

My Missions Trip to MALAWI

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MALAWI

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INTRODUCTION

I cannot fully understand why I have been so incredibly blessed this year especially in being able to visit into Central Africa. Having been to Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia and having just returned from Kenya I am now on my way to MALAWI, a country I love so much. David Livingstone did the most amazing work there so besides my very busy schedule I will be able to visit some of the places he went to; I look forward to it so much.

As always I try and prepare for these trips into Africa and I managed to find two additional books on Livingstone which I hadn't read before, both were fantastic.

1. THE WAY TO ILALA - Frank Debenham - here are 2 quotes which struck me:

*"One is inclined to say that Livingstone had now found his true bent, to journey alone into Africa with the minimum of paraphernalia, amongst which his real treasures were his sextant and compass, his almanac and his Bible. In fact Livingstone as a skipper seems to have had the same faults and the same virtues as he had already shown as leader on land. He was apt to feel and speak more kindly to the black men than to the white. He never shared his thoughts or plans with anyone, he was liable to be haphazard over discipline and regularity. **On the other hand, he would ask no one to do anything he would not undertake himself**, he was utterly fearless and he was a better navigator than most ship-masters"*

The debate as to whether we should remember David Livingstone as an explorer or as a missionary goes on So this quote made interesting reading.

*"This was precisely what David Livingstone did not want to be, and the fat was very nearly in the fire over the plan that was ultimately agreed upon. Livingstone wrote back very bluntly saying that he '**..could only feel in the way of duty by working as a missionary.**' He stated his intentions more clearly in a letter to his old friend and supporter, Mr. James Young ('Paraffin' Young as he called him, as he had made his money out of that fuel) at the same time: 'I would not consent to go simply as a geographer, but as a missionary, and do geography by the way, because I feel I am in the way of duty when trying either to enlighten those poor people, or open their land to lawful commerce.'*

2. THE MARTYRS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

(The Schonberg-Cotta Family)

The section on Livingstone was fantastic and I picked up things which I had not read before. Listen to some great quotes from his own writings, stirring stuff to read:

1. On His Conversion:

But although great pains had been taken by his parents, he said, to instil the doctrines of Christianity into his mind, it was not until his twentieth year that the light came which kindled his whole life.

"The change" he wrote, "was like what may be supposed would take place were it possible to cure a case of 'colour blindness.' The perfect freeness with which the pardon of all our guilt is offered in God's book drew forth feelings of affectionate love to Him who bought us with His blood, and a sense of deep obligation to Him for His mercy has influenced, in some small measure, my conduct ever since."

2. The Missionary's Object

In his application to the London Missionary Society he counts the cost of a missionary career in words which are a record of his own.

"The missionary's object," he writes, "is to endeavour by every means in his power to make known the Gospel, by preaching, exhortation, and instruction of the young, improving as far as is in his power the temporal condition of those among whom he labours by introducing the arts and sciences of civilization, and doing everything to commend Christianity to their hearts and consciences. He will be exposed to great trials of faith and patience from the indifference and distrust and even direct opposition and scorn of those among whom he is labouring; he may be tempted to despondency from the little apparent fruit of his exertions, and exposed to all the contaminating influences of heathenism." "The hardships and dangers of missionary life, as far as I have had the means of ascertaining their nature and extent, have been the subject of serious reflection, and, independence on the promised assistance of the Holy Spirit, I have no hesitation in saying that I would willingly submit to them,....."

3. His Missionary Heart

His first two years in Africa were but the first steps of the path he never ceased to pursue.

"I am a missionary heart and soul," he said and long afterwards, when other work was proposed to him. "God had one only Son, and He was a Missionary and a Physician. A poor, poor imitation of Him I am, or wish to be. In this service I hope to live, and in it I wish to die."

And by missionary work he understood, from first to last, to seek and to save that which was lost. As soon as any portion of the flock was gathered into any fold, his heart went out to those still wandering outside. Whatever might be the vocation of others, this was what he believed to be his, and, also, this was his conception of the present work and position of the Christian Church, not so much a collection of folds, as one flock following one Shepherd, and going forth after Him to gather in His "other sheep."

"Anywhere," was his response to the Directors, *"if it is only forward."* My Life may be spent as profitably as a pioneer as in any other way,"

"We must penetrate Africa"

People talk of the sacrifices I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as part of a great debt owing to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter?

"Anxiety, sickness, or suffering or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink; but let this be only for a moment. All these are nothing compared to the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us."

"I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us; 'who being the brightness of His Father's glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all

things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.'

"I beg to direct your attention to Africa. I know that in a few years I shall be cut off in that country, which is now open; do not let it be shut again! I go back to Africa to try to make an open path for commerce and Christianity; do you carry out the work which I have begun. I leave it with you"

Mr. Young closed with his view on Livingstone:

"the best man he ever knew, with more of true filial trust in God, more of the spirit of Christ, more of integrity, purity, and simplicity of character, and of self-denying love for his fellow-men"

It was a great book...

NOW FOR MY DIARY

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Today I catch a flight from Pietermaritzburg to Johannesburg, from there on to Blantyre where I will be met by Charles Tembo. Immediately I will go into a Pastors' Conference in the rural areas around Samoti. I have a packed schedule but first I did my readings from the Bible, reading from 2 Kings, Titus, Hosea and Psalms. In his classic "My Utmost for His Highest" Oswald Chambers wrote:

"The passion of Christianity is that I deliberately sign away my own rights and become a bond-slave of Jesus Christ. Until I do that, I do not begin to be a saint. One student a year who hears God's call would be sufficient for God to have called this college into existence. This college as an organisation is not worth anything, it is not academic, it is for nothing else but for God to help himself for lives. Is he going to help Himself to us, or are we taken up with our conception of what we are going to be."

That puts my feelings regarding KMBC perfectly. What a glorious 24 years we have had seeking to live up to this quote, but the Lord has been amazing with over 300 students having now been through KMBC and serving the Lord across Africa.

A huge bonus for me on these trips is to read some books; they stir me greatly and fuel the fire for missions into Africa. On the plane I started to read ALBERT SCHWEITZER by George Seaver. Albert Schweitzer achieved greatness as a theologian, philosopher, musician and as a missionary doctor. He felt compelled to leave everything behind in order to become a doctor and to help preserve life in Africa. His work at Lambarene in Cameroon, to which he devoted 35 years, is legendary. Listen to what he wrote:

1. ON SACRIFICE

What is the nature of the sacrifice involved for Him? It is not the deprivation of civilized amenities, nor the cultural interests, nor the stimulus of social intercourse, nor of friendly fellowship, nor of the exchange of ideas with kindred minds, nor of all access to libraries or to organs. It is something quite different and almost startling in its simplicity.

"Not to preach any more, not to lecture anymore, was for me a great sacrifice."

2. HIS MOTIVATION

The stimulus which drove Schweitzer out of the cool, sequestered way of life into the heat and dust of the arena, which impelled him to abandon further prospects of a brilliant career in science and music and letters in order, as he put it to himself "to try and live in the spirit of Jesus"

Landed safely in Blantyre after a good flight from Johannesburg....wow....its wonderful to be back, I love coming to Malawi, but they have given me 10 one hour talks to do in 2 days, plus Council meetingsso here goes!!! Dan very kindly collected me and took me to Mark's home where we enjoyed some wonderful fellowship together. After tea we went and looked around THE HILLSIDE SCHOOL where Mark teaches. Interesting to see how 50% of the pupils are Asian, 25% are blacks and 25% the rest, but a wonderful set up doing a great work in Malawi. From there we went to John and Ann McGrath for supper and then led the Bible Study on Acts 13:1-4 "THE IDEAL CHURCH." How critical the local church is to the plan of our missionary God for reaching our world. It seemed to go well as we all long to build mission sending churches. I was then taken to my host, Logan Rangasami, who kindly will put me up for these few days.

Closed off the day with a few hours of reading and managed to finish a book I was given at Synod by Christopher Wright entitled 'THE MISSION OF GOD'S PEOPLE.' Listen to how he concluded on the GOAL of missions..

"if God desires every knee to bow to Jesus and every tongue to confess Him, so should we. We should be jealous for the honour of His name - troubled when it remains unknown, hurt when it is ignored, indignant when it is blasphemed, and all the time anxious and determined that it shall be given the honour and glory which are due to it. The highest of all missionary motives is neither obedience to the Great Commission, nor love for sinners who are alienated and perishing, strong as that incentive is, especially when we contemplate the wrath of God...BUT...rather zeal-burning and passionate zeal for the glory of Jesus Christ, Before this supreme goal of the Christian mission, all unworthy motives wither and die."

Please Lord grant me that zeal-burning and passionate zeal for the glory of Jesus. It was a wonderful book, now I head for some sleep as I have 5 talks to give tomorrow and to speak at a youth rally - another great day in Africa...

FRIDAY - 5 NOVEMBER

Woke up early to a magnificent morning in Africa, so blessed to be alive and to be teaching the precious Word of God in Malawi. Began with my Bible readings from 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and Philemon. I always love reading v6 and v11 of Philemon, listen..

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have (v6) a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. (v11) formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful...

Isn't that amazing how the Lord, in His grace, transforms the useless into the useful. Always read from Oswald Chambers "My Utmost for His Highest" and this is what he says this morning..

"If you are going to be used by God, He will take you through a multitude of experiences that are not meant for you at all, they are meant to make you useful in His hands...."

Wow...Stanley the 'cook boy' has just brought my breakfast, enough for a king...it really is tough here in Malawi, what would Livingstone think of me!!!

Billy and Freda Farr sent me a book from Ireland which I started this morning. It is written by Simon Guillebrand a missionary from Burundi called "A CALL TO RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP." It is mind blowing stuff; listen to what I read this morning

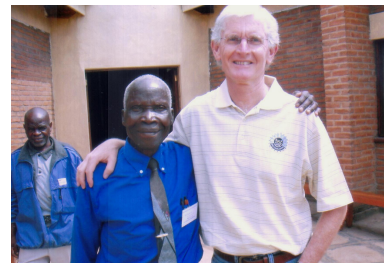
"today most of us live in societies that seek to minimize risks at all costs. But in the domain of faith different dynamics apply. We can't and shouldn't aspire to neatly packaged formulae or plans. The great man of faith, Hudson Taylor, made the following observations - unless there is an element of risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith. Our danger is that we may faithfully attend our churches, read our Bibles, contribute to the needs of the community, tick all the boxes of what a Christian is meant to do, and yet never take a simple risk. That's part of the reason why following Jesus is meant to be an adventure. The journey is unpredictable, full of unexpected detours, sometimes distractions and dangers too ...but we can have confidence in the One who is leading the Way."

So as Mark Twain says:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones that you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore - dream - discover."

That's a word for me ... so now I'm off to give 5 talks on 1 Thessalonians.

What a brilliant day out in the rural areas of SAMOTI where the Pastors Conference was very well attended. Gave 4 talks on 1 Thessalonians from 10am-4pm so came back exhausted but very fulfilled. Spoke on Christian Evangelism (ch1), Christian Ministry (ch2), Christian Behaviour (ch3) and Christian Hope (ch4). Tomorrow will cover the three remaining talks. Two of those attending are wanting to come to KMBC so we had a great time together.



Had a quick nap and then set off to John and Ann McGrath's home for the Youth meeting. This is a most amazing group to visit with between 70-120 teenagers. They all play games, have a hamburger and then listen to the Word of God. It reminds me

so much of the old Y.F.C days. I spoke on "Running the Race" so I hope it was a challenge to some. After everyone had left, had a good time with John and Ann - a truly remarkable couple.



After a full day of ministering the Word of God it's wonderful to be back and do some reading from this book on radical discipleship. Listen to some great quotes on C.T. Studd:

"wow! I cannot relate to C.T. Studd - he is far too hardcore for me - and yet I want to relate to him. I want to be absolutely everything for the Lord, because He is worth everything - and yet I want to hold on to common sense! Common sense will so often rationalize averageness and lukewarmness..."

Another quote:

"I want to play my part in turning the world upside down, I want to be fearless, bold, uncompromising and passionate in reaching out to the lost on behalf of the King of Kings, I never want to get over the grace of God. So may the God of grace help you and me to discover this dangerous, revolutionary, earth transforming message and translate it into our daily living."

Speaking of William Carey he wrote:

"before dying, knowing that one of his supporters wanted to write about his life, Carey conveyed his wishes - if one should think it worth his while to write my life, I will give you a criterion by which you may judge its correctness. If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond this will be too much. I CAN PLOD. I can persevere in any definite pursuit, to this I owe everything."

He also quotes Diedrich Bonhoeffer:

"when Jesus Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die."

And then George Mueller:

"there was a day when I died, utterly died. I died to George Meuller, his opinions, preferences, tastes and will, died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to show myself approved of God."

On Hell:

"we cannot afford to have a hazy theology of hell if we're to respond to the call to radical discipleship. Hell is relevant to all of us, because it will be the eternal destination of so many people we interact with."

Can't read another page ... hit the sack but how can I sleep after reading all this? I left at 8.00am returning at 10.00pm, very full programme but what a privilege.

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Another glorious morning in Blantyre. Read from 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and began with Hebrews ending as usual with Oswald Chambers. I spent some precious time in prayer and then turned again to my book to challenge me even more.

On Dreams: *"Dreams by definition are not yet reality. To see them fulfilled will take perseverance, sacrifice and commitment. They won't come into being without huge effort. But we must dream, we must have vision and we must dare to imagine what will come into being if we truly seek to live a radical life of obedience to Jesus. So let's resolve to embrace a life of determined dreaming."*

On the Church: *"the church is the one organisation that exists to a large extent for those outside of itself. We cannot allow ourselves the luxury of playing safe behind closed doors in cosseted pious huddles, immersing ourselves in rapturous worship, assessing the expository skills of the pastor, or getting diverted by inconsequential and peripheral issues whose cosmetic value sucks the very lifeblood of the body of Christ out of it. The church isn't a building but a living, growing, dynamic organic movement of Jesus' people."*

Now I am ready for another full day teaching the Bible at the Pastors Conference and then coming back to a Church Council meeting in the evening ... phew ... what a day ahead ... One last quote from Andrew Murray on the church:

"as we seek to find out why, with such millions of Christians, the real army of God that is fighting the hosts of darkness is so small, the only answer is - the LACK OF HEART. The enthusiasm of the Kingdom is missing, and that is because there is so little enthusiasm for the King."

It is so good being out in Samoti at the Conference. The people are warm and so very appreciative of the teaching. It is about a one hour drive from where I am staying and in places the roads are atrocious, but Charles got us safely there. We stopped at the market along the way and what an experience, 1000's and 1000's of people all bargaining ... I love it. We then all had some tea which the ladies prepared for us over a fire and a fresh roll and then I began teaching. I had 3 sessions finishing our studies in 1 Thessalonians and the group seemed to find them all helpful. Lunch was again cabbage, pap, and a fish from head to toe ... all eaten with your



fingers so I am quite good at this now. One more talk after lunch then I had to go to the bus stop in Blantyre in order to meet one of our past students Lenard Gowa and his son Daniel who wants to come to KMBC. It was fantastic to meet up with him again and from there went to a Church Council meeting followed by a braai, two interviews and I returned to my bed 14 hours later ...

exhausted ... two packed days of ministry.

Closed an incredible day by finishing my book on RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP. Listen..

"we want to recapture the fire of Livingstone, Brainerd and John Paten. We want to echo Count Nicolas von Zinzendorf's words 'I have but one passion - it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world, and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ. We simply cannot reject God's call to go into all nations. That doesn't mean we all have to go ourselves, but we are all implicated and we must all get deeply involved, giving sacrificially, praying strategically, sending and supporting closely those on the front line."

What a full 2 days, now some sleep and then preach at the Blantyre Community Church in the morning from where Eric Keiser will take me to his home in MILANDJE.

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Another hot day in Malawi. Had a great shower and read from the Bible in 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and Hebrews. This quiet time each day, of prayer and Bible reading, gives one fresh light, fresh love and everything we need for the day. Oswald Chambers then wrote on "THE UNDETECTED SACREDNESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES" and said:

"the circumstances of a saint's life are ordained of God. In the life of a saint there is no such thing as chance. God in His providence brings you into circumstances that you cannot understand at all, but the Spirit of God understands."

What an encouragement. Before breakfast I started what looks like a fantastic book, THE JOURNAL ONCE LOST, extracts from the diary of John Sung. I love books like this and just listen to what he wrote in 1928..

"I wish to seek the will of God in all I do. If I have not experienced the reality of God in my heart, I would have worshiped Mammon. But now I have such an intimate relationship with Him, why should I not give up all that I have for Him? His path for me I must tread, unclear as it seems, and His will I must obey."

That's all I want Now I am off to preach The service was excellent, lovely fellowship, great music and I preached from Matthew 7:21-28. The service is held in the hall of "The Evangelical Bible College of Malawi" and it was so good to look around the college and see all their facilities.



From there I popped in at the church where Frederick Charles McKenzie was buried to take some photographs. They were busy with their mass but I had to get a picture of the altar under which McKenzie is buried. So ... I joined the queue, went to the communion rail, genuflected and as I knelt down took the photograph and left (sorry).

From there went to MILANDJE, about 90 kms outside Blantyre and spent the night with Eric and Gail Keiser. It was wonderful seeing them again and we had such fun reminiscing over the old days, ending up with a braai. Eric is the maintenance manager at one of the big tea estates and they live in the most idyllic setting, assisted by 6 servants life is tough in Blantyre!! All I had to be careful of was snakes, so I never slept too well, kept looking for a boomslang.



Closed a most wonderful day with some reading and was again challenged by the radical commitment of WILLIAM BORDEN listen..

" last century a young man felt the call of God in his life to go to China. William Borden was an undergraduate at the time. He also came from an affluent family and attended the prestigious Yale University. His prospects were as good as anyone's, and a successful career would surely follow in whichever field he set his mind to excel. So his family and friends were horrified when he chose to give up everything and head for China. If you want to do good things, then surely there are plenty of needs here. Don't waste your life in a foreign country. BUT he knew what he had to do. He boarded a ship for China, full of faith and hope. By the time he reached Egypt however, it was clear to everyone that he was a dying man. It was at this point that he might have slipped into a self-pitying despair. They were right, I should have stayed back home and lived a respectable life, enjoying my family and friends - but no! as he lay dying in the port of Suez, he scribbled a brief note to his loved ones in America which made a powerful epitaph -

"NO RESERVE, NO RETREAT, NO REGRETS."

MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Got up early to drive all the way back to Blantyre and catch my flight to Johannesburg. While at the airport read my readings from 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and Hebrews. Oswald Chambers reminded us

"have we recognised that our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. If so we must be careful to keep it undefiled for Him. We have to remember that our conscious life, though it is only a tiny bit of our personality is to be regarded by us as a shrine of the Holy Spirit."

Spent some very profitable time reading from "The Journal Once Lost." Listen to what John Sung wrote on 30 March 1920

"last night I read the Gospel of John from 2:10am to 3.37am. What joy indeed. The great love of God was expressed on the Cross and never will He forsake me. Later on I was forced to lie down, and hour later I got up and basked in His love again.

Guided by God, I read the Bible 40 times, each time using a different scheme of study. I devoured the Bible as a thirsty man yearns for water. The Word provided me with the most nutritious of foods, without which I could not have been able to move forward."

Oh! for that passion for the Word of God.

Enjoyed a safe trip to Johannesburg and then on to Pietermaritzburg, so very grateful for another wonderful opportunity to minister in Africa. Tomorrow back to KMBC to do 10 lectures.



SOME PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

1. MALAWI

What a lovely country, it is a great privilege and joy for me to visit here once a year. Malawi has proved to be spiritually the most receptive country in Central Africa. Years of evangelical witness, multiplied house meetings and prayer groups have all contributed to the blessing. To be at the conference, to preach at the youth meeting, to enjoy fellowship with the B.C.C were all huge blessings to me. To see my friends Eric and Gail was the cherry on the top of a great visit. God willing I hope to visit twice next year, once to the rural areas and once to B.C.C.

2. AFRICA.

This is where my heart is ... in Africa. Stanley said of Livingstone

"he was dedicated to Africa, its heat and fevers and their future. There could be no going back on Africa. He had married Africa on that March day in 1841 when he first set foot on its soil and now 30 years later there could be no divorce."

Next year, God willing, I will visit Namibia twice, Malawi twice, Zambia twice and then go back to the Congo which made such a mark on my life in April, all the time encouraging the pastors in the rural areas particularly, speaking at leadership conferences, building up our churches in Kitwe and Lumbumbashi and establishing the Congo Missionary and Bible College.

THARCISSE GATWA, a professor in Missiology from Rwanda wrote the following.

"Christianity is growing rapidly in Africa and many other regions of the Southern Hemisphere. This has resulted in widespread suggestion that Christianity in the south must undertake a new mandate aimed at carrying out a transcultural global mission. The centres of the church's universality were no longer in Geneva, Rome, Athens, Paris, London, New York but in Lagos, Buenos Aires, Kinshasa, Addis Ababa. As Western Christianity struggled to survive secularisation from damaging ideologies of different revolutions, the churches in the South demonstrated extraordinary vitality demographically and spiritually, with peoples of all ages and classes attending church activities and Sunday services."

For sure we must focus on Africa. Regardless of poverty, Africa may be in a position to conquer the global village.

3. TRAINING

In an article by Godell and Nielsen on "survey of the training of the ministry in Africa" they made the following observations

"it is the task of the minister to be "a minister of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God"; he is pre-eminently a "servant of the Word". This does not mean that he can, or should, attempt to evade the tensions and problems of the society in which he ministers. He must feel the full force of the many bewildering and practical problems which confront the members of his congregations. But his first, distinctive and "realistic" task is to see things from the stand point of the Christian Gospel; he must see them in the light of the word of God and be able to speak to them in the power of that word. To do this he must be theologically trained, in the deepest sense of the term." (Goodell & Nielsen, 1954:41-2). They observe that "The progress of the church, and especially the last three decades, has been so rapid, and the part played by Christians in the life of the African countries is so remarkable as to hold out the hope that in fifty years time, tropical Africa might be in the main a Christian continent" (Neil 1950:4).

They went on to say

"the shortage of trained and ordained ministers is one of the most serious weaknesses in the equipment of the church. The majority of African Christians live in small and scattered groups which makes the supervision and spiritual care more difficult than in countries where the parochial

systems in its fullness has long been established if we are keen to minister for future generations we need to invest in both quality and quantity education, equipping intellectually, spiritually and pastorally for both the church and society."

This makes our work at K.M.B.C top priority. It has driven us for the past 24 years and I pray will do so for many years to come, training godly preachers for Africa. Nothing could be better.

4. CENTRAL AFRICA CONFERENCE

In 2012 I want to have our first Central African Pastors Conference. This will be a massive undertaking, getting our students from Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Madagascar, Malawi, Burundi, Rwanda and South Africa all together for a week of teaching and fellowship. Pray for "Footprints into Africa" which will co-ordinate everything. Wowwhat a dream Please pray for us.

CONCLUSION

William Carey, the father of the modern missionary movement is remembered for the famous slogan he launched during the gathering that formed the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792

*"expect great things from God
undertake great things for God"*

Like the apostles Peter and Paul who followed in the footsteps of Jesus. The early missionary movements, the 18th and 19th century movements were all the result of a miracle, many of them from modest even poor upbringing had no major investment in common, faith in the power of the spirit to move all over the world.

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