

# My Missionary Trip to Zambia



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## **BACKGROUND**

Burdened by the need of sixty million people, three young men, Walter Gowans, Thomas Kent, and Rowland Bingham set out in 1893 to open Africa's vast Sudan to the Gospel. The result ... two graves. The survivor Rowland Bingham made a second attempt, which too ended in defeat. Indeed, the difficulties encountered were so great that the planting of the SUDAN INTERIOR MISSION in Africa was in itself a miracle. But Rowland Bingham never gave up and led this new mission for its first forty years. Alexander Mackay gave the best years of his life to UGANDA and laid the foundation for the Church in UGANDA. Listen to his plea:

*"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 slave traders, I shall be very glad. It is no sacrifice, as some think, to come here as pioneers of Christianity. I would not give up 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 neighbours, which means the uprooting of institutions that have lasted for centuries. Who would willingly engage in such a work and consider it the highest honour on earth to be called to it?"*

Bingham in the Sudan, Mackay in Uganda these are my heroes who came and opened up Africa to the Gospel. Listen to what one pioneer missionary wrote on heading off to the CONGO:

*"work for Christ in Africa must be my life work. I desire this work more than all else and be my life long or short, I pray it will be faithful to the end and who knows how soon the end may come. Life is not always to be measured by years. As I think of the dear ones now with Jesus, I seem to feel in a solemn way bound to Africa. Their graves seem to be speechful and to bid me gird up my loins and work in Africa while it is day ..."*

Only this last month I have read the biographies of Tom Collins who went to Kenya, Margaret Hayes to the Congo, Hank Blood and Betty Olsen who were put to death by the rebels during the upheaval in VIETNAM. They stir me ... and visiting the graves of David Livingstone in Zambia, Mary Livingstone in Mozambique, Thornton, Scudamore and Dickinson and McKenzie in Malawi speaks to me ... I want to pour out my life for Africa, training pastors and missionaries for Africa at KMBC and then travelling into Africa, encouraging, and mentoring our students ... that is my passion ... as Robert Laws, the founder of Livingstonia said:

*"love of the service he had entered seized him like a passion. The SPELL OF AFRICA gripped him never to let him go..."*

So gripped by the spell of Africa I am ready for my trip up to ZAMBIA.

1) KITWE



I will spend time with Anderson Mwila who is developing our church plant in the poor district of Kasanda. I am hoping to raise some money for him to erect a simple structure in which to have their meetings; it will be our next Footprints into Africa project. Also, Annie Muya is doing a great work in the Brethren Church, so I will be able to preach my heart out in their Churches.

2) NDOLA



Then off to Ndola to spend time with Christopher Mulapwa who has just completed his Church building and has started a rural Bible College in the outlying areas. So it should be a great time, I cannot wait to go; I want to obey Alexander Mackay's call in 1890:

*"you sons of England, here is a field for your energies. Bring with you your highest education and your greatest talents. You will find scope for the service of them all. You men of God, who have resolved to devote your lives to the care of the souls of men, here is the proper field for you. It is not to win members 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."*

3) ENVOYS



This amazing new audio ministry tool is produced in Pretoria by MegaVoice. It is a fantastic little machine, the size of a cell phone. The Envoy has the capacity to store the whole Bible, which is available in many different languages, in addition to hold about 400 hours of my lectures on it. At KMBC we have now been able to put our entire Certificate of Theology course onto it, and during this trip I will deliver the first three Envoys to Anderson, Annie, and Christopher. They can use the audio player to teach the Word of God across Zambia. Wow ... that is exciting and with donations amounting to R19 000 for this project, this means that in time I will be able to deliver nearly 50 Envoy Players across Africa, to our past students so that they can teach more effectively. **Hallelujah!**

Now I head off on my 28<sup>th</sup> mission trip into Central Africa. My heart is full, I have brought some fantastic books and I cannot wait to see my spiritual children up there, spend time in their homes, and travel on taxis together ... what a team ... I love it.

In 1909, Campbell White wrote:

*"nothing can wholly satisfy the life of Christ within His followers except the adoption of Christ's purpose toward the world He came to redeem. Fame, pleasure and riches are but husks and ashes in contrast with the boundless and abiding joy of working with God for the fulfilment of His eternal plans. The men who are putting everything into Christ's mission are getting out of life its sweetest and most priceless rewards."*

## **UPDATE ON ZAMBIA**

### **1. HISTORY**

#### **Country and History**

Zambia is a landlocked country situated in the southern part of Central Africa. The name Zambia derives from the impressive Zambezi River. The greatest part of the country lies in the river-area and its tributaries the Kafue and Luangwa streams.

The present Republic of Zambia came into being on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1964. On that date – coinciding with United Nations Day – Zambia became an independent state. Under the leadership of President Kenneth Kaunda, son of one of the country's pioneer evangelists, Zambia took its place in the ranks of the nations of the world.

The country shares borders with Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia (Caprivi Strip) in the south, with Angola in the west, with Zaire and Tanzania in the north, Malawi and Mozambique in the east. Those frontiers do not date from 1964, nor were they defined by the African peoples living in the territories concerned. Between 1890 and 1903, they were fixed by European colonial powers – Britain, Portugal, Germany, Belgium and Italy – in their 'scramble for Africa'. There was a growing rivalry among these European powers to find new markets and to seize the riches and the raw materials, which were to be found in Africa. The complicated structure of the border between Zambia and Zaire – with the Zairean pedicle breaking the natural connections between two parts of Zambia – illustrates the hunger of the European powers for minerals, whereas the straight boundary with Angola demonstrates that a ruler had been laid across the map.



## **2. OPERATION WORLD UPDATE**

### **ANSWERS TO PRAYER**

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.

# MY DIARY

## SATURDAY, 8 JUNE

Today I head up to Central Africa for my 28<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip and this begins with a flight from Durban to Johannesburg at 7:00 am so I need to get up extra early and travel down by road from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. But it is critical to begin every day with my devotions. I can never forget the words of that great Missionary to India, Henry Martyn who wrote:

### DEVOTIONS

*"my own heart has been growing more hard and cold. Let me be taught, dear Lord, that the first business of a missionary is not the fulfilment of the Great Commission but the sanctification of my own soul. May the Lord in mercy to my soul, save me from putting up any idol of any sort which I can do, by preferring a WORK FOR HIM rather than COMMUNION WITH HIM."*

So my readings from the Word of God were from Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation, after which I could spend time with the Lord, and then as always read Oswald Chambers from "My Utmost for His Highest." Listen, it is powerful:

### LAUNCH OUT

*"IF YOU DO NOT CUT THE MOORINGS, God will have to break them by a storm and send you out. Launch all on God and go out on the great swelling tide of His purpose, and you will get your eyes open. If you believe in Jesus, you are not to spend all your time in the smooth waters just inside the harbour bar, full of delight, but always moored. You have to get out through the harbour bar into the great deeps of God and begin to know for yourself, begin to have spiritual discernment."*

I drove down to Durban and caught the flight to Johannesburg. There I met Johan Grobler from MegaVoice who delivered the three Envoy Audio Players that I was taking up with me. It was good to meet up with him again, but my connecting flight to Zambia was scheduled to leave shortly so it was a quick handover. While waiting to board the flight to Ndola, what better way to spend the time than to read from the books that I had brought with me. This book entitled 'FROM DUTCH MISSION CHURCH TO REFORMED CHURCH IN ZAMBIA' by Gerdien Verstraelen-Gilhuis is brilliant. It gives a very thorough history of the Church in Zambia right from the very beginning when the early missionaries went up, focussing on the work of the Dutch Reformed Church over these many years.

### EARLY MISSIONS

*"David Livingstone, the missionary whose life and death so much challenged Christian missions to penetrate into Central Africa, died in 1873 at Chitambo in the heart of the present Zambia. The centenary of his death received great attention in Zambia. In speeches by political leaders, he was called a predecessor of Zambian Humanism and depicted as a freedom fighter. His struggle against slavery was interpreted as inspiring for the struggle against the slavery of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Livingstone, the capital of Zambia's Southern Province is the only city name of the colonial past that survived after Independence."*

Though inspired by Livingstone's death, most missions got a foothold in the present Zambia only some years later. The London Missionary Society (LMS) came down Lake Tanganyika and established a base at Lofu in 1883, but the first permanent mission station was only established in 1887. In the south, the Lozi king received visits from the

Plymouth Brother, Arnot, and the Jesuits. But it was Francois and Christina Coillard of the Paris Evangelical Mission who were allowed to open a mission station in 1885."

So I follow in the footsteps of Francois Coillard into Zambia ... wow ... one day I must look for his grave!!!



After an excellent flight, I arrived in NDOLA, a place that has now become familiar to me after all my trips ... and there he was ... Anderson, a precious son. It was a wonderful surprise also to see Kelvin Mulofwa with him. After getting some cash, and a SIM card the three of us made our way to KITWE. It is great to be



back in Africa.

I always remember what Helen Blakeslee said because I relate so much to it:

AFRICA

*"I go to Africa because I believe the Africans to be worthy of the most heroic effort that can be put forth to save them."*

Travelling in these mini-buses is such an experience – it is always jam packed, people talking loudly, music blaring, a few chickens running around, ladies breast feeding and ... one little white man, with the driver only knowing one speed ... flat out!! The roads are atrocious ... riddled with potholes. Peter Moore in his book "SWAHILI FOR THE BROKEN HEARTED" wrote

POT HOLES



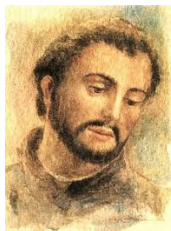
*"I liked Zambia. It was humid and dank, with crumbling roads lined with enormous Bunyan trees. Women dressed in brightly coloured kangas balance loads on their heads as they dodge puddles full of orange-brown water. There were hand-painted road signs rather than mass produced ones, and the cars that 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, without the angst Zimbabwe suffered because it had once been something better. In Zambia I got the feeling that nothing had changed since the British left."*



We arrived at Anderson's parents' home and I was ushered to "Bishop's room." Every time I go to Zambia, I stay in this room and I love it. They are the most loveable parents and to live in their home, in the township is a privilege and honour. We sat down to chat and catch up on all the news and soon ... a cup of tea arrived from MAMA MWILA ...

All the boys sat around the T.V. to watch Zambia playing Lesotho, it was fantastic, but I almost was kicked out for shouting for Lesotho!!!

The other book that I brought with me is 'SIX GREAT MISSIONARIES' by Phylis Garlick. Each day I will share one with you. So after a real African supper of rice and kidney, by the light of my candle, let me tell you about FRANCIS XAVIER, our first great missionary.



**"FRANCIS XAVIER**, St. (1506-52), Apostle of the Indies, and of Japan. He was one of the greatest of Christian missionaries, and an original member of the Jesuits. The son of an aristocratic Spanish-Basque family, he was born in Navarre. While at the University of Paris, he met St. Ignatius Loyola, and on 15 August 1534, with Ignatius and five others, took vows to follow Christ in poverty and chastity, and to evangelize the heathen. All seven were ordained priests in Venice on Midsummer Day, 1537. On 7 April 1541, at the invitation of John III of Portugal, Francis left Lisbon to evangelize the East Indies, and in May 1542, he reached Goa, which he made his headquarters. From there he went on to Travancore, Malacca, the Molucca Islands, and Ceylon. In 1549, he landed in Japan, the language of which he studied, and founded there a Church, which endured through great persecutions. He returned to Goa in 1552, but left in the same year for a mission to China. On the way, at the island of Chang-Chuen-Shan (St. John's Island) he fell ill and died before he could enter the country. His body was brought to the Church of the Good Jesus at Goa, where it lies magnificently enshrined. His work is remarkable for the extent of his journeys (in spite of his invariable seasickness), and the large number of his converts. The Jesuits have attributed to him more than 7000,000 conversions. Wherever he preached, he left organized Christian communities."

Listen to his beautiful prayer to end a great day in Africa:

*"Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and to ask for no reward save the joy of knowing that we do Thy will."*

My candle is now burned down, it is late and I am happy to drift off to sleep in Central Africa feeling so privileged to be a missionary to Africa.

## **SUNDAY, 9 JUNE**

Woke up early with the sun rising, the chickens kicking up a racket, the music already blaring from next door, the township is alive and vibrant, so how better to begin the day than by getting into the Bible before my hot water arrives. My readings continue in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation after which Oswald Chambers wrote:

*"to obey is better than sacrifice. It is a great deal better to fulfil the purpose of God in your life by discerning His will than to perform great acts of self-sacrifice. Beware of harking back to what you were once when God wants you to be something you have never been..."*

After a time in prayer, I read some more from Gilhuis' book on the Church in Zambia, it really is a thorough history which makes for brilliant reading. My hot water then arrived so I'm off to have a wash and a shave, and also wash my clothes and get ready for today when I will preach the precious Word of God.



After a great wash, **Mama Mwila** bought my breakfast which she had so lovingly prepared ... tea and a few slices of bread with jam. Just perfect ... so now we are off to preach the Bible.

Anderson and I set off in a mini bus for MASONDA, so looking forward to preaching and meeting the people from our little Church, KITWE EVANGELICAL CHURCH and also to meet up with Annie again. Anderson and Annie are combining their Church services for today so I will be preaching, as well as doing the Bible Study prior to the service, in the Brethren Church, a lovely building and such warm people.

What a brilliant day the Lord gave us!! For the Bible Study I went through 2 Timothy Chapter 2 and for the main service James Chapter 1.



I spoke on how to handle the trials of life and used what has happened with Jon as an illustration. It was one of those special moments in life when the Lord was really at work, dealing with hearts. Afterwards there was a huge response from those who wanted prayer. Many tears were shed and the Lord was glorified.



Afterwards we went to Annie's home for lunch and I presented both Annie and Anderson with an Envoy audio player. I had the great joy of showing them how to work it, and how to use the accompanying Leader's Manual which has an outline for each of my 276 studies sessions. They were very grateful and it should be a massive help to their work. I was so excited ...



On our way home the taxi stopped to get charcoal for Anderson so I popped into Steve's Bar to get some ... cokes ...!! We spent a wonderful time with Anderson, Margaret and their three children at their home ... finally getting back to Anderson's parents' home eight hours later ...



I can now enjoy an evening reading from my book on Zambia by Gilhuis and then telling you about our second great missionary, JOHN WESLEY.



***"WESTELY, JOHN*** (1703-91), founder of the Methodist Movement. *The fifteenth child of the Rev. Samuel Wesley (1662-1735), rector of Epworth, Lincs, and his wife, Susannah, he was educated at the Charterhouse and Christ Church Oxford. In 1726 he was elected to a fellowship at Lincoln College, Oxford, and also acted for a time (1727-9) as curate to his father. At Oxford he gathered round him a group of earnest, devout, and scholarly Christians who became known as the 'Holy Club', Bible Moths or Methodists, and included his brother, Charles Wesley, and G. Whitefield. At this period he came much under the influence of W. Law (whom he visited), H. More, and other mystics. In 1735 he set out with his brother, Charles, on a missionary journey to Georgia under the auspices of the S.P.G., but his preaching (especially against the slave-trade and gin) and inexperience alienated the colonists and he soon returned home (1737). His friendship with the Moravian, Peter Bohler, who convinced him that he lacked 'that faith' whereby alone we are saved, and a visit (1738) to the Moravian colony at Herrnhut, had a profound effect on his religious life. He had the experience of conversion on 24 May 1738 at the reading of M. Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans at a meeting in Aldersgate Street.*

*At the time of Wesley's death there were 294 preachers and 71,668 members in Great Britain, 19 missionaries and 5,300 members on mission stations and 198 preachers and 43,265 members in America. Less of a Calvinist than most of his followers, Wesley's opposition to the strict Calvinist view of election had led to a break with G. Whitefield in 1741.*

*Wesley was a man of the greatest courage and persistence, with a vast capacity for leadership and organization. His personality was magnetic, his piety and charity incontestable. His conversion was admired by Dr. Samuel Johnson. His marriage with Maria Vazeille, a widow of very different temperament from his own, proved unhappy. Although his brother Charles was a more gentle and attractive character and Whitfield a great preacher, John Wesley was beyond doubt the central figure in the rise of Methodism as well as one of the greatest Christians of all time."*

What a man ... time has gone, my book by Gilhuis is read and summarized for my website and Wesley the missionary is now done. Let me close a magnificent day in Africa with a quote from GORDON OF KHARTOUM in 1884

GORDON

*"I leave for the SUDAN tonight. I feel quite happy, for I say, if God is with me, who can or will be hurtful to me? May HE be glorified, the world and the people of the Sudan be blessed, and may I be the DUST UNDER HIS FEET."*

### **MONDAY, 10 JUNE**

Another day dawns across Central Africa and calls me to begin my day with the Lord in His Word and prayer. My readings continue with Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation during which time I remember what Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

BIBLE

*"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."*

After reading, I pray from Operation World which keeps me in tune with what is going on right across the world. Then as always I let my teacher, Oswald Chambers teach me how to live "My Utmost for His Highest".

INTERESTS

"The more you realize yourself the less you will seek God. Get to work; narrow your interests to this one. Have you ever sought God with your whole heart, or have you only given a languid cry to Him ..."

How I pray for that, all my interests narrowed down to this one ... to know Jesus and make Him known, especially into Africa. A little knock at the door as Mama Mwila brings me my hot water after which she will bring me breakfast ... so very spoilt!!!

Anderson will be coming a bit later so let me tell you about our third missionary, ALEXANDER MACKAY before he arrives.



**"MCKAY, ALEXANDER MURDOCH** (1849-90), C.M.S. Missionary in Uganda. *The son of a Free Church minister, he was educated at Edinburgh, where he studied classics, mathematics, and esp. engineering. In 1873 he went to Germany, where he obtained a position as a draftsman in Berlin. His thoughts had long turned to missionary work, and in 1876, despite the offer of a lucrative post, he was accepted by the C.M.S. for work in Africa. Having embarked for Victoria Nyanza, he finally reached Uganda in 1878 after constructing 230 miles of road. His printing of part of the Scriptures in Swahili interested King Mtesa, and he was granted permission to carry on missionary work. Soon however, he met with opposition both from RCs and from Moslems. In 1884, when King Mtesa was succeeded on the throne of Uganda by Mwanga, Mackay was threatened with expulsion, but allowed to remain by reason of his engineering skill. The Christians meanwhile had to face fierce persecution, and many were slain. In 1887 Mackay was expelled and settled at Usambiro on the southern end of Lake Victoria, where he reduced the vernacular of Uganda to writing, and then translated the Scriptures into it. His life was cut short by an attack of malaria in 1890."*

LUDWIG KRAPH and JOHN REBMANN were the first to make their way into the unknown eastern part of the continent and their letters home stirred Mackay. But a lonely grave on the east coast marked the spot where Kraph's own personal hopes lay buried. Within months after his arrival in 1844 he had lost both his wife and child. But this man of faith was prepared to risk everything and preach the Gospel ... this was the call to Mackay. Listen now to an amazing tribute which Henry M. Stanley gave him .... it is moving ...

STANLEY  
ON MACKAY

*"God knows if ever man had reason to be doleful and lonely and sad, Mackay had, when, after murdering his Bishop, and burning his pupils, and strangling his converts, and clubbing to death his dark friends, Mwanga turned his eye of death on him. And yet the little man met it with calm blue eyes that never winked. To see one man of this kind, working day after day for 12 years bravely and without a syllable of complaint or moan amid the wilderness, and to hear him lead his little flock to show forth God's loving kindness in the morning and His faithfulness every night, is worth going a long journey, for the moral courage that one derives from it."*



It is now time to leave dear Mr. and Mrs. Mwila and together with Anderson we will catch a mini bus to Ndola to spend two nights with Christopher.

In February, Mr. and Mrs. Mwila lost two of their children in one week; their son was killed in a car accident while their daughter died giving birth to her first child. PHEW ... we shared a lot together so with a lump in my throat I say goodbye. I left them enough money to cover all their expenses as well as sweets for all the kids. But Mama Mwila made me lunch before I left ... I had grilled BREAM, a lovely fish (see the head in the photo above) just to make sure I never got hungry ... she really treats me as a son ... amazing!!!



As soon as the mini bus is packed, or should I say, “over packed” to capacity we start off, holding on for dear life all the way to Ndola and there was Christopher waiting. He did not want me to stay in his home so he booked me into a Lodge in the township which was very clean and comfortable ... but not part of my budget so I had to sort that out!!!



From there we went to meet with his leaders and to see his building which they are busy erecting. It was a very special time together always building relationships which will last forever.

As I was preaching from Acts 2:42 I walked another of my past students, KENNEDY KAMWANGA, who graduated last year. What a blessing to see all our students and they are always so glad to see me.

After an excellent time encouraging the leaders they brought me back to my room where I could spend the evening reading and preparing five talks for tomorrow. It is late so let me close with a quote from S. GUILLEBAUD in his book “FOR WHAT ITS WORTH”

*"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", I want to be prepared to follow Jesus wherever He went, and I invite you to join me in this pursuit. As C.T. Studd declared, 'if Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him'. So may the God of grace help you and me to rediscover this dangerous, revolutionary, earth transforming message and translate it into our daily living."*

## **TUESDAY, 11 JUNE**

To wake up in Central Africa is such a privilege, so let me get into the Word of God reading from Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation. This is our food for the day and then to spend time in prayer is critical. As always Oswald Chambers is such a challenge:

*"and I will give you rest," i.e. I will stay you. Not - I will put you to bed and hold your hand and sing you to sleep; but - I will get you out of bed, out of the languor and exhaustion, out of the state of being half dead while you are alive; I will imbue you with the spirit of life, and you will be stayed by the perfection of vital activity. We get pathetic and talk about "suffering the will of the Lord!" Where is the majestic vitality and might of the Son of God about that?"*

Before I get my hot water and breakfast let me tell you about the next great missionary WILFRED GRENFELL. He was an amazing man who after qualifying as a medical doctor went and spent thirty two years working mainly among deep-sea fishermen in Labrador and Newfoundland. But you ask ... why go to such a desolate, lonely place ... listen to what he says:

GRENFELL



*"the belief that man is not of the earth, but only a temporary sojourner upon it. This belief, that he is destined to go on living elsewhere, makes a vast difference to ones estimate of VALUES. Life becomes a school instead of a mere stage, the object of which is that our capacities for usefulness should develop through using them until we reach graduation. What life gives to us can only be of permanent importance as it develops our souls."*

LIFE AN  
ADVENTURE

*"feeble and devious as my own footsteps have been since my decision to follow Jesus Christ, I believe more than ever that this is the only real adventure of life. No step in life do I even compare with that one in permanent satisfaction ..."*

The Lord has granted me the most "permanent satisfaction" in life, to teach at KMBC and travel into Africa, it is a dream come true for me. To see our students all building churches up here in Zambia is so rewarding:



Anderson in Kitwe  
Annie in Kitwe  
Daniel in Chingola  
Stephen in Mufulira  
Kelvin in Mufulira  
Vincent in Lusaka  
Christopher in Ndola  
Kennedy in Lusaka

Today I will spend the whole day teaching on 2 Timothy at Christopher's church and to his students.

What an incredible day I had – with twenty five students and leaders. In the four sessions I covered:



Chapter 1 – The making of a Christian Leader  
Chapter 2 – The marks of an Effective Leader  
Chapter 3 – A thorough going Bible Man  
Chapter 4 – The picture of a Pastor



They seemed to enjoy the teaching and there was a wonderful sense of the Lord being with us. I also was asked to speak about KMBC and Footprints into Africa and as a result six want to now come and study ... wow!!



I gave Christopher enough money to provide lunch for everybody, so we all enjoyed a very special time together. From there we made our way back to the home of Christopher and Veronica and they kindly provided such a warm cup of coffee, it was great being in their humble home. Once we had finished I was escorted, by taxi, back to my room at the Lodge ... but I had a good laugh at the stickers on the dashboard asking Allah to protect us on the road ...

It has been a great day doing what I love the best – teaching the Bible in Africa, encouraging my students ... it has been a wonderful day and I am content. So now I can enjoy a quiet

evening finishing all my books and getting ready to leave in the morning. Let me close with that quote from JOSHUA WATANGA who wrote this from Kenya:

*"because AFRICA is not getting easier to work in, it is ravaged by poverty, war and disease. It is being strangled by political misgovernance. It is bleeding from corruption. It is suffering from violence and carelessness in the society as a result. So going to AFRICA is not a great adventure or a picture safari. It will be very hard work and it can be dangerous ... BUT ... most Africans need to be helped to some empowerment. Missionaries should go prepared to TRAIN UP and MENTOR African leaders who will in time replace them. This will encourage people to take responsibility for God's call upon their lives. And finally this new breed of missionary will go prepared to LEARN and be CHANGED whilst working with Africans as equals."*

Please pray for me as I seek to do the above ... to train and mentor pastors, to learn and to be changed ... so very exciting. It is late, my books are read, my money is spent, not sure what the time is, but my heart is full of gratitude for a great trip.

### **WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE**

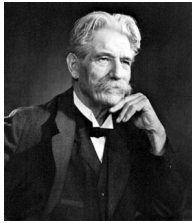
My last morning in Zambia as I fly out at 9:00am, but I want to enjoy my devotions this morning, so very grateful for another trip into Central Africa. My readings continued from Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Revelation, after which Oswald Chambers again challenged me in "My Utmost for His Highest".

*"Thou art Simon, thou shalt be called Cephas." God writes the new name on those places only in our lives where He has erased the pride and self-sufficiency and self-interest. Some of us have the new name in spots only, like spiritual measles. In sections we look all right. When we have our best spiritual mood on, you would think we were very high-toned saints; but don't look at us when we are not in that mood. The disciple is one who has the new name written all over him; self-interest and pride and self-sufficiency have been completely erased."*

I don't want spiritual measles ... so I spent time in prayer. Before I go let me tell you about the last two great missionaries.



The one was **DR. IDA SCUDDER**. She came from a remarkable missionary family where her grandfather was the very first medical missionary ever to go out from the U.S.A. He had seven sons, every one of whom became missionaries and in subsequent years forty three of the Scudder family were to give 1100 years to missionary service. Ida came to India and did the most incredible work imaginable, building a hospital in 1906 treating up to 50,000 patients yearly. Later she built a nurse's home, clinics in the outlying areas treating up to 800 patients a day. Not satisfied, she then built a Medical College for the training of doctors ... an amazing woman ...



The last great missionary was ALBERT SCHWEITZER. *His is a remarkable story – he had earned four doctorates; in music, medicine, philosophy and theology, then in 1913 he gave up the most promising career and went to Africa to devote himself at LAMBARENE (old French Equatorial Africa) to care for the sick natives and establish a hospital and mission station.*

Two incredible stories of medical missionaries. I love that quote from Eric Liddell the famous “Chariots of Fire” runner who became a missionary to China:

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*"never pity missionaries - envy them. They are where the real action is, where life and death, sin and grace, heaven and hell converge."*

So my trip draws to a close, so many precious memories:

1. the thrill of being in Central Africa cannot be surpassed
2. my books read and digested, they moved me deeply especially the missionaries
3. the joy of being back with Mr. & Mrs. Mwila and enjoying life in the township
4. the joy of working alongside Anderson and Annie, Kelvin and Kennedy
5. the joy of seeing the work of Christopher and his rural Bible College
6. the exhilaration of travelling in the taxis' across the Copperbelt
7. the joy of handing out our first three Envoy Players in Africa
8. the wonder of seeing my past students on fire for Christ is great
9. preaching and seeing the people moved by the Word of God
10. the four lectures to the students from 2 Timothy

The taxi has dropped me at the Airport so let me now draw this journal to a close. It has been a great time and to see our students all teaching the Bible is fantastic. On Friday, THE SHACK will be opened and dedicated and I am going to use the funds generated from the sale of the second-hand books for Anderson. He has NO income so I want to raise enough money to buy him a solar panel so that he can have some electricity ... so let's hope THE SHACK will go well. It is always a wrench to part with Anderson; he is a special brother to me. I left him my jacket, jersey and his watch has broken so I gave him mine and enough money to cover his rental for a month ... that will help him I am sure.

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Any young man, if he happened to be a student at Cambridge between 1854-1857 would have heard two life-changing sermons. The one came from the first ever bishop to New Zealand, Bishop Anderson-Moreshead:

*"I go from here to the most distant of countries. There God has planted the standard of the Cross as a signal to His Church to fill up the intervening spaces, till there is neither a spot of earth which has not been trodden by a messenger of salvation, nor a single man to whom the Gospel has not been preached. The voice of the Lord is asking "whom shall I send." May every one of you who intends by God's grace, to dedicate himself to the mission field answer at once - 'here I am send me'."*

Then just across the street from Great St. Mary's Church, a student then would have struggled to find a place in Senate House as David Livingstone was preaching. He challenged the students:

*"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?"*

I so long to be used by God to awaken a passion in people's hearts for radical living. We are all just ordinary people, with the potential to do extraordinary things because we have an extraordinary God. I so want to contribute to the process of training up a new generation of passionate and reckless disciples who are willing to lay down their lives for the Gospel. So my 28<sup>th</sup> trip into Africa draws to a close. Remember what Mark Twain wrote:

*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you did not do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, dream .... discover."*

**SIYABONGE  
MAMA AFRIKA**

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

### 1) KMBC

Here we are in our 27<sup>th</sup> year since I opened this Missionary College in 1987 with a dream that the Lord would use our feeble efforts and use us to train missionaries for Africa. To see Anderson Mwila, Annie Muya and Christopher Mulapwa and Kennedy Kamwanga all doing such a great work is a joy to behold. In Mufulira, we have Kelvin Mulofwa and Stephen Kangwe also with thriving Churches and John Ngoyi the Dean at a Bible College. Back in South Africa, Mark Fynes-Clinton one of our earliest students now also will be going to Zambia to the training base of Operation Mobilization. KMBC, by the grace of God, is sending out trained pastors into Africa, it is a dream come true. How can I thank all my friends for supporting this work over so many years ... may you be as encouraged as I am. As Floyd McClung has said:

*"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 the nations of AFRICA who are crying out for training and mentoring."*

## 2) FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA

Here we are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year since I established this Missionary Organization, which enables me to travel into Africa, running Pastor's Conferences, Missions Seminars, but above all to mentor and encourage our past students. I love being with them, living in their homes, travelling with them and urging them on to even greater things for the Kingdom. How grateful I am to my friends who support this work and cover all the expenses for my trips ... mere words seem inadequate to express how grateful I am.

## 3) IMPACT OF THE EARLY MISSIONARIES

What heroes they were, Wesley, Mackay, Scudder, Schweitzer, Grenfell and Xavier. They gave up everything and went to Africa to India, to China and to Labrador to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Friends they stir me greatly and I want to try and follow in their footsteps. Nate Saint who died as a martyr at the age of 30 wrote:

**NATE SAINT**

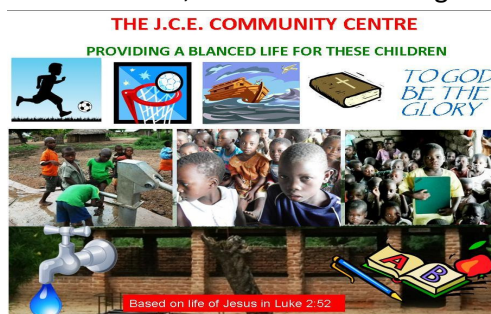
*"if God would grant us the vision, the word sacrifice would disappear from our lips and thoughts : we would HATE the things that seem now so dear to us, our lives would suddenly be too short, we would DESPISE time-robbing distractions and charge the enemy with all our energies in the name of Christ."*

## 4) UPDATE ON OUR PROJECTS

We are busy with the following projects and you may want to pray for these.

### a) MALAWI

Adjacent to the borehole, which my son Jon raised the funds to install, we are now erecting a simple, but adequate building to house the Trinity Nursery School. The funds were very kindly raised in America through the "Heart of Africa" foundation. This will mean that the children not only have access to good clean water but they will also to be taught in an area sheltered from the rain and the sun, whereas before they used to have their lessons out in the open under a tree. The building will be fully paid for and completed within the next month and will form part of the Jon Cole-Ewardes Community Centre.



### b) THE SHACK

On the 14<sup>th</sup> June, we will be opening a second-hand Christian Book room, enabling us to provide sound Christian literature at ridiculously low prices. So far, we have about 2000 books in the Shack, please do come and pay us a visit... and go away with a few books .... Listen to what Oswald Chambers said of his books:



**BOOKS**

*"I have been having a revelling few days. My box has at last arrived ... MY BOOKS ... I cannot tell you what they are to me - silent, wealthy, loyal lovers. To look at them, to handle them, and to re-read them. I do thank God for my books with every fibre of my being. Friends that are ever true and ever your own. Why ... I could have almost cried for excess of joy when I got hold of them again. I see them all just at my elbow now, Plato, Wordsworth, St. Augustine ... I know them, I wish you could see how they look at me, a quiet calm look of certain acquaintance."*

**c) ZAMBIA**

Anderson Mwila who trained at KMBC and who ran the Comrades Marathon with me is seeking to plant a Church on the outskirts of Kitwe in a desperately poor area. I am seeking now to try to raise funds for him so that we can erect a basic structure for his Church plant. A friend has already provided the money to buy a piece of land to build on.

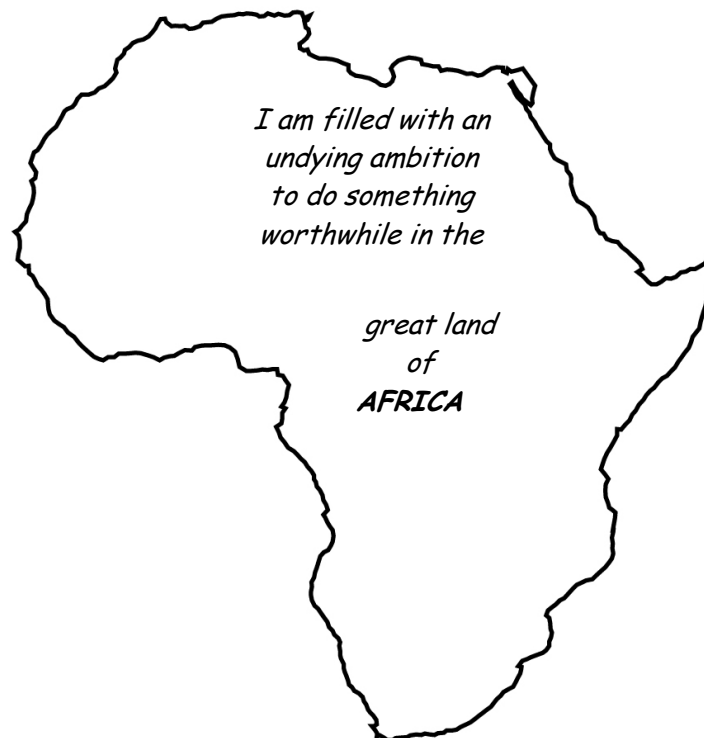


**Our plot of land**

**d) ENVOYS**

This is an amazing new development for us. MegaVoice South Africa assembles these audio players the size of a cell phone, which contains a full Bible as well as the capacity to store 400 hours of my lectures. This can now be used to teach small groups and with the aid of my Outlines, a person can study for Certificate in Theology. Two wonderful donations will enable me to purchase about 50 of these Envoy Players to distribute to our past students serving from Cape Town all the way up to Nairobi in Kenya. The scope is huge ... wow ... so exciting.

How best to end this 28<sup>th</sup> missions trip than with the following quote from **Donald McClure**, a missionary who served in Africa for 50 years:





*Thank you for all your love, support, and prayers. Your partnership in my work into Africa is greatly appreciated.*

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