

My Mission trip to Uganda



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Trip No. 62

Uganda

Republic
of Uganda
Africa



Geography

Area: 241,551 sq km

Much of the land is fertile and well watered.
The climate is temperate in the highlands.

Long known as the "Pearl of Africa".

Population: 33,796,461

Annual Growth: 3.32%

Capital: Kampala

Urbanites: 13.3%



Peoples

Peoples: 66 (9% unreached)

Answer to Prayer

Pentecostal and charismatic growth in the last 20 years is remarkable. The fastest-growing churches in Uganda are almost all from this background – from mega churches of 15,000 to house and storefront churches. The spiritual fervour and expectation see transformational effects – in Kampala, crime rates have fallen and it is estimated that more than half the population attend evangelically oriented services.

Challenge for Prayer

Uganda's battle with AIDS massively reduced the number of cases. The government and churches bravely and successfully worked to achieve this reduction, largely on a platform of abstinence and fidelity but moving toward encouraging condom use. A debate now rages over the validity of these reduced percentages and a resurgence of HIV cases; some allege infection rates are rising. Pray that all ground gained in this battle might be consolidated by right belief and right lifestyles. Even with the progress made, millions still suffer or are bereaved. Churches and agencies are doing much in AIDS support and Education.

Missions vision in the Ugandan Church.

A large, strong church that has endured suffering, combined with Uganda's geographical position next to several needy nations, make mission potential enormous. But this potential is still largely untapped due to lack of awareness and structures.



Pray for many Ugandans to be called,
trained and sent.

INTRODUCTION

What an incredibly busy year 2019 has been for me. The Lord graciously opened doors for me to visit Tanzania, Rwanda, Botswana and the D.R.C. earlier this year, while at the same time I was able to continue with my twenty-five lectures a week at my Bible College, driven by the passion to train Pastors and Missionaries for Africa.

It has been fantastic and a huge encouragement to see what our past students are doing all over Africa and in deed all over the World.

At the moment, we have the great joy of having our Missionaries **Jinx and Dawn Reyneke**, from Mozambique, as well as our missionaries to Paraguay, **Gregg and Yvonne Cameron**, with us. I have also had the great privilege of



preaching a 3-week series at Christ Church Howick, continued with my series on Matthew at the Brethren Assembly, spoke at the Scottsville Primary Assembly and was the guest speaker at the Founders Day of Grace College in Hilton. I was able to finish my series on the book of James at St. Olav's and am so looking forward to a 3-week series at Christ Church Waterfall and also to speak at Christ Church Pinetown where they are having a month of Evangelism. **Thank you my very dear friends for your prayers and amazing support for this work, I am so very grateful to you all.**

Now I head up to Uganda for the seventh time, which will also be my 62nd mission's trip into Africa, the continent I love and have given my life for. This is the country where **James Hannington** who was sent out from England as the first Bishop to East Africa, sadly was butchered to death before he even started his ministry. But in God's providence, he sent **Alexander MacKay** from Scotland, who did the most incredible work across Uganda and laid the foundation for the Church.

While I am in Kampala I always visit the graves of these two men, they stir me very deeply by their zeal, their passion and their recklessness.



Listen for example, to what **Alexander Mackay** wrote:

"You sons of England, here is a field for your energies. Bring with you your highest education and 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 men to the Saviour, and who otherwise will be lost, that I entreat you to leave your work at home to the many who are ready to undertake it, and to come forth yourselves to reap this field now white to the harvest.

It is no sacrifice, as some think, to come here as pioneers of Christianity. Who would not willingly engage in this noble work and consider it the highest honour on earth to be called to it."



So in my small way I will listen to what he wrote, follow in his footsteps and travel around Uganda speaking at two pastor's conferences in Kampala and in Tororo with my dear friend Alex Mukwabi, one of our past students. 📖 **Roger Bowen** in his book, "**So I Send You**", put it like this:

"But the Church cannot really be itself unless it is on the move and reaching out beyond itself. It has only to look at the example of Jesus to see how this should be done. The church is missionary by its very nature."

So enjoy the Journal of my mission trip into Africa.

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

My heart is always so full of excitement but I must admit also with trepidation when I set out on a Missions trip into Africa. With all the horrendous Xenophobia at the moment, South Africa's name stinks in Africa. It is therefore so important for me to begin this new day in what Oswald Chambers calls "The Missionary Workshop", reading the Word of God and in prayer. Today my Bible readings, following Robert Murray McChesney, continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, John and 2 Corinthians, after which time I could then pray.



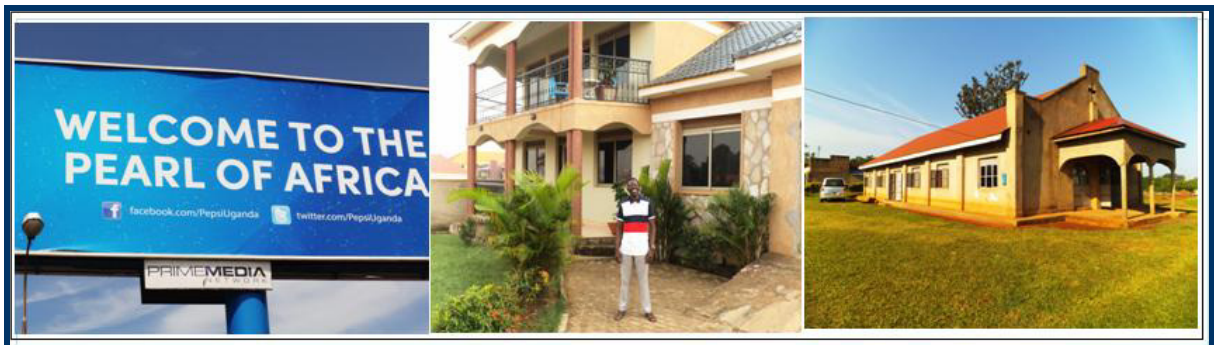
Not only was I able to bring this trip before the Lord, but I also remembered the TATAR people in India, another of the 6000 unreached people groups in our world. Then as he has done for the past fifty-two years, **Oswald Chambers** disciplined me from his "My Utmost for His Highest" and this is what he wrote this morning:

"The main idea in the region of religion is this - keep your eyes upon God, not on men. Do not have as your motive the desire to be known as a praying man. Get an inner chamber in which to pray where no one knows you are praying, shut the door and talk to God in secret. It is impossible to conduct your life as a disciple without definite times of secret prayer."

My heart is now ready; my eyes are upon God so I can now catch the early flight up to Johannesburg and from there onto Entebbe Airport in Uganda, **Alexander's** country. When he died this is what Henry Morton Stanley wrote:

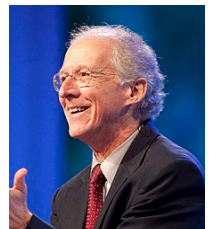
"How deep is the loss of MacKay, only those who knew him well fully understand. He was one of those few men who looked fearlessly ahead to see the living God. He never despaired of any person. Quiet as he was, patient, resolute and brave, a man whom you can depend on. For fourteen years he endured dangers, malaria and disappointments, and yet through it all he was steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord."

On arriving at Entebbe Airport, it felt wonderful to be back and there, waiting for me was my dear brother, Alex Mukwabi. You all will perhaps never fully realize what these past students mean to me. Slowly we moved through the horrendous Kampala traffic and eventually arrived at the home of Joel and Grace, my very dear friends who have such a fantastic gift of hospitality. They seemed thrilled to see me again.



Soon after settling down, I was notified that my offices in town had been broken into again, and some of my most precious mementoes had been stolen, it really made me very sad because those mementoes are not worth anything to anybody but to me they mean the world. After some amazing fellowship and a lovely supper I headed off to my little home to read, write up my Journal and prepare for my lectures tomorrow ... and to drown my sorrows.

At the moment, I am reading one of the most wonderful books I have read for years, entitled 📖 **"21 Servants of Joy"** by **John Piper**. Each evening on this trip, I will share something from the lives of the



greats in the past. Tonight we will listen to **Martin Luther**, and what he wrote concerning reading good books:

"A student who does not want his labours wasted must read and re-read some good author, as it were getting into his flesh and blood. Just as we do not really enjoy the society of every one of our friends, but only that of a chosen few, so it should be with our reading. The number of theological books should be reduced so that we read the best, the best. This is what will make us learned in the Bible and pious in our lifestyle."



Now I can drift off to sleep in Kampala so very privileged to be a missionary to Africa.

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

It felt fantastic to be back in Kampala, living in the loving home of Joel and Grace and so after a good nights rest I went straight into the "Missionary Workshop" to spend time with the Lord. This morning my Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, John and 2 Corinthians. In my time of prayer, I was able to pray for the Conference,



which begins today and for the MADURA people who live in Indonesia. It was time for Oswald Chambers to disciple me and this is what he wrote on temptation. I always find that **Chambers** is fresh and challenging and does not come up with the traditional way of always looking at things.

"We are apt to use it wrongly. Temptation is not sin, it is the thing we are bound to meet if we are men. Not to be tempted would be to be beneath contempt. Many of us however suffer from temptations from which we have no business to suffer, simply because we have refused to let God lift us to a higher plain where we would face temptations of another order."

After a lovely shave and a wash, I was ready for the day. There is a little time left before breakfast so let me share with you what Piper wrote about **Martin Luther's** preaching:

"Luther was one of the great preachers in the history of Christianity. Between 1510 and 1546 he preached approximately 3000 sermons, frequently he preached several times a week, often two or more times a day. His average in those years was one sermon every two and half days, never a week-end off, never even a week-day off, never any respite from preaching, teaching, study, writing and counseling."

What a challenge for today!

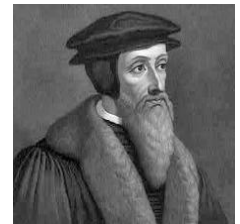
After breakfast we drove all the way to Tororo a long six-hour drive in the hot Ugandan sun and after a delay due to a puncture, we arrived just in time for my first talk at 2:00. I will be teaching the Pastors from 2 Timothy in the morning and then on the practical side of Pastoralia in the afternoons. Today I covered the following:

1. The marks of a Servant of God 2 Timothy Chapter 1
2. The marks of a Christian leader 2 Timothy Chapter 2:1-13



In the break between the lectures, it was lovely to meet up with Jacob a pastor here in Tororo, who appeared to be very moved by the talks and wants to now come and study in January. After all the questions, I was taken to my accommodation where I could read my books, write up the Journal and ... enjoy some Africa tea for supper.

Sometimes I think I get through a fair amount of work, but this thought quickly leaves me when I read of **John Calvin** and his schedule. He was in the words of Piper "A bow always strung", a remarkable man always abounding in the work of God pushing himself beyond the limit.



"Calvin for his part did not spare himself at all, working far beyond what his power and his regards for his health could stand. He preached commonly every day for one week, twice every Sunday, ten times every fortnight. Every week he lectured three times in Theology, every Friday he led the Bible study, he never failed to visit the sick, in private warning and counsel, but besides these tasks he had great care for the believers in France. He truly was a bow always strung"

Longing to be a pale shadow of Calvin, I drifted off the sleep so blessed to be here in Tororo teaching the Bible.

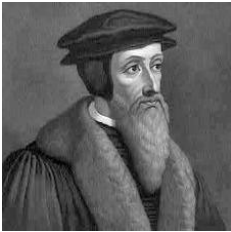
WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER



It is another magnificent morning up here in Tororo in the Pearl of Africa. So with the sun beginning rise I dived into the "Missionary Workshop" in order to begin this new day with the Lord. My bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, 2 Corinthians and this morning

we start with the book of Psalms. At the moment I am teaching the book of Psalms at my Bible Study on a Thursday evening, so this made my reading this morning even more meaningful. In my prayer time, I was able to bring all my talks before the Lord and then to pray for another unreached people, the PALAUNG people who live in Burma, the place where Adoniram Judson did such an amazing work for the Gospel. Then as always **Oswald Chambers** wrote the following:

"Never blunt the sense of your thrust My Utmost for His Highest."



That was such a timely reminder and so saturated with the Bible and empowered by the Spirit I was ready for my lectures. Breakfast is almost ready so let me share what Piper wrote concerning the preaching of **John Calvin**. Calvin has always been my model for the past forty-five years, it is absolutely amazing how he went about his work, listen to what Piper wrote:

"To give you some idea of the scope of Calvin's pulpit, he began with his series on the book of Acts on the 25 August 1549 and ended in March 1554. After Acts he went on to 1 Thessalonians (46 sermons), 1 Corinthians (186 sermons), the Pastoral Epistles (86 sermons) Galatians (43 sermons) and Ephesians (48 sermons) until May 1558. In 1559, he began with the Gospels and he was not finished when he died in May 1564. On the weekdays he preached 159 sermons on Job, 200 on Deuteronomy, 353 on Isaiah and so on."

After breakfast, Alex and I made our way to the church for the second day of the Conference, where I was privileged to give four hours of lectures.

1. How to be approved unto God 2 Timothy Chapter 2
2. The Pastor and his Bible 2 Timothy Chapter 3
3. A Survey of the Old Testament
4. How to Grow your Church (Acts 2:42)



It is my privilege to provide all the delegates with a good lunch during the duration of the Conference and it was wonderful sharing in a meal together. Everyone was so very grateful for the teaching and for the lunch. After four hours of teaching in this intense heat, aggravated by having a corrugated iron roof, it was so good to go back to my little room for a rest and time to read my books. One of the pastors then came to fetch Alex and I and took us to his home for supper. To go to these homes is an amazing experience; they know how to exercise the gift of hospitality with joy. It was a wonderful evening together.

So after another brilliant day, as William Perkins used to say, "preaching my lungs out". Listen now to what Charles Spurgeon once said about **John Bunyan**, the author of Pilgrims Progress:



"He had studied his Bible ... till his whole being was saturated with Scripture, and although his writing was full of poetry, yet he cannot give us his Pilgrims Progress - the sweetest of all poems - without continually making us feel and say, "why this man is a living Bible". Prick him anywhere and you will find that his blood is Bibline, the very essence of the Bible flows from him, his very soul is full of the Word of God."

I was now able to drift off to sleep so very privileged in Tororo teaching the Word of God and longing that when you prick me, my blood is Bibline.

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

Another beautiful morning greets me in Tororo, so before anything else let me begin the day with my devotions. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and in 2 Corinthian s, after which time I was able to pray. How I long to pray like **David Brainerd**. Piper wrote this of Brainerd:



"When I really enjoy God, I feel my desires of him the more insatiable, and my thirsting after Holiness the more unquenchable. Oh for holiness, oh for more of God in my life, oh for this pleasing pain, oh that I may never loiter on my Heavenly journey."

I was then able to pray for the RIF people who live in Morocco. **Oswald Chambers** was then such a challenge this morning"

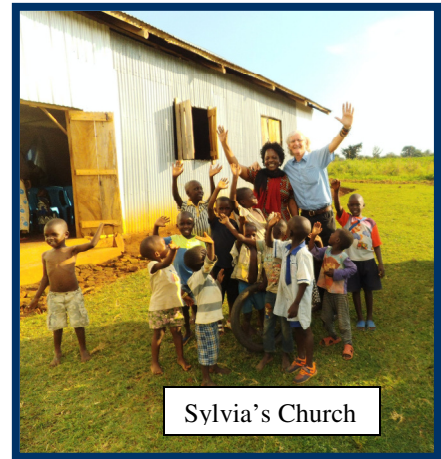


"Watch when God shifts your circumstances, and see whether you are going on with Jesus or siding with the world, the flesh and the devil. Do you continue to go on with Jesus?"

I was then able to enjoy a lovely walk through the town of Tororo talking to the people and witnessing a totally different way of life. After breakfast, we went back to the Conference where I was able to preach for three hours to these dear, but untrained pastors. The need is so big with over 70% of all pastors in Africa having had no formal training.

1. The Pastor as a Preacher 2 Timothy Chapter 4
2. An Overview of the New Testament
3. How to Prepare an Expository Sermon

After providing all the delegates with another lunch of beef, rice and matoko, and many photographs, Pastor Alex and I set off on our long journey back to Kampala. Looking back it was one of my best Conferences, with six of the pastors and one of the bishops now wanting to come and study our Diploma in Missions at KMBC. Along the way, we came to the town of Bugiri where one of our past students, Sylvia Etaasit is working. It was impossible to drive past, so we dropped in to say "hello" and to see the work she is doing among the children and the women, it was fantastic. After a short message we were on our way again. The roads across Uganda are not good and with no streetlights, it makes driving at night dangerous, but by Gods grace, we arrived back in Kampala at the home of Joel and Grace, at 10:00 pm. I so enjoyed passing by the town in Jinga where Pastor Alex, Gregg and I were able to visit the source of the Nile on my last trip.



Sylvia's Church

After another full day, John Piper will now quote on the **Prince of Puritans**, a man by the name of **John Owen**. Listen to what he wrote on being diligent on your Bible reading:



"Diligent, constant, serious reading, studying and meditating on the Scriptures, accompanied with continual attendance on the Throne of Grace for the presence of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth, is God's way of our preservation and enabling us to discover the madness of the false teachers."

Now I am ready to fall asleep in Kampala so very blessed to be preaching the Bible.

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

Let me now go into the "Missionary Workshop" and open another glorious day with my devotions. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians, after which time I could pray. I prayed so much that the Lord would write all my



teachings on the hearts of these Pastors forever and that some would even consider coming down to KMBC to study our Diploma in missions programme. I was also able to pray for the RABIRA people who live in India. Afterwards **Oswald Chambers** was magnificent and this is what he wrote:

"The expression of Christian character is not good doing but God-likeness. If the Spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit divine characteristics in your life, not good human characteristics."



What a challenge that is, "not good doing", but "God-likeness" is to be our goal. Before I enjoy breakfast with Joel and Grace let me quote from another of Piper's heroes, **Adoniram Judson**. This is the letter he wrote asking for permission to marry **John Hesselstine's daughter**.



"I have now to ask whether you can consent to part with your daughter early next Spring and to see her no more in this world, whether you can consent to her departure and her subjection to the hardships and sufferings of missionary life, whether you can consent to her exposure to the dangers of the Ocean, to every kind of want and distress, to degradation, insult and perhaps even a violent death. Can you consent to all of this, in hope of soon meeting your daughter in glory with the crown of righteousness, brightened with the shouts of praise which will redound to her from heathen having been saved through her means."

After breakfast, I was able to enjoy the morning washing all my clothes which were unbelievably dirty after spending the last few days in the rural areas of Tororo, travelling on dirt roads, writing up this Journal and enjoying reading my book entitled "Making Kingdom Disciples" by Charles Duahoo. It is a magnificent book on Discipleship. Sadly, discipleship is generally understood as getting new believers just to read their Bibles and to pray, but Charles Duahoo helps us to see Discipleship more fully as the overarching ministry to bring every area of life under the Lordship of Christ from the perspective of God's Kingdom. Pastor Alex came to fetch me and together we went to the Church belonging to the father of Daniel Tumwesigye, one of our students. I preached on the call of David and by God's grace, there was a wonderful response to the Gospel. Daniel made me laugh when I arrived because he said how good I was looking, just like David Brainerd

After the service, we enjoyed supper at the home of Daniel's parents and we reached home just after 10:00pm, so incredibly blessed.



With
Daniel,
and his
parents ...

my alarm
clock!

Now to close off the day listen to what Piper wrote on **C.S. Lewis**. Piper has always said that Lewis was not a man, he was a world and this is what Lewis wrote on giving up everything for Christ.



"Give up yourself and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, the death of your ambitions and favourite wishes and the death of your whole body, submit with every fiber of your being and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours, look for yourself and you will find in the long run only loneliness, despair, ruin and decay but look for Christ and you will find him and with him, everything else will be thrown in.

SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

Having traveled hundreds of kilometers across Uganda, sometime on the most atrocious roads imaginable, and in the words of Williams Perkins having "preached my lungs out" to these dear people, let me now go into the "Missionary Workshop" and spend time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians, after which time I was able to pray. There was so much to give thanks to



the Lord for, souls have been saved for Eternity, Pastors have been encouraged and challenged with some even wanting to come and study with us next year. Then I remembered another unreached people group in Africa, the SEGEZU people who live in Tanzania. It was then time for **Oswald Chambers** and this is what he wrote this morning:

"The first thing that happens after we have realized our Election to God in Christ Jesus is the destruction of our prejudices and patriotisms, and we are turned into servants of God's own purpose."

Another servant of God in Piper's amazing book is **C.S. Lewis**. Listen to how he described his conversation as the most dejected and reluctant convert in all of England.



"You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalene College, night after night feeling whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly feared had come upon me, in the trinity term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God and knelt down and prayed, perhaps that night the most dejected and reluctant convert in all of England."

This morning Pastor Alex had a wedding in Jinga, which gives me a wonderful opportunity to catch up and learn how to eat sugar cane!

I was also able to:

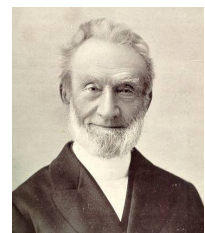
1. Write out a Survey of the Old Testament
2. Write out a Survey of the New Testament
3. Write out a Survey of the book of Romans



Some of the Pastors from Tororo asked me to kindly set this out for them before I go. All of this is of course in on my website, but sadly, many of them do not have computers. By God's grace, the **Footprints into Africa** website is amazing, full of Resources for pastors across Africa to use. What is so encouraging is that two of our dreams have now been realized.

1. My sixty-one Journals of all my trips into Africa have now been published under the title "MY AFRICAN DREAM", these two volumes are stunning.
2. Our Distance Learning Certificate in Theology has now been translated into Swahili, which will enable me to reach even more people across Central Africa.
3. Charmaine continues to do the most amazing work in collating all my sermon outlines and lectures over forty years into nine books, which we are going to call "THE BRIEFCASE SEMINARY". It has been an enormous undertaking, and God willing will be ready in the New Year.

Let me now end another perfect day of ministry in Africa by again quoting from Piper's great book. One of the men that he speaks about is **George Müller**, and this what Mueller wrote concerning the need to saturate ourselves with the Bible. It makes riveting reading.




"It is needful in order that happiness in the Lord may continue, that the Bible be regularly read. It is God's appointed means for the nourishment of the inner man, consider it, ponder over it, read regularly through the Scriptures consecutively and not pick up here and there. If we do, we will remain spiritual dwarfs. I tell you so affectionately, that the first four years after my conversion I made little progress because I neglected the Bible. Now I have been doing this for forty seven years and have read through the Bible about one hundred times and I always find it fresh when I begin again."

What a challenge that was as I now drift off to sleep so privileged to be here in Uganda. By God's grace, I have only read the Bible fifty two times, so I have a long way to go to reach George Müller.

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Sadly, my time here in Uganda has drawn to a close and I will fly back this afternoon, spend the evening in Johannesburg, and then fly home early on Monday morning. There waiting for me will be all the exam papers which the students have written while I have been away. So let me go into the "Missionary Workshop" and there begin the day with my devotions. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians, after which time I could spend time in prayer. Today I remembered all that has happened up here in Uganda and then was able to pray for the KAGORO, another unreached people living in Mali. Then **Oswald Chambers** reminded me of what it means to have Jesus Christ as my Master:

"To have a Master means that there is no one who knows me better than I know myself, one who is closer than a friend, one who fathoms the remotest abysses of my heart and satisfies it, one who has brought me into the secure sense that he has met and solved every perplexity and problem of my mind. You have only one Master, even Christ."

At the moment, I am reading another brilliant  book **"Biblical Christianity in Modern Africa"** by Dr. Wilbur O' Donovan. My friends it is brilliant and he begins by giving us some of the statistics of the phenomenal church growth taking place in Africa today. Here are the figures:

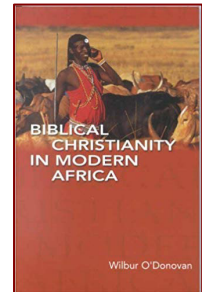
In 1900 there were 10 million Christians in Africa; in 1985 236 million; in 2010 450 million - an average of 115,000 people become Christians every week in Africa. I am not sure what those statistics say to you, but for me it is a confirmation that there is no better place for ministry in the world, than in Africa. By God's grace, **KMBC** and **Footprints into Africa** are at the very heart of what God is doing around the world.

Then it was time to say goodbye to Joel and Grace. While I was walking around Tororo, I bought them each a traditional Ugandan hat, which I gave to them and one to Alex. It happens very seldom but I found it very moving to see Joel in tears as I said goodbye. My dear brother Alex then very kindly drove me along the new highway to Entebbe

airport from where I caught the flight down to Johannesburg, saying goodbye to such a precious brother is never easy.

On landing in Johannesburg, I found a very cheap B & B near the airport, which meant I could read my books and finish writing up this journal. Looking back it has been an excellent trip. Although it took place in the outlying areas, there was a huge response to my lectures and one of the biggest lessons I learned again was the value of relationships. Having been to Uganda seven times I have been able to build up strong relationships with pastors in Kampala, Jinga, Kalerio, Buwenge, Tororo, even as far as Balle. Besides this, it was a huge encouragement for me to see the work done by our past students. Alex has one of the largest churches in Kampala. Sylvia is doing a lovely work in Bugiri, while Fred, Emmanuel and George have excellent churches in Buwenge. One of present students Daniel will soon be trained and go back to assist his father in Kampala. I am so very grateful to the Lord for opening up this ministry into Africa for me; it is right where I should be.

Now before I drift off to sleep listen to a wonderful quote from **Wilbur O' Donovan**, who wrote the following on Missions:



"The life of God himself is therefore reflected in what the Church is and does when it is sent out to belong to the world. It is therefore not surprising that when people begin to study the Bible they find themselves led to the very heart of its message - the Church's mission is not additional to its being, it exists as it is sent and active in Missions."

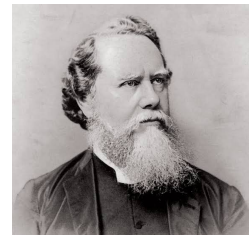
MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

I will catch the first flight out of Johannesburg but let me first make sure that I go into the "Missionary Workshop" and spend time with the Lord. My Bible reading continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalm and 2 Corinthians, after which time I could then pray especially for another unreached people, the LUMIEN people who live in China. **Oswald Chambers** was so good this morning:

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

What a huge reminder that was for me today because working across Africa is not always easy. Later while waiting to board the plane for Durban I was so blessed by this quote in Piper's book describing the call of **Hudson Taylor**.

In a miniscule way I can relate so much to it - called to leave everything, to go as a Missionary into Africa, that special day as I knelt down at the Altar in the Cathedral in Lubumbashi I was to learn how to live by faith in total dependence on God to supply all my personal needs, as well as all the needs of Footprints into Africa and KMBC. It has been the most humbling experience:



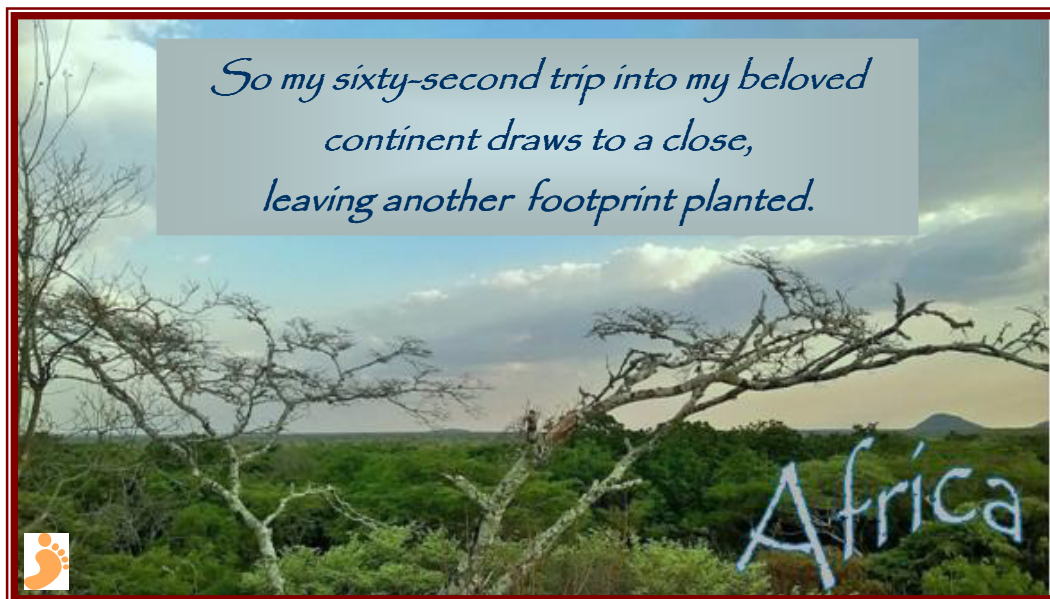
"On Sunday, 25 June, 1865 unable to bear the sight of a congregation of over 1000 or more Christian people rejoicing in their own security, while millions were perishing for lack of knowledge, I wandered out onto the sands alone, in great spiritual agony and there the Lord conquered my unbelief as I surrendered myself to God for His service. I told Him that all the responsibility as to issues and consequences must rest with him, but as His servant, it was mine to obey and to follow. Need I say what peace at once flowed into my burdened heart?"

After a quick flight down to Durban, I drove up to Pietermaritzburg arriving just before lunch and could begin all my marking. By God's grace another footprint has been planted in Africa, my sixty second trip is now over and God willing six pastors will be coming to KMBC in January. Because of your amazing and generous giving and your prayers, you need to know that these trips into Africa are bearing much fruit. We are on the verge of the biggest intake we have ever had at KMBC for next year with up to sixteen people applying just for Missions. I will be able to spend the next month completing my lectures at KMBC before I go up to Malawi and Mozambique for my final trips for 2019.

I want you to read carefully a quote from **David Platt**, it is a magnificent conclusion for this trip, and it summarized my heartbeat perfectly. During this trip, I read of John Calvin being "A bow always strung", of John Bunyan whose blood was Bibline, of Chambers saying we must never blunt the longing to be My Utmost for His Highest, but now **Platt** adds another ingredient:



"Isn't this the model of Jesus? During his ministry on earth he spend more time with twelve men than with everyone else put together. In John 17 where he recounts his ministry before going to the Cross, he does not mention to multitudes he preached to or the miracles he performed. As spectacular as those events were, they were not his primary focus. Instead, fifty times Jesus speaks to and about the men in whom he had invested his life, they were his focus. He had given them one command as their commission, **Go and Make Disciples**, do with others what I have done with you. Jesus had said do not sit in a classroom, share your lives, do not build extravagant buildings, build extraordinary people. Make disciples who will make disciples, who will make disciples and together multiply the Gospel to all people. When he came to his ascension, Jesus had no buildings or programmes to point to and no crowds to boast of; just one hundred and twenty unschooled, ordinary people were gathered."



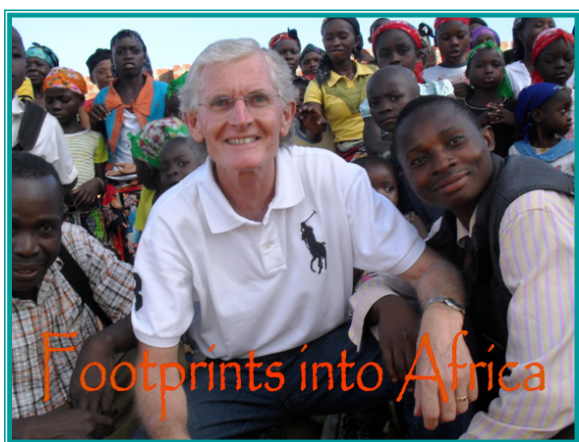
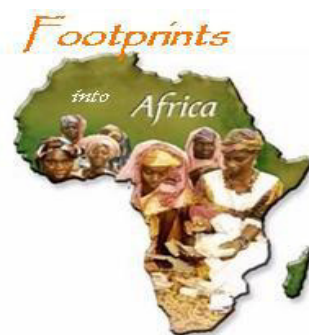
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one the followings avenues:

- ☑ 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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