

# MY FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA

## TRIP TO ZAMBIA

### “FINDING CHITAMBO’S TREASURE”



The burial place of  
David Livingstone’s heart

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## INTRODUCTION

I am so very excited about making my 24<sup>th</sup> missions trip into Central Africa. The Lord has given me a deep love for Africa and her people and these trips are such a blessing.

R. Dowden wrote:

*“AFRICA has a reputation: poverty, disease and war.  
BUT when outsiders do go, they are often surprised by Africa’s welcome,  
entranced rather than frightened. Visitors are welcome and cared for in Africa.  
If you go, you will find most Africans friendly, gentle and infinitely polite.  
You will frequently be humbled by Africa’s generosity.”*

On this trip I will be going into ZAMBIA where we have organized our first Footprints into Africa Central Africa Pastor’s Conference.

Two of our past students, Anderson Mwila and Annie Muya have been amazing in setting it up. God willing, they expect between 200 – 300 delegates from all over Central Africa and the program is very full. I will be delivering eight talks and then preaching on the Sunday ... it should be amazing especially meeting up with many of our past students who are now serving the Lord right across Africa. Once the Conference is over, I have arranged an exciting adventure ... **“Finding Chitambo”** ... heading off to look for the tree under which David Livingstone’s heart was buried. That will be one of the highlights of my life ... can’t wait to find it.

Helen Blakeslee wrote:

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

So I head back into Africa, my heart is full, my talks prepared, my malaria pills packed and for this trip I have brought four fantastic books to read.



1. The life of Thomas Chalmers by William Hanna
2. Mission between times by C.R. Padilla
3. An African Apostle (story of David Ndaruhutse) by P. Relph
4. The Kingdom of God in Africa by Mark Shaw

## UPDATE ON ZAMBIA

1. Christianity continues to be widely accepted, even in public institutions and the media. Influential Christians such as past presidents have further increased evangelical Christianity's profile. Freedom of all religions is practiced, and the opportunity to minister as believers to the many challenges Zambia faces means an open door for Christian work. Evangelicals were 3.8% in 1960, 8% in 1980, 25.7% in 2010.
2. New holistic ministries are springing up, initiated both from abroad and from within the nation. The human needs in Zambia are formidable – 17<sup>th</sup> from the bottom in the Un Human Development Index – but creative grassroots projects and agencies are beginning to meet these needs. Praise God for ambitious, faith-filled people working for transformation on both small and grand scales.



## **CHALLENGES FOR PRAYER**

1. The declaration of Zambia as a Christian nation in 1991 was encouraging, but the outworking is sorely lacking. Ex-President Chiluba, an outspoken believer, was accused (and cleared in court) of embezzlement, and his successor Mwanawasa, who actively rooted out such corruption, died suddenly and unexpectedly. While Zambia remains an island of stability and peace surrounded by countries rocked by war and strife, national transformation along biblical lines is conspicuous by its absence. Pray that the dedication of Zambia to Christ would be reflected by the dedication of its leaders and its Christians to see a land blessed by and honouring God.
2. Poverty and its many causes need to be tackled wisely but aggressively. Consider the following: up to 86% of the population are below the poverty line; agriculture and copper mining, which employ the large majority of the population, are dependent on erratic weather and markets. Between 33% and 50% of children are malnourished; 40% of the people do not have access to clean water or adequate sanitation. Illiteracy in rural areas is 90%. Current economic growth cannot offset the high birthrate or AIDS prevalence. All of these challenges are beginning to be met by a great host of agencies working in development, healthcare, education, vocational training, microfinance and other areas. Pray for wise policy-making, responsible borrowing by the state and for long term sustainable investing and ministry that will uplift the nation to greater development. Pray for the right balance between external assistance and homegrown solutions.
3. The “brain drain” of many of Africa’s brightest and best to richer nations impacts Zambia deeply. While Zambian doctors, lawyers, businessmen, professionals and pastors set up shop in South Africa, Europe and North America, their home nation cries out for precisely the skills and resources they have to offer. Pray for conviction to return to be blessings and the ideal missionaries to their country.
4. Growth among Protestant and Independent churches is encouraging. Growing Pentecostal churches are matched by evangelical and renewal growth in mainline churches such as the United Church. Yet there are dangers:
  - a. Superficiality and lack of biblical understanding and teaching. Too few know the Word of God or how to live a Christian life. Good teachers and trained pastors are greatly needed.
  - b. Imported forms and structures of worship cause a disconnect between African culture and the gospel, but syncretism with indigenous beliefs and practices that are not biblical is no improvement. The flourishing of truly African but also truly biblical expression of Christian lifestyle, theology and worship patterns is essential; praise God that this is already happening.
5. Churches still vary widely in spiritual quality and vigour. Pray for:
  - a. The many thriving evangelical congregations in the Northwest. This area has a high concentration of evangelical believers, largely as a result of the ministry of the Brethren/CMML, SIM and Baptists. There is still a need for

- spiritual depth and learning but enthusiasm is high for ministry and mission.
- b. The fruitful work of the Brethren in Christ among the Tonga peoples in the South, healthcare and pastoral training are 2 key emphases in this area.
  - c. The reformed church among the Nyanja peoples in the East, which is theologically evangelical, large in number and still growing.
6. The Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia is a network of over 200 denominations, missions and para-church organizations. It is an important focal point of fellowship and cooperative efforts.
  7. Zambia is a major destination and thorough fare for people. Instability in the nations surrounding Zambia has sent hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing into Zambia, so pray that Zambia might be the location where many uprooted people discover the living God.
  8. The AIDS crisis – this overwhelms the health services, the economy and the pastoral work of churches (100 000 AIDS related death per year). Therefore pray for those working to reduce AIDS and especially for children where Zambia has 710 000 orphans, mostly due to AIDS. Nearly 20% of all children suffer from the loss of their parents.

## MY DIARY



### TUESDAY, 3 JULY

Battled to sleep last night, my mind was racing ahead to all that awaits me in Zambia. As always I got up a little earlier to do my devotions. At the moment I am reading through Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. What a blessing to read the precious Word of God each day. At the end I read from Oswald Chambers in MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST. This morning he wrote:

*“it sounds so easy to talk about resting in the Lord and waiting patiently for Him, until the rest is upset – until we live, as so many are doing, in tumult and anguish, is it possible then to rest in the Lord? All our fret and worry is caused by “calculating without God”.*

As I mentioned I am reading through the life of one of my heroes THOMAS CHALMERS ... what a man. After a time in pastoral work he was called to lecture at Edinburgh University. Listen to what his lectures were like:

## LECTURES

*"Chalmers commenced each class period with a brief prayer followed by a succinct outline of his lecture to follow. In his delivery Chalmers made few concessions to his change from pulpit to lecture room. Some students were so spellbound by the presentation and the vision, comprehensive, systematic, unified truth which Chalmers embodied as well as expounded that they never got past taking down the grand design – the resultant atmosphere was highly conducive to hero-worship. Many of his students were young men, and it is not surprising that someone of Chalmers' strength of personality should have made an enormous imprint on their lives ..."*

Wouldn't that be so wonderful if in some small, small way my lectures at KMBC were like that? During his many years of preaching and lecturing he always went back to the CROSS, listen:

## CROSS

*"during the succeeding years, the one grand, all pervading thought of salvation through Christ Jesus runs through all the productions of his pen, imbues his correspondence, it was the only cause for which he published and spoke, and it fills the pages of his journal ..."*

All set to go now, my heart is full and I'm off into Central Africa. From Pietermaritzburg I will fly to Johannesburg and from there on to Ndola. On the plane so enjoyed Chalmers, listen to two quotes which are so challenging:

## READ BIBLE

*"when you are reading Newton's sermons, and Baxter's Saints Rest and Doddridge's Rise and Progress ... where do Matthew, Mark, Luke and John go?"*

That is my biggest temptation, to read so many books but neglect my Bible reading. What a reminder!!

## STUDY

*"Thomas Chalmers devoted at least 5 hours each day to STUDY. I use the word in its proper sense, he was thus studiously occupied partly before breakfast and thereafter till one or two o'clock, in reading and meditation. These were his hours and it was understood that they were, except the event of some special emergency, not to be invaded by friend or stranger."*

After two excellent flights arrived in NDOLA and it was so wonderful to be back. Every time I come back to Africa I remember that famous speech which David Livingstone gave in Bath in December 1857.

*"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 and open a path for commerce and Christianity. Do you carry on the work which I have begun? I leave it to you."*

In my small, insignificant way, I want to pour out the remaining years of my life into Africa, training up pastors at KMBC and then preaching into Africa. At the Ndola airport, once I had passed through customs I had to do the normal thing of getting a SIM card, some money and then start bargaining for a taxi.



Before the Conference started, I was privileged to pay a visit to NSOBE PARK. It was fantastic ... I loved being here – The area is a community and conservation project. There is a village set up here where they employ many local people and the park had everything a visitor could want. They have a Fish Farm; a Piggery and they also farm Honey. For hot water they have an ingenious way of heating water – a fire is lit in a small brick structure that looks like a chimney and this smoulders slowly all day providing hot water ... amazing way of life here ...



Peter Moore in his book SWAHILI FOR THE BROKEN HEARTED said the following about ZAMBIA:

*"I liked ZAMBIA. It was humid and dark, with crumbling roads lined with enormous Bunyan trees. Women dressed in brightly coloured kangas, balanced loads on their heads as they dodge puddles full of orange-brown water. There were hand painted road signs rather than mass produced ones, and the cars that drove on the roads looked like they had been stolen from a wrecking yard. It was laid back, almost to the point of being comatose, in Zambia I got the feeling that nothing had changed since the British left."*

After supper I was able to do nothing better than close off a great day by reading from Chalmers. Listen now to his sermons and their impact on the congregation. (oh no ..... the electricity has just gone off!!)

#### HIS SERMONS

*"Suppose the congregation thus assembled – pew filled with sitters, and aisles, to a great extent, with standers. They wait in eager expectation. The preacher appears. The devotional exercises of praise and prayer having been gone through with unaffected simplicity and earnestness, the entire assembly set themselves for the treat, with feelings very diverse in kind, but all eager and intent. There is a hush of dead silence. The text is announced, and he begins. Every countenance is up – every eye bent, with fixed intentness on the speaker. As he kindles, the interest grows. Every breath is held – every cough is suppressed – every fidgety movement is settled – every one riveted himself by the spell of the impassioned and entrancing eloquence, knows how sensitively his neighbour will resent the very slightest disturbance. Then, by-and-by, there is a pause. The speaker stops – to gather his breath – to wipe his forehead – to adjust his gown, and purposely, too, and wisely, to give the audience, as well as himself, a moment or two of relaxation. The moment is embraced – there is a free breathing – suppressed coughs get vent – postures are changed – there is a universal stir, as of persons who could not have endured the constraint much longer – the preacher bends forward – his hand raised – all is again hushed. The same stillness and strain of unrelaxed attention is repeated, more intent still, it may be, than before, as the interest of the subject and the speaker advance, and so, for perhaps four or five times in the course of a sermon, there is the relaxation, and the 'at it again' till the final winding up."*

So I close so very privileged to be in the heart of Africa, I love her people, the sounds and the smells ... unbelievable

## WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY

Woke up to a magnificent sunrise in Zambia, wow ... it is such a privilege to be here. My readings this morning were again from Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. As a young man in his 20's Jonathan Edwards wrote:

### BIBLE

*"resolve to study the Bible so steadily, constantly and frequently as that I may find and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same."*

May that always be true in my life. Closed again by reading Oswald Chambers who said

*"to be a disciple is to be a devoted love-slave of the Lord Jesus."*

After breakfast was able to spend a little time learning from this brilliant book on Thomas Chalmers. I have shown you something of his lectures, his love for the Bible and his preaching. Now listen to how he decided to resign from the biggest Church in Scotland in order to lecture and prepare men for ministry.

### HIS DECISION TO TRAIN

*"Although he had previously declined many propositions from both vacant churches and chairs, this was so entirely congenial to his feelings, and coincided so well with his now fixed purposes of devoting much of his time to the work of authorship, and came to him also at a period when his various plans for his parish were all fairly in operation, that, without any further consultation, he frankly intimated his acceptance, with the understanding that he should not enter upon the duties of the office until November of the same year. This decision was forthwith made known to the gentlemen of his agency. The announcement was to them a most painful surprise. They found it difficult to comprehend the motive which could actuate a man to withdraw from a place of such publicity, popularity and success, to the obscurity of a professor's lecture room, and they doubtless experienced a sinking of heart in view of their own future labours, when he who had been the mainspring of all should be withdrawn. But there was such a firm tone of decision in the language of his letter to them, that they perceived remonstrance to be in vain."*

Jonathan, a local guide showed me around – what a beautiful setting - besides seeing some buck, giraffe and zebra I saw some of the community work they are doing in the area.



After a fantastic cup of tea for KW20, 000, I read again from Chalmers.

### HIS IMPACT ON GLASGOW

*"Glasgow and Scotland, lies open enough to observation. When Dr. Chalmers came to Glasgow, by the great body of the upper classes of society evangelical doctrines were nauseated and despised: when he left it, even by those who did not bow to their*



*influence, these doctrines were acknowledged to be indeed the very doctrines of the Bible. When Dr. Chalmers came to Glasgow, in the eye of the multitude, evangelism stood confounded with a driveling sanctimoniousness or a sour-minded asceticism: when he left it, from all such false associations the Christianity of the New Testament stood clearly and nobly redeemed. When Dr. Chalmers came to Glasgow, for nearly a century, the magistrates and town council had exercised the city patronage in a spirit determinately anti-evangelical: when he left it, so complete was the revolution which had been affected, that from that time forward none but evangelical clergymen were appointed by the city patrons."*

The impact of a godly man, teaching the Word of God is great. Please pray for all our students across AFRICA that they may make an impact on their communities for the Gospel. YET through all his success, Chalmers remained a humble and gentle man. Listen now to how people described him:

GENTLE

*"You ask me to tell you about Dr. Chalmers. I must tell you first, then, that of all men he is the most modest, and speaks with undissembled gentleness and liberality of those who differ from him in opinion. Every word he says has the stamp of genius; yet the calmness, ease, and simplicity of his conversation is amazing."*

So you have now met Thomas Chalmers, his preaching, lecturing, his impact on students and the city in which he ministered, his deep love for the Bible, his gentleness – now let me show you, as we finish this fantastic biography, his impact on missions.

MISSIONS

*"As president of a missionary society, composed of Christians of different denominations, Dr. Chalmers also accomplished a labour of extensive usefulness. Holding monthly meetings for the communication of missionary intelligence, he took the duty of collecting and presenting that information upon himself. The interest attaching to these meetings drew such crowds that he at last had to obtain the Town Hall for their accommodation; and the interest so awakened contributed to encourage and sustain a similar society among the students, which produced fruits of no common value. From that society, formed in the midst of a worldly-minded community; and at first relying for support chiefly upon the known disposition of Dr. Chalmers, went forth Mr. Nesbit to Bombay, 'the oldest Scottish missionary on the field of India,' Mr. Adams to the valley of the Ganges, and that most laborious and successful of all missionaries, Dr. Alexander Duff, to Calcutta, whither he was soon followed by others from the same circle of influence."*

I so long for that in my own life. At the end of the day I ask how many men and women I have encouraged to the mission field, how many have been trained and equipped to bring the Gospel to a lost world. Chalmers was a hero ... one of the very best and I was deeply challenged by his life.

I was now able to start my second book 'MISSION BETWEEN THE TIMES" by Dr. C.R. Padilla, a Baptist Pastor from Buenos Aires. Gerald Anderson said of this book:

*"Mission between the times is a major contribution to evangelical and ecumenical missiology from one of the most important 3<sup>rd</sup> world voices ..."*

Listen to what he says:

*"the most important questions that should be asked with regard to the life and mission of the Church today are NOT related to the relevance of the Gospel but to the CONTENT. The assumption is often made that we Christians know our message and that all we need is a better strategy and more efficient methods to communicate it. Accordingly the effectiveness of evangelism is measured in terms of RESULTS with little or no regard for faithfulness to the Gospel."*

Tomorrow the conference begins, my heart is full and I am so looking forward to it. An amazing bonus will be meeting so many of our past students, now serving the Lord across Central Africa. As the day draws to a close, listen to Eric Liddell:

2<sup>ND</sup> BEST

*"Many of us are missing something in life because we are after the 2<sup>nd</sup> best. I put before you what I have found to be the BEST – one who is worthy of all our devotion – Jesus Christ. He is the Saviour of the young and the old, Lord HERE I AM...."*

Another glorious day in Africa closes, look at these pictures of Nsobe



## **THURSDAY, 5 JULY**

Today the conference starts with Registration in KITWE. Life is amazing here and so challenging to remember that 90% of all people in the rural areas of Zambia are illiterate while 85% of the people live below the poverty line. But first let me read from the precious Word of God from Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. Diedrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

*"Therefore every day in which I do not penetrate more deeply into the knowledge of God's Word in Holy Scripture is a LOST day for me. I can only move forward with certainty upon the firm ground of the Word of God."*

Listen to Oswald Chambers this morning challenging us on 'DON'T CALCULATE WITHOUT GOD'

*"haul yourself up a 101 times a day in order to do it, until you get into the habit of putting God first and calculating with Him in view."*

Such a reminder to me with the challenge of getting in the support for both KMBC and Footprints into Africa. This trip with all the costs of the Conference has been expensive ... but ... Chambers reminded me to calculate with Him in view.

This morning is another beautiful day in Zambia.



Now it is time to start Registration, how wonderful it is for me to work with ANNIE MUYA, one of our past students, who together with ANDERSON has done so much to set up the Conference. Annie is now a pastor in the Brethren in Christ Church and doing an amazing work.



To raise support she runs a Taxi, a real “tent making” ministry. And then to spend time with ANDERSON MWILA again, he really is a spiritual son to me. While I was at Christ Church Pinetown, the Missions Committee supported him each month, but the moment I left, he received an SMS to say that the support was to stop ... so this year he has not had any income. I was devastated to hear his story, but when I left Pietermaritzburg I was given some \$ by a friend so I handed him the money ... he was so moved.

We then made our way back to the home of Anderson’s Mom and Dad where they were ready and waiting for us. They are the most hospitable family and they really see me as a son ... but I don’t think my bedroom has been painted for the past 50 years!!! But it is home for me and I love being with them and sharing in township life. It is so different to everything we do at home, from washing in a bucket to eating meals in community style. This time Anderson and I had to put in a mosquito net and then we had a great meal together. Now I have the evening to myself to read and do final preparations for the four talks I will give tomorrow.



This book by Padilla is outstanding; it has further consolidated so much of my own ideas. Listen to how he describes our message:

*“the Gospel is God’s good news in Jesus Christ, it is good news of the reign He proclaimed and embodies, of God’s mission of love to restore the world to wholeness through the Cross of Christ and Him alone, of His victory over the demonic powers of destruction and death, of His Lordship over the entire universe, it is good news of a new creation, a new humanity, a new birth through Him by His life giving Spirit, of the gifts of the Messianic reign contained Jesus and mediated through Him by His Spirit, of the charismatic community empowered to embody His reign of SHALOM here and now before the whole creation, and make His good news seen and known. It is good news of liberation, of restoration, of wholeness and of salvation that is personal, social, global and cosmic.*

This is a message worth giving your life for and if need be – to die for.

It's now late, my eyes are burning, cannot read another line ... so privileged to be teaching the Bible in Zambia.

## **FRIDAY, 6 JULY**

Today I will be preaching four times at the Conference, so I need to spend time first in God's Word. Was so blessed reading through Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. This morning Oswald Chambers reminded me:

*"God gives us the VISION, then He takes us down into the valley to batter us into the shape of the vision, and it is in the valley that so many of us faint and give way. Every vision will be made real if we will have PATIENCE."*

My vision for KMBC started 27 years ago to train Gospel pastors for ministry into Africa and now Footprints into Africa has been going for 1 year. Here I am now speaking at our first Central Africa Pastors Conference – could not surely be any more exciting. Padilla quoted P.T. FORSYTH.

P T FORSYTH

*"He is for us, to help, save and bless, only that we may be for Him, to worship Him in the communion of the Spirit and serve Him in the majesty of His purpose forever. First we glorify Him, then we enjoy Him forever."*

My bucket of boiling water has arrived for me to wash, after which I will enjoy my breakfast then Anderson and I will head off to the conference.

I was again so challenged to read the quote from DAVID BRAINERD:

BRAINERD

*"oh that I would dedicate my all to God. This is all the return I can make Him. It is impossible for any rational creature to be happy without acting all for God. God Himself could not make him happy any other way ... there is nothing in the world worth living for but doing good and finishing God's work that Christ did. I see nothing else in the world that can yield any satisfaction besides living to God, pleasing Him, and doing His whole will. Here I am ... send me ... send me from all that is called comfort on earth, send me even to death itself, if it be but in Thy service, and to promote Thy Kingdom."*



What a privilege to teach the Word of God to a hungry and grateful people.

I am studying 1 Thessalonians at the Conference so I gave two talks:



1. Christian Evangelism (Chapter 1)
2. Christian Ministry (Chapter 2)

Then I gave two practical sessions on:

1. How to prepare a sermon
2. How to be a servant leader



After speaking for four hours and enjoying an excellent lunch, which cost Footprints KW2,000,000, I made my way home with Anderson to enjoy such a nice cup of tea and catch up with the family.

Later they will bring me supper, then a bucket of boiling water ... so how better to spend the rest of the evening than reading.

Padilla, quoting from the Lausanne Covenant reminded me of the SPIRITUAL WARFARE we are engaged in.

#### SPIRITUAL WARFARE

*"we believe that we are engaged in constant spiritual warfare with the principalities and powers of evil, who are seeking to overthrow the church and frustrate its tasks of world evangelism. We know our need to equip ourselves with God's armour and to fight this battle with the spiritual weapons of truth and prayer. For we detect the activity of our enemy, not only in false ideologies outside the church but also INSIDE it in false Gospels which twist Scripture and put man in the place of God. We need both watchfulness and discernment to safeguard the Biblical Gospel. We also acknowledge that we ourselves are not immune to WORLDLINESS of thought and action, that is, to a surrender to secularism."*

So it is late, everyone is sleeping so I'm off to sleep having enjoyed such a glorious day in Zambia. David Livingstone's brother Charles, living in America, wrote to David urging him to come to America, to which David replied"

*"I am a missionary, heart and soul. God had an only Son, and He was a missionary and a physician. I am a poor, poor imitation of Him, or wish to be. In this service I hope to live, in it I wish to die."* NKOSI SIKELELE AFRIKA



## SATURDAY, 7 JULY

As the birds begin to sing and the rooster crows another day dawns in Africa, another day for me to teach the Word of God at the Conference where I will be preaching for another four sessions. The readings this morning were again from Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. John Calvin wrote this in answer to the question “why read the Bible?”

CALVIN

*“Unto a Christian man there can be nothing either more necessary or profitable than the knowledge of holy Scripture, forasmuch as in it is contained God’s true Word, setting forth His glory and also mans duty. This Word, whoever is diligent to read, and in his heart to print that he readeth, the great affection to the transitory things of this world shall be diminished in him and the great desire of heavenly things shall increase in him.”*

I always close with Oswald Chambers in his “Utmost for His highest”.

*“if we are going to live as disciples of Jesus, we have to remember that all noble things are difficult. The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but the difficulty of it does make us faint and cave in, it rouses us up to overcome.”*

My hot water has arrived so I’m off to shave and get ready for the day before me. After breakfast consisting of a sandwich with a cup of tea, Anderson and I will set out for the Conference. The one great aspect of the Conference is meeting up with all the old KMBC students and hearing how their work is going. For me it is so encouraging to see these men and women sold out preaching the Bible. KMBC has really been used by the Lord over these past 26 years.

Well what a great day!! I gave another four talks from the book of 1 Thessalonians:

1. Christian Behaviour – Chapter 3-4
2. Christian Community – Chapter 5
3. How to keep on fire for God
4. A model – The life and ministry of Jonathan Edwards



The people are so very appreciative; they could not thank me enough for the teaching. During the breaks we were able to promote KMBC and this resulted in a lot of interest in our full-time Diploma courses, the Diploma in Missions and our Distance Learning programme. Won’t you pray with me that those that the Lord wants to come to us, will

come? The Conference ended with the presentation of the Certificates that we had printed and taken up with us. Many, many photographs were taken .... These are such precious memories etched into ones mind.



Slowly wound our way home on the dusty roads with Anderson leading the way and knowing all the short cuts to get us home quickly. Within minutes there was a cup of tea for us from our Mom (Mrs. Mwila – Anderson’s Mom). After all these years there is a great bond of love between the family and I, they cannot believe that a white bishop wants to be in their home, so as we settled down to enjoy a cup of tea, along comes Mr. Mwila, sits on my bed and we started chatting away, such meaningful times. Now ... don’t laugh ... but with the sun setting we made a pact:

1. When I come next year I will paint out my room ...
2. I promised to buy him a cow which he said would be a permanent memory ... so I will start saving ... two million KW!! I made this promise on only one condition .... He must call the cow “Sinbad” .... This was the name of David Livingstone’s ox!!

He was so happy and we then enjoyed supper together – rice, spinach, pasta and Waterbuck meat, all so lovingly prepared.

Now the evening is mine so I will be able to finish this excellent book by C.R. Padilla. Listen to a few interesting observations he writes about ...

#### CHURCH GROWTH

*“the expansion of Christianity in the Third World since World War II is indeed impressive. Never before in history has a religion spread so vastly and so rapidly as Christianity has in the last few decades. .. but the great gains have taken place among animistic people and among the deprived classes in the cities. How can one discard the suspicion that they are but a part of the revival of religion that is taking place all over the world ... for example the flourishing of the occult and Asian religions in the West the resurgence of Islam in parts of Africa, Malaysia, Pakistan, the resurgence of Buddhism in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and the resurgence of Hinduism in India.”*

He writes of the heart-wrenching poverty which there is in the world, the tremendous DIVIDE between the rich and the poor. On my trips into Africa, as I live with the people in the townships, in the rural areas you see this so clearly. But he then makes an excellent suggestion to comfortable Christians – GO ON A SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP ...

#### GO

*“maybe the BEST thing the young could do is just go there. Not to teach them what we think they must know, but to be taught by them what must be done and then just simply be the manpower, muscle power, brainpower that is needed to do it. And do it without pay, just for shelter, water and some cornmeal. And if there is energy left to listen, to*

*comfort, to encourage, to lift up and to love in many more ways. And on the basis of that finally to say that true shalom comes from the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Wow ... that is so incredibly true ... Nate Saint got it right when two weeks before he was martyred as a missionary in Ecuador in 1959 at the age of 31, he wrote"

*"If God would grant us the vision, the word SACRIFICE would disappear from our lips and thoughts; we would HATE the things that seem now so dear to us, our lives would suddenly be too short, we would DESPISE time-robbing distractions and charge the enemy with all our energies in the name of Christ."*

It's late, my book is finished, I have been challenged by it and I go to sleep in Central Africa, so privileged to be where I am, living among such a lovely family who possess nothing of the luxuries I have at home and yet are so very, very rich.

## **SUNDAY, 8 JULY**

After another good sleep I woke up early to begin the new day with our Lord in prayer and in the reading of His Word. I continued with my readings from Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. Diedrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

*"I cannot expound the Scripture for others if I do not let it speak daily to me. I will misuse the Word in my office as preacher if I do not continue to meditate upon it in prayer. If the Word has become empty for me in my daily administration, if I no longer experience it, that proves I have not let the Word speak personally to me for a long time."*

Oswald Chambers spoke then on THE WILL TO LOYALTY:

*"Profess to Him – I will be loyal. Immediately you choose to be loyal to Jesus Christ you are a witness against yourself."*

I then started my new book AN AFRICAN APOSTLE by Penny Relph which is the very moving story of DAVID NDARUTHUTSE who was born in Rwanda and went on to found African Revival Ministries. I am so looking forward to reading this having been to Rwanda last year.

My hot water has arrived so I'm off to shave and have a bath, after which Anderson and I will have breakfast and then get a taxi to the Brethren in Christ Church where Annie



Muya is the Pastor.

This morning Annie's Church and Anderson's Church will be having a joint service for my coming, and after that, a great lunch has prepared for us all at Annie's house.





Africa always has a challenge. On arriving to preach Annie told me I had to lead the Bible Study before the service which was in Acts. So for an hour I tried to remember all my notes on Acts 8-11 ...they seemed to enjoy the structure of the study ...

After the Bible Study, you then go straight into the main service where I had the privilege of preaching from Hebrews 12:1-3, with Anderson doing the interpretation.



From the Church we then set out for Annie's house where the women's committee prepared such a fantastic meal.



Everyday so far I have been given chicken/rice/potatoes and cabbage ... when I get back to Johannesburg I am going to dive into the SPUR ...

What a joy it has been - another full and interesting day serving the church in Africa. So let me close by quoting from Charles Haddon Spurgeon:

*"By the love and wounds and death of Christ,  
By your own salvation,  
By your own indebtedness to Jesus  
By the terrible condition of the unsaved and  
By that Awful hell whose yawning mouth is before them  
Ought you not so say  
HERE I AM, SEND ME"*

## **MONDAY, 9 JULY**

As the sun begins to rise upon Africa let me again begin the day by meditating on the Word of God and to continue my way through McCheyne's daily readings. This morning I continued with Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. Some time ago I read the biography of William Romaine that great evangelical preacher from England. Listen to how he managed his day .....

TIME

*"William Romaine was very strict and methodical in the management of his time. He had breakfast promptly at 6:00am, his midday meal at 1:30 and his evening meal at 7pm. He ate his breakfast with his Hebrew Bible before him. At 9:00am and again at 9:00pm he conducted family devotions and it was not at all exceptional that friends were present to hear his exposition of the Bible at his family prayers. From 10:00 – 1:00 he visited the sick and the poor in his Church, from 2:00 -7:00 he was in his study with clear instructions that he must not be disturbed except by some unusually emergency and then promptly at 10:00pm he retired."*

Many would say he was too legalistic but how God blessed his ministry. I closed off my readings once again by listening to Oswald Chambers speaking on "The great probing." He wrote:

*"have you the slightest reliance on anything other than God? Is there a remnant of reliance left on any natural virtue, any set of circumstances? Are you relying on yourself in any particular in this new proposition God has put before you?"*

As always it has been such a privilege and a humbling experience living in the Mwila's home, I cannot thank them enough for all they have done for me. Today I went down to the Taxi rank and began to barter with them for the best price as to who could take me to the Livingstone Memorial in CHIEF CHITAMBO'S VILLAGE.

This has always been a great dream of mine to visit the place where Chuma and Sushi, David Livingstone's faithful servants, buried his heart soon after his death. After burying his heart in Africa, which is where his heart always was, they then took his body 3000kms to Zanzibar and then across to England to be buried in Westminster Abbey.

Now I am soon to visit the spot ..... BUT can you believe this .... A man whose name I can't even remember, offered me his car ... He said he would lend it to me if I would pay him KW1,000,000 (1 million .... phew) and then cover the cost of the petrol!! I thought this was absolutely incredible .... but drivers offering me their services swamped me, it was quite overwhelming. I eventually settled with one taxi who gave me a good price. I also found out later that the driver, Titus – his family had originally come from the area close to Chitambo, so he knew the whereabouts of the Livingstone Memorial .... isn't the Lord amazing in directing me to him.

So after setting off and traveling along the Great North Road, which stretches out for miles and miles in a straight line, with small villages dotting the roadside, through the town of Serenje, we finally arrived at Wasa Village Campsite where I will spend the night before setting out in the morning for Chief Chitambo's village to find the Memorial. I spent the evening in great expectation of the trip that I have waited so long to make.



Another one of Africa's ingenious water inventions – "manpowered geyser"!!

After reading a few chapters from 'AN AFRICAN APOSTLE' how better to close the day than by quoting from Livingstone himself:

#### SACRIFICE

*"People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in AFRICA. But can that be called a sacrifice which is simply acknowledging a great debt we owe to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own reward in healthful activity, the consequences of doing good, peace of mind and a bright hope of a glorious destiny? It is emphatically no sacrifice, rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, danger, foregoing the common conveniences of life, these may make us pause and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink, but let this only be for a moment. I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which Jesus made, who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us ..."*

God asked Livingstone to open up the whole of Central Africa for the Gospel, he was an amazing man ... and now I will visit the place where his heart lies ... in AFRICA. I am excited, I can't wait for tomorrow ... As I drift off to sleep to the incredible sounds of the African bush ... the deep grunts of the hippos not far away, I pause at the close of another amazing day to say thank you to God for the incredible privilege of being here.

### TUESDAY, 10 JULY

Today is the day I have been dreaming of for many years, I will visit the place where David Livingstone died and where his heart was buried. The most amazing morning dawned upon Africa and I learned so much from my readings in Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. It was so interesting to see the reading with Oswald Chambers linking up so beautifully with Joshua. The Lord comes to Joshua in his old age and says to him:

*"when Joshua was old and well advanced in years, the Lord said to him, you are very old and there are still very large areas of land to be taken away."*

Chambers spoke this morning about 'THE SPIRITUAL SLUGGARD', listen:

*"we are all capable of being spiritual sluggards, we do not want to mix with the rough and tumble of life as it is, our one object is to secure retirement ... to live a remote, retired, secluded life is the antipodes of spirituality as Jesus Christ taught it. The test of our spirituality comes when we come up against injustice and meanness and ingratitude and turmoil, all of which have the tendency to make us spiritual sluggards."*

May the Lord grant me grace in my "retirement" years to burn out for God here in Africa.

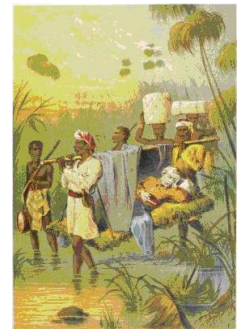
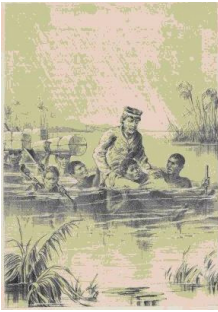


Now in my search for Livingstone's Memorial I am in the KASANKA NATIONAL PARK.



Nearby are the BANGWEULU WETLANDS about 40kms north of Kasanka. Bangweulu is a local word meaning, ***“where water meets sky”*** reflecting the flat open landscape of this huge wetlands system. Bangweulu is like another world with its own array of flora and fauna, including the huge herds of endemic black lechwe and a thriving population of the endangered SHOEBILL. It is one of Africa's best-kept secrets and an unforgettable experience. Livingstone himself wrote such detailed accounts of the flora and fauna in his diaries.

You may remember that Livingstone arrived in this area seriously ill and suffering from total exhaustion, he now had to be carried along some stretches of the journey, several times suffering life threatening diseases. Perhaps the most devastating was the water ... he was never dry because of the extent of the wetlands. So he died May 1, 1873 in CHITAMBO'S VILLAGE, where his servants, Chume and Susi, buried his heart.



Titus is here to pick me up, and now my adventure begins ...

## THE SEARCH FOR CHITAMBO'S TREASURE - THE HEART OF DAVID LIVINGSTONE -

Now we are off on my expedition to find the spot in Chief Chitambo's Village.

We seemed to drive and drive and each time we turned a corner on the dry, dusty road, I expected to see the spot .... I was sitting on the edge of the seat ... then finally I saw the sign up ahead with my heart pounding in my chest and covered in a fine film of reddish dust, I got out of the car to walk down the avenue of trees that lead up to the Memorial .... it was incredibly moving and it took my breath away to see the plaque that read:



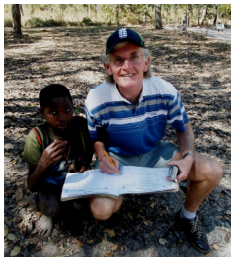


## THE MEMORIAL

By 1899, Chitambo's village had dispersed to another site after the death of the chief and the tree under which Livingstone's heart was buried was decaying. Robert Codrington who had been sent by the British Commissioner, Alfred Sharpe to prepare the way for a permanent memorial, cut it down. He made a clearing in the forest and had the carving removed and sent to the Royal Geographic Society's museum in London.

Owen Stroud and some African artisans who traveled from Fort Jameson (Now Chipata) to do the job constructed a memorial in 1902. The site was still marked by the clearing made by Codrington. Stroud built an obelisk around 6m high from burnt brick plastered with smooth cement, and attached two brass plaques sent from London. (These were replaced around 1935 by spare copies, and in the 1950's by bronze replicas). Four brick and wooden posts with iron and wooden rails were set up around the base, replaced in the early 1950's by iron chains. When the top of the obelisk was damaged, after the repairs a bronze cross was placed on top.

There are now four bronze plaques on the monument, the most recent of which was added in 1973 and reads "After 100 years David Livingstone's spirit and the love of God so animated his friends of all races that they gathered here in thanksgiving on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1973 led by Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, President of the Republic of Zambia.



After spending an hour there, I thought back to what Livingstone wrote soon before he died ... on his knees ... here in Africa.

*"I am immortal till my work is accomplished", he wrote. "And although I see few results, future missionaries will see conversions following every sermon. May they not forget the pioneers who worked in the thick gloom with few rays to cheer, except such as flow from faith in the precious promises of God's Word."*

*"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept only as by giving or keeping of it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity. May grace and strength sufficient to enable me to adhere faithfully to this resolution be imparted to me, so identified with His cause ... "*

I have read many books on Livingstone but now I have also walked where he walked and been to the spot where he died .... **I got "goose-bumps" all over my body .... in a temperature of 28°C .....** wow what an amazing time. Somehow I didn't want to leave, and I stood there and took one last picture in my mind, never to be erased.

Arrived back, overwhelmed and so very grateful for an unbelievable day. All I could do was to spend the rest of the day finishing this biography on David Ndaruhutse.

David Ndaruhutse was born in Rwanda in 1955, the son of a pastor. After witnessing his father's violent death as a small child, he grew up in a refugee camp in Uganda, then settled in Burundi. His amazing story tells how someone can overcome against all odds. He became a Church leader and then founded African Revival Ministries, an organization committed to bringing hope and reconciliation to thousands in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda. So sad ... but he died tragically in an airplane crash on the way to a meeting in Burundi, but his legacy will live on. I was blessed by this great man of God.

Fell asleep under an African sky .... bright, clear and filled with stars .... feeling incredibly privileged to have experienced this amazing day. With a full heart I closed my eyes and listened to the sounds of the African night.

### **WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY**

This amazing adventure into Africa begins to draw to a close. My readings were again from Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. Oswald Chambers was then so challenging:

*"the initiative of the saint is not towards self-realization, but towards knowing Jesus Christ. The spiritual saint never believes circumstances to be haphazard, or thinks of his life as secular and sacred, he sees everything he is dumped down in as the means of securing the knowledge of Jesus Christ. There is a reckless abandonment about him ..."*

This ties in so much with the way of life of JIM ELIOT who with NATE SAINT was martyred in 1959 while bringing the Gospel to the Aucas. He wrote:

*"God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like yours, Lord Jesus."*

I teased Titus that it took a "white man from South Africa" to show him the resting place of the missionary/hero who gave his life to AFRICA. Titus enjoyed the visit and told me that as children everyone learns about David Livingstone in school. Slowly we made our

way back to Ndola, everything covered with dust ... but I am a happy man for “finding Chitamo’s treasure” – the David Livingstone Memorial. I even gave Titus money to have his car cleaned! From Ndola I will fly to Johannesburg and then back home. I was so dirty, my bags were all covered with dust and I needed a good wash. I found a small shop and tried to buy some shampoo to wash my hair ... but the only thing on the shelves was *hair relaxer*!! So soap would have to do.



My 24<sup>th</sup> mission trip into Africa is over and now more than ever these words by Floyd McClung are true:

#### AFRICA

*“the greatest growth, the greatest openness and the greatest move of God’s spirit are happening in AFRICA, Asia and South America. We need to build our work among the people we want to reach and mobilize. There are hundreds and thousands of teachable, dedicated and emerging leaders in Africa who are crying out for training and mentoring ...”*

How very blessed I am to have had the amazing privilege of doing just that at the Conference in Kitwe. And so as I drift off to sleep .. how can I ever forget the memories of this trip?

1. The Conference seemed to go well, what a thrill it was to teach on 1 Thessalonians and to preach.
2. The incredible joy of seeing our past students in ministry.
3. The humbling experience of the Mwila family’s hospitality in an African township.
4. The love of my brother Anderson and Annie.
5. The fulfilled dream of going to the place where David Livingstone died and then to stand at the spot where his heart was buried.
6. To read three wonderful books.
7. Just the thrill of being back in Central Africa again was amazingly fulfilling.

Donald McClure, a missionary in Africa for 50 years wrote:

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

P.S. I didn't only lose my heart to Africa but my cap as well ... I met Sam, a fanatical England cricket supporter and he persuaded me to give him the cap which Kevin Pietersen had given me, the one specially made to mark his 100<sup>th</sup> ODI game ... ☹

## AND NOW SOME PERSONAL REFLECTIONS



### 1. KMBC

It has been 26 glorious years since I first opened KMBC, a college with a passion for training pastors and missionaries for Africa. How gracious the Lord has been in sending us students each year and almost miraculously supplying all our needs. To see the past students at the Conference, to be part of the family of KMBC is a very special thing to experience. The need for training in Africa is so huge and I am now more passionate than ever to train pastors for Africa. Oswald Chambers once wrote:

"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 organization is not worth anything, it is NOT academic: it is for nothing else but for God to help himself to lives ..."

May the Lord continue to use KMBC greatly for AFRICA. Just before we were about to go through to board, I saw one of our students running to me .... "Bishop, Bishop..." She had made a shirt for me to take home ... wow such a lump in my throat!

### 2. FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA FELLOWSHIP

I love our students deeply and feel so much for them when they leave us. For many there is no denomination or local church to support them, they are on their own. I therefore want to establish the FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA FELLOWSHIP which will link all these precious brothers into a network where they can be encouraged, loved, receive visits and regular updates. There is a great need for this so within the next few weeks this will click into place, again only for those who would like to be involved...



### **3. FUTURE TRIPS**

My trips in the holidays are so important to the work. They encourage the students, establish new contacts and promote KMBC. After the Conference, for example, there was enormous interest in our courses. These trips are planned for later this year:

- a. MALAWI: Together with my son Jon and Dave de Winnaar, we will drive up to Malawi in September to visit the work of Lenard Gowa. Boxes of clothes have already been collected as well as some books and God willing, Jon will be able to dedicate the borehole to the Lord. You may remember that he raised R50,000 for this project which will provide the nursery school children and the village community with running water. On the Sunday, Jon and I will preach at the Blantyre Community Church, so it should be a great trip of  $\pm 7000$  kms in about 8 days.
- b. RWANDA AND UGANDA: Together with my youngest son Gregg, I will then visit Rwanda where I have been invited to speak at a Pastor's Conference and then for the first time visit Uganda. How the Lord has opened these amazing opportunities for me to teach the Bible, it is so exciting.

### **4. CONFERENCE**

Thank you for all your prayers. After nearly a year of dreaming our first Central Africa Pastors and Leaders Conference into being, with months of planning and organizing, the Conference was held in Kitwe, Zambia.

- i) About 175 Pastors and Leaders, both men and women registered for the Conference. The delegates represented a total of 33 different church congregations. I was so encouraged by this wide representation, it was fantastic. Our past students Anderson Mwila and Annie Muya coordinated things from the Zambian side and they did a great work of putting everything together.
- ii) One of the biggest needs that came to the fore in these churches is the need for resources. In order for the Pastors and their Leaders to adequately prepare to teach the Word of God, they desperately need access to tools like Bible Commentaries so assist them. The theme of the Conference was "How to Grow your Church" and the teaching and practical sessions were very well received.
- iii) Another challenge that these Pastors and Leaders face is that there are many of their people who are illiterate and one of the questions that I was asked was how to reach out to these people.

- iv) My office has managed to source some excellent materials, mainly through the guidance of Operation World, so we will be exploring the availability of audio and visual tools that are suited to Africa. For those without electricity, there is a tool called the “Plastic Pastor” which is a hand generated MP3 player, as well as tape recorder which is operated on similar lines. We have also managed to source a solar generated tape recorder which will be a huge blessing to folks in Zambia as well as Malawi. We thank God for the work that these organizations are doing to provide these aids and I would encourage you to pray for the work they do to support Pastors and Missionaries in Africa.
- v) 2013 Conference – Next year our Conference will be held in Pietermaritzburg, supporting the work of all our past students and other local churches in South Africa.
- vi) 2014 Conference – We are hoping to have the next Central Africa Conference in Blantyre, Malawi.

## **5. MY HEART IS IN AFRICA**

Visiting the place in Chitambo where David Livingstone died while on his knees and then the tree where his heart was buried was deeply moving for me. In some very small way I want that to be me ... my heart is here in Africa ... I want to spend my life serving Africa. That great missionary Alexander Mackay said:

*“My heart burns for the deliverance of Africa and if you can send me to any one of the regions which Livingstone and Stanley have found to be groaning under the curse of the slave hunters, I shall be very glad. It is no sacrifice, as some think to come here. I would not give my position here for all the world. A powerful race has to be won from darkness into light, superstition and idolatry have to be overthrown, men have to be taught to love God and love their neighbour, which means the uprooting of institutions that have lasted for centuries. Who would not willingly engage in such a work and consider it the highest honour on earth to be called to do it ...”*

Wow ... that’s so true and where my heart is.

I cannot close this trip off better than by again quoting that beautiful prayer of David Livingstone:

*"nothing earthly will make me give up my work in despair. I encourage myself in the Lord, my God and go FORWARD. My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All, I again dedicate my whole life to You. Accept me and grant, O gracious Father, that ere this year is gone I may finish my task. In Jesus name."*

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