his feet in order to indicate to your Saviour that your life has been well spent in his service. It is a terrible thing to stand before God naked, bereft of anything to show that the building you have erected upon the foundation of Jesus is other than hay, straw and stubble. It is not the amount of money, and the popularity you have that counts, it is what you have done for Christ that will last for eternity. In that long night of testing when your work will be tried, God will decide whether you enter into eternity empty handed."

What an incredible challenge...

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH

After lots of rain, everything is looking so fresh, green and lush across the countryside. So let me begin another new day in the "Missionary Workshop" in order to remain fresh in



my lectures today. My Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, John and this morning I finished Galatians. In my time of prayer, I was able to pray for the Conference, our students back home who are writing their exams, but also for the GIAY people who live in Vietnam. It then was time for **Oswald Chambers**, and this is what he wrote this morning:

"When you are rightly related to God, it is a life of freedom and liberty and delight, you are God's will and all your common sense decisions are His will for you unless He checks. You decide things in perfect delightful friendship with God knowing that if your decisions are wrong He will always check."

It is such a privilege living here at the Conference Centre. So after a warm shower, I was able to go down the main road of Gatsibo, and I love watching the children going to school and everyone heading off to work. They must be some of the friendliest people in the world. Then it was time for breakfast and back to the Conference. Today I lectured on:

1. Precautions of a Pastor (part 1)
2. Precautions of a Pastor (part 2)
3. The Pastor as a Preacher

On a personal note, I found it very moving to see the pastors responding to these messages. At the end of the second lecture they all rose to their feet and committed themselves afresh to the Lord, it was a chilling moment to witness. I came back to my room so very blessed and very grateful to the Lord. Before supper, I was able to continue

reading from the life of Chalmers, who sometimes was called the Livingstone of New Guinea.



After another lovely supper, it was time to go over my lectures and to finish my reading for the day. Tonight **Harold Lindsell** will again close off the day for us:

"A peasant once slandered a friend and once he discovered that what he had said was untrue, he went to the village Monk for help. The Monk told him to take a bag of feathers, and to place a feather on each doorstep of the community. This he did and he returned to the Monk announcing that he has completed the penance for his sin. But then the Monk said he must take his bag and go and pick up every feather, which he had dropped. When the peasant replied that the wind by this time had blown all the feathers away and that they were irrecoverable, the Monk reminded him that words are like feathers, once they are dropped it is impossible to get them back again."

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH

The birds are all singing so beautifully outside as they all usher in another beautiful day in Rwanda so how better to start my day than in the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, John and I began with the queen of the Epistles, Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Afterwards I was able to send time in prayer and remembered especially the DARIGANGA people who live in Mongolia. **Oswald Chambers** then closed off my devotions with these words:



"The final stage in the life of faith is attainment of character."

Reading this breathtaking biography of James Chalmers makes one feel so desperately inadequate but it causes me to long after that attainment of character that he portrayed. He was one of the greatest ever. Before breakfast, I again went for a walk into the city centre and returned after a perfect start to a new day.

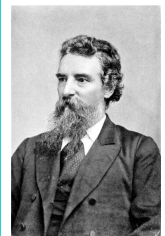
Today the four lectures I gave were on:

1. The Pastor as a Teacher (part 1)
2. The Pastor as a Teacher (part 2)
3. The Pastor as a Minister
4. The Pastor as a Counselor (part 1)



It was such a joy to get back to my little room and to find some African tea waiting for me, just what I wanted. Listen now to a quote from **James Chalmers**:

"I am well aware that there will be trials innumerable, sickness and death, and many dark clouds to pass through, but what are all these compared to the assured results? Only in daring much can we hope for much, and the greater our hope, the greater our success. With thorough Christ enthusiasm, and in true sympathy with him in his great work, we may hope for much in a very few years."



He was to give his life for those Islands, for those cannibals, for whom "man was their delicacy". After supper, I read from Chalmers until my eyes could no longer stay open. It has been an amazing story.

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH

What a joy it was to wake up in the heart of Africa and listening to the birds singing, no wonder Martin Luther called them wonderful theologians. In my Bible readings this morning, I continued to read from Exodus, Proverbs, John and Ephesians. In my time of prayer, I was able to pray especially for the UZBEK people, another unreached people group in Afghanistan. Then **Oswald Chambers** wrote the following:

"It is the dull, dreary common place day when common place duties and people can kill the burning heart, UNLESS we have learned the secret of abiding in Jesus."

John Wesley was known as a man with a burning heart, James Chalmers was certainly a man with a burning heart, and that is what I long to be. Because it is raining, I was not able to go down for a walk, but enjoyed breakfast and then headed off to the Conference where I will give another three lectures.

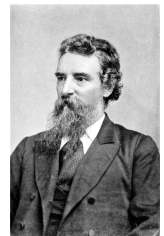
Today I spoke on:

1. The Pastor as Counselor (part 2)
2. The Pastor as a Leader (part 1)
3. The Pastor as a Leader (part 2)



After enjoying lunch with all the pastors, I was able to return to my room and read from the biography on **James Chalmers**. In 1882, this is what he wrote:

"Is it impossible to find missionaries who will gladly give everything for Christ? Not the life in hand business, or the sacrifice I have made, but men and women who think that preaching and living the Gospel to the unconverted, to be the greatest work on earth, and the grandest of heaven's commissions."



We want missionaries who say "Find me the man and I will take him as my help who utterly despises money and glory, one who never wishes to see his home again, one who looks to God alone and one who looks to death as a release from this world."

With those words ringing in my ears we all enjoyed a lovely supper and I fell fast asleep in the country of a thousand hills.

FRIDAY, 23 MARCH

The Pastor's Conference ends today. By God's grace, it has gone exceptionally well and I am told that the lectures fired up these pastors.

So before I go and give my final lectures let me begin by going into the Missionary Workshop" and there to spend some time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, John and Ephesians, and in my time of prayer I was able to pray especially for the KIM MUN people who live in Vietnam.



As always, **Oswald Chambers** challenged me and this is what he wrote:

"Wait for Gods time to bring it round and he will do it without any disappointment."

The rain has abated for a while go I can so down to the main road and enjoy greeting the people and the school kids on their way to school. After another lovely breakfast, it was time to go to the Conference and "spend it out" for the Lord, such an incredible privilege.



My final three talks were on:

1. The Pastor as a Leader (part 3)
2. The Pastor as a Leader (part 4)
3. The Pastor as an Example

These men were so very appreciative of these sixteen sessions, which I have given them. Many of them came afterwards to ask for forms in order to study further at KMBC.



After enjoying a final lunch with these dear men, we were able to go back to our accommodation and together with Fred, Andrew and John, evaluate the week's teachings and plan for the future.

Richard Lovett described **James Chalmers** in this way:



"It would be hard to find in the whole mission field a more striking example of surrender to duty than that of Chalmers, the man who was never happier than when reading the faces of previous unseen savages, the man whose services were sought by learned societies all over the world, a man who could thrill vast audiences by the power of his personality and the burning force of his enthusiasm."

In a place called Daru on 16 March in 1901, **Chalmers** wrote these words"

"Wholehearted devotion to Christ and to his work would soon be more abundantly blessed. Mad for Christ's sake, cast out for Christ's sake! Where is the offense of the Cross, I fear we have departed far from the spirit of the Cross?"

Three months later, this amazing man who had given over thirty years to these people in New Guinea was butchered to death. After clubbing him and spearing him to death, together with his young assistant missionary, the book says:

"Directly their heads were cut off, their bodies cut up by some men and the pieces handed over for the women to cook, which they did, mixing their flesh with sago. They were eaten that same day. A man, Gebai got Mr. Chalmers head, while Makakila got Mr. Tomkin's head."

The long courageous self-denying life successfully spent by God's grace and sustaining power in leading many out of the darkness of savagery into the light of the Gospel, received its terrible but glorious coronation when in the horrific Dubu of Dopina there descended upon Chalmers the blood stained crown of martyrdom. He was certainly a man who could and who did urge others to become willing and ready to sacrifice even life itself in order to become followers of Christ. Having kept back nothing for himself, he was able to inspire in others a burning enthusiasm for the salvation of the lost similar to that which his own heart portrayed.

SATURDAY, 24 MARCH

Today will be the final day up in the Gatsibo District as I lead a Seminar for all church leaders. It should be an amazing opportunity, so let me again begin the day by going into the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Exodus, Proverbs, John and



Ephesians and then it was time to pray. Not only did I pray for this Conference on leadership where I will be speaking for four hours, but also I was also able to pray for another unreached people, the AOKI people who live in China.

Then as always **Oswald Chambers** closes off my devotions and this is what he wrote:

"Sometimes there is nothing to obey; the only thing to do is to maintain a vital connection with Jesus Christ and to see that nothing interferes with that."

What a reminder that was that nothing must ever hinder me going into the "Missionary Workshop". Today my four lectures consisted of:

1. The Need for Leaders
2. The Task of Leaders
3. Nehemiah, the exemplary Leader
4. Jesus the transforming Leader

There were approximately one hundred and fifty church leaders in attendance, and afterwards I was so moved when they presented me with a framed photograph with us all together, just the very thing I love. Having come up to Rwanda six times, a real bond has been established and I felt a great sadness when I said goodbye to them all.



We then had a three-hour drive back to Kigali and spent our final evening in Dr. Garry Friesen's lovely home.

Alexander MacKay, another of my heroes and the man who opened Uganda for the Gospel said the following:



"For one thing I feel sure, nothing could be better for rousing the spiritual life of the congregation and for leading it to a higher life than the cultivating of the spirit of missions. The progress of the Kingdom of God in the world is a study well calculated to enlarge the mind and the soul and to rescue sleeping congregations from their self satisfied ease."

That is a brilliant comment and so true and what a privilege I have had to now complete my fifty-fourth mission trip into Africa, it has been brilliant.



My trips to Tanzania in February and now Rwanda in March have been wonderful. Preaching these twenty times across Rwanda has been a huge privilege, but by the grace of God, I think it has gone very well. Sharing in fellowship with Luis, Andrew, Fred, John and Dr. Garry was very special, and together we have been able to further train pastors for Rwanda. On Monday morning, I will be back at my College marking all the exams, which the students have written while I have been away. Surely, there is no one better than **Alexander MacKay** to close off this Journal:



"You sons of England here is a field for your energies. Bring with you your highest education and your greatest talents, you will find scope for the exercise of them all. You men of God who have resolved to devote your lives to the cure of the souls of men, here is the proper field for you. It is not to win numbers to a church, but to win people to Christ, and who otherwise will be lost. I entreat you to leave your work at home to the many who are ready to undertake to it, and to come here to East Africa to reap this field now white unto harvest."

All that was now left to do was to pack up everything, enjoy a brilliant nights sleep in Kigali and then fly out early in the morning back to Pietermaritzburg and to continue my privilege of training pastors and missionaries for Africa ... and then to prepare for my next trip which will be up to **Uganda**.

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE

Today I am on my way again up to Uganda where I will be speaking at the Graduation service for one of our Missions' students in Kampala. In addition, I will speak at a Pastor's Conference in Mbale and a Leaders Seminar in Kampala. This will be my 55th trip into Africa and my fifth to Uganda, and it promises to be a very busy and blessed time.

But first, I must get into the "Missionary Workshop" and spend time with the Lord. This of course is critical because it helps me to stay spiritually fresh as I seek to minister to others. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation, after which time I was then able to pray. Not only did I pray for this trip but also for the

SHANYAN people, another unreached people living in China. After that, it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to disciple me, and this is what he wrote:


"If I am a friend of Jesus I have deliberately and carefully to lay down my life for him."

After taking the early flight out of Pietermaritzburg I flew up to Johannesburg from there I went up to Entebbe International Airport in Uganda. It felt wonderful to be back, and waiting for me was my dear friend of many years, Alex Mukwabi. Slowly we made our way through the horrendous traffic jams of Kampala and eventually arrived at the Church where I went straight into my two talks from 2 Timothy.

1. How to become an Effective Leader (Chapter 2)
2. How to be an Effective Preacher (Chapter 4)

There were seventy five pastors and leaders present from the Naala area. They were so very appreciative, very kindly gave me a lovely gift for my study and in true African style we enjoyed a light supper afterwards. We then made our way to Kireke where I will be staying. It has been a long day but I am so thrilled to be teaching the Bible up here again, the land of MacKay and Hannington. We must now pray for all those who took leaflets and expressed their interest to come and study at KMBC.



In my room, here in Kireke it was wonderful to be alone and prepare for my talks for tomorrow and to continue  reading from "MacKay of Uganda". **Dr. Wilfred Grenfell**, that amazing missionary from Labrador, put it so perfectly when he wrote:

"Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but for doing something that is worthwhile. The purpose for this world is not to have and to hold, but to give and to serve."



So let me now fall asleep so very privileged to be able to "give and serve the church up here in Kampala. The man that the Lord used to open up Uganda for Christ was Alexander MacKay. Without any doubt, he was one of the greatest missionaries this world has ever known. I cannot tell you how much I am enjoying reading this biography, which was written by his sister.

On 19 November in 1878, this is what **MacKay** wrote from Uganda:

"It is no sacrifice as some think, to come here as pioneers of Christianity. I would not give up my position here for the world. A powerful people has to be brought from darkness into light, superstition and idolatry has to be overthrown and they have to be taught to love God and to love their neighbour, which will mean the uprooting of institutions that have lasted for centuries. Who would not willingly engage in this noble work and consider it the highest honour on earth to be called to do it."

Here I am in Kireke having been given what MacKay calls the "highest honour on earth".

FRIDAY, 15 JUNE

Another beautiful morning arises up here in Kampala, the Imam is calling his followers to prayer and life is in full swing already. Kampala never rests, it never sleeps, it is permanently on the go. Thousands upon thousands of these informal shops line the streets and everybody is looking for money. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation. After listening to the Word of God, I was then able to spend time in prayer. This morning I remembered especially the SARKI people who live in Nepal, another unreached people group. I loved what **Oswald Chambers** wrote this



morning:

"You have inherited the divine nature says Peter, now screw your attention down and form habits, have diligence and concentrate."



No man is born either naturally or supernaturally with character, he has to make character and therefore we need to screw down all our attention and develop character. Soon after **Alexander MacKay** died, this is what they said of him across Uganda; he screwed his attention and developed his character:

"How deep the loss of MacKay, only those who knew him well and saw his work can understand. He was one of those few who looked fearlessly ahead to see the face of the living God. He never despaired of any person or thing. Quiet as he was, strong, patient, resolute and brave, one upon whom you could depend. He endured fourteen years in Africa, fourteen years of dangers, fevers, malaria, sorrows and disappointments, and yet through it all he was steadfast and immovable, a true missionary abounding in the work of the Lord."

We left at five and found a taxi that would take us all the way to Embale, a journey of about four hours. We all squeezed into the taxi, all seventeen of us packed like sardines, together with all the chickens and nursing babies!! It was an experience and I was so

relieved to get to Embale. From there we got another taxi, which took us to Sidonga, another one hour's drive right into the heart of the rural areas of Uganda. When we arrived, the church was packed and the singing was out of this world. I was asked to give two, one-hour talks on Leadership:

1. The call of David (1 Samuel Chapter 16)
2. The responsibilities of a Christian Leader (2 Timothy Chapter 2)

By God's grace, they appeared to love the teaching and there was a lot of interest in KMBC. The women provided us with a lovely lunch and with such love and kindness, they presented me with a traditional Ugandan shirt. We then embarked on the journey back to Kireke, passing through JINGA where the source of the Nile can be found. We eventually arrived back at ten o'clock that night, a long and full seventeen hours later. Overall, we must have covered twelve hundred kms, a trip to Johannesburg and back.



Transport in Africa can be a challenge ... it can be anything with wheels!

Jason Mandrycke, who edits **Operation World**, wrote the following on Cameroon:

"Leadership and Discipleship training in the churches are urgent needs, and Cameroon's churches struggle with shallow and biblically illiterate Christianity. Today's spiritual mess has its roots in a failure of theological training."

This was such a powerful reminder to me of the huge need that there is in Africa for KMBC and Footprints into Africa. After enduring so much in Uganda over many years, **Mackay** was urged to go back to England for a time of rest and recovery. Listen to what he wrote in his Journals:



"May the day come when I will be able, with a clear conscience, to avail myself of a holiday? Yet I feel to run to England would be no rest. The sleepy church has to be stirred up to an infinitely greater interest in mission work. But how can I sit down and rest knowing the great needs of Africa. The conversion of these people must become the work of the church and not merely a small branch of it. It is only when you actually see the total ignorance and darkness of millions of people, can one in proper measure realize the great need for thousands of missionaries to come."

So now let me enjoy my nights rest in the Pearl of Africa after an extremely full and busy day, and yet full of doing what I love most, equipping pastors especially in the rural areas who have had no training at all and who have no resources and sadly, where no one else is prepared to go.

SATURDAY, 16 JUNE

Another day full of opportunities to serve the church of Uganda lies before me. So again, let me begin by going into the "Missionary Workshop" and prepare my heart for today. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation, after which time I could spend time in prayer. Today I remember especially the AXI people, an unreached people in China and then it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to mentor me, and this is what he said:



"The saint realizes that it is God who engineers circumstances, consequently there is a reckless abandon to Jesus."

So going into today that is what I desire, to embrace the day with a reckless abandon to Jesus, following in the footsteps of **Alexander MacKay**. On 12 December 1875, this is what he wrote:

"This day last year Livingstone died, a Scotsman and a Christian, loving God and loving his neighbour in the heart of Africa. My heart burns for the deliverance of Africa and if you can send me to any one of these regions where Livingstone and Stanley went, I would be very glad."

What a joy it was to sit down this morning with Pastor Tumwesigye and his son Gabriel and to hear of their desire to come and study here at KMBC. God willing they will both come down next year to study for our Diploma in Missions. From there we went to the meeting which has been arranged at Christina's church. She is also one of our current students, and together with her husband Andrew, is running a little church in one of the poorest areas of Kampala. We struggled to find this church, but eventually we arrived and here

again; it was packed with leaders coming for training. I spoke from 1 Peter Chapter 5:1-4. Afterwards there were many questions and we then had to negotiate through this horrendous gridlock of traffic in Kampala, eventually arriving back just after nine o'clock.



Back in my room after such a full day, the words of **Floyd McClung** came to mind:

"When the church takes the edge off being radical and the risk out of the adventure of following Jesus, church has died."

Surely, there is no one better than **Alexander MacKay** to close off this day. He was once asked, "What are you doing here in Uganda?"

"May God give me grace to search my heart, may we aim at nothing short of the salvation of souls. May my heart be full for the desire of the salvation of precious souls. Give me a burning zeal oh God for winning souls. Am I not here the link between dying men and the dying Christ?"

Oh to be a soul winner as MacKay was - **"Give me a burning zeal oh God for winning souls"**.

SUNDAY, 17 JUNE

Today is going to be such a very special day where I will present Rhoda Aida with her Diploma in Missions. By God's grace over these past 30 years at KMBC we have been privileged to send out over 300 pastors and missionaries all over Africa, Indonesia, Pakistan, Cameroon, Paraguay, England, Australia and New Zealand. It has been the most wonderful time any man could ever experience in his life. But now, before anything else I must spend time in the "Missionary Workshop" with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation. In my time of prayer, I was able to not only pray for the Graduation service but also for the NAGDI people who live in Saudi Arabia. To close off my devotions this is what **Oswald Chambers** wrote:



"I have never met the man I could despair of after discerning what lies in my own heart apart from the grace of God."

That is incredible writing. I was then able to finish this unbelievable biography on Alexander MacKay, a book that has stirred me very deeply, as did the previous biography on the life of James Chalmers. When he heard of the death of Alexander MacKay, **Henry Morton Stanley** wrote these words:

"To my great grief I learned that Mr. MacKay, the best missionary since Livingstone, died. Just like Livingstone he refused to return home to England to rest, even though I strongly urged him to come back with me."

So here I am in Uganda following in the footstep of Alexander MacKay, "The best missionary since Livingstone."

The church was packed for Rhoda's graduation, with over two hundred and fifty people and she looked so beautiful in her academic gown. Only last week she gave birth to a son, so the church was buzzing with excitement. I preached from 2 Timothy Chapter 3:16-17, after which we went straight into her graduation. It was fantastic; I must have been the proudest Principal in the world. After a long service we then enjoyed a traditional Ugandan lunch, I was given the best part ... the head of the fish with some matoka, and rice ...



After such a magnificent day, seeing another of our students graduating, there is no one better than **MacKay** to close for us. Listen to his heart as he cries out for volunteers to come to Africa:

"What is this you write - come home to England - surely now in our terrible derth of workers it is not the time for anyone to rest. Send us our first twenty men and I may be tempted to come. Where are the volunteers? Where are the investors? Where are the wise and talented leaders who will gladly give of their lives, and shed their blood that Africa may be evangelized?"

MONDAY, 18 JUNE

It felt so good to wake up to another beautiful morning in Kampala. By God's grace, everything has gone exceptionally well and there are many interested in coming to study at KMBC next year. An additional bonus has been to finish this 📖 exceptional biography


on Alexander MacKay; it has stirred me very deeply. So now, on my last morning let me begin the day in the "Missionary Workshop" and spend time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation, after which time I could pray. I poured out my heart in thanksgiving to the Lord for the trip and also for the SINDHI people, amazingly an unreached people living in the USA. Afterwards **Oswald Chambers** was at his very best:



"If you debate for a second when God has spoken to you, it is all up. Never begin to say 'well I wonder if he did speak'. Be reckless immediately; fling it all out onto him. It is only by abandon that you recognize him. You will only realize his voice more clearly by recklessness."

That reading brought back so many memories for me. Dear friends said to me when I decided to cash in my Pension, resign as the Bishop of KZN, hand in the church car and petrol card, which I had enjoyed for nearly forty years, give up everything and go full-time into missions ... they felt that I was being reckless. Many even suggested that it was because of Jon that I made this decision, BUT while in Lubumbashi, I felt a clear call from God and the implications were reckless, but how wonderful the Lord has been to me. **Chambers** was absolutely right:

"You will only realize his voice more clearly by recklessness".

These past eight years have been the most wonderful years of fulfillment imaginable, far exceeding anything I could ever have dreamed for KMBC and Footprints into Africa. Today is also Fathers Day so I was given a copy of  Richard Coekin's book entitled "**A Few Good Men**" and I was able to read the first Chapter on the life of Noah, enjoy a lovely breakfast and then Pastor Alex kindly took me to the Entebbe Airport. As many of you know, the Chinese are taking over Africa and they have just completed a magnificent highway from Kampala to Entebbe, which made our journey so much easier and better. From Entebbe I then flew home to Johannesburg, having had one of the most blessed trips, BUT ... a bit too hectic ... we could not have squeezed in another meeting. So it is all over now, my fifty-fifth mission trip into Africa is completed. The Graduation was terrific and preaching at the different churches; the two Pastors' Conferences, enjoying fellowship with Pastor Alex Mukwabi and travelling thousands of kms across Uganda in a "ram shackled" taxi, was an experience of a life-time.



Tomorrow I will be back at my College, training pastors and missionaries for Africa. Now listen to how **Fred Arnot**, who in October 1858, described his call to Africa.

He was to become a wonderful missionary, mainly to Angola and Zambia, and it is a lovely quote to end off another **FOOTPRINT INTO AFRICA** ...

"He reached the edge of the Bier Plateau and looked over the great interior plain extending like an ocean beyond and my heart well-nigh failed me, but I remembered that God was with me. I gave myself to him for this work. I know that he accepts me for Africa, so that whether I live or die, the purposes which he has for this country will be served thereby."

BUT

How can I ever thank you all my very dear friends, for your love, prayers and generous financial support. You enable me to continue my work of training up pastors and missionaries for Africa at KMBC and you enable me to travel across Africa encouraging those poor pastors, especially in the rural areas, who have had no training or resources, please know that I am very, very grateful to you all.



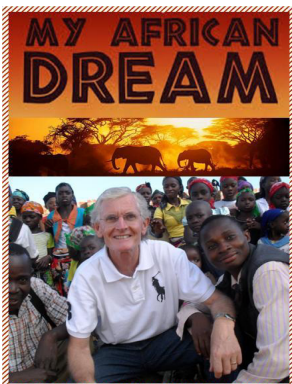
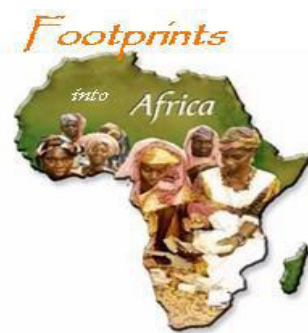
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one the followings avenues:

- ☑ 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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