

My Mission trip to Uganda



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Trip 39

BACKGROUND

On the 2nd of January 1980, from the heart of Africa in Uganda, **Alexander MacKay** wrote the following, just a few weeks before his death:



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

So I follow in the footsteps of MacKay and James Hannington into Uganda. This will be my third visit to Uganda but this time my son Gregg will be with me. It will be a packed schedule, and on the day after we arrive we will have a graduation service in Buwenge for our student **GEORGE BAGAGA**, which should be a huge occasion. We then go into three conferences in **JINJA, KALIRO AND KARUMBA**, eventually coming back to **KAMPALA** to speak at Pastor Alex Mukwabi's church. My dear friend, Alex is co-ordinating the visit, so lets pray all will go well and ... no speeding fines like last time!!!



Uganda

Republic
of Uganda
Africa

Geography

Area: 241,551 sq km

Much of the land is fertile and well watered.

The climate is temperate in the highlands. Long known as the "Pearl of Africa".

Population: 33,796,461

Annual Growth: 3.32%

Capital: Kampala

Urbanites: 13.3%

Peoples

Peoples: 66 (9% unreached)

Answer to Prayer

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

Challenge for Prayer

Uganda's battle with AIDS massively reduced cases, from 25% in 1992 to below 10% in 2001. The government and churches bravely and successfully worked to achieve this reduction, largely on a platform of abstinence and fidelity but moving toward encouraging condom use. A debate now rages over the validity of these reduced percentages and a resurgence of HIV cases; some allege infection rates are rising. Pray that all ground gained in this battle might be consolidated by right belief and right lifestyles. Even with the progress made, millions still suffer or are bereaved. Churches and agencies are doing much in AIDS support and education.

Missions vision in the Ugandan Church.

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

Pray for many Ugandans to be called, trained and sent. Kampala Evangelical School of Theology, Africa Bible University, Reformed Theological College, Uganda Christian University and other theological colleges have missions degree programmes.



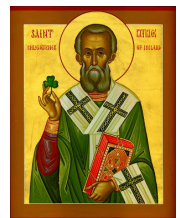
MY DIARY

FRIDAY, 10 JULY

Today I fly up to Entebbe Airport, Kampala in Uganda for a very full programme of meetings. My readings this morning were from Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew, after which I was able to spend time in prayer. Today I remember the SUMATRA UTARA of INDONESIA, another one of the 7000 unreached people groups in our world. My mentor, **Oswald Chambers** then wrote this morning:

“active work may be the counterfeit of spiritual activity. The danger of spiritual sluggishness is that we do not wish to be stirred up; all we want to hear about is spiritual retirement. Jesus Christ never encourages the idea of retirement ... GO MAKE DISCIPLES ...

I caught the early flight up to Johannesburg where I met Gregg and then together we flew up to Kampala where Pastor Alex was waiting for us ... what an amazing friend and colleague he is. On the trip, I will share something small on some of the heroes of the past. Today is **PATRICK OF IRELAND** (386-459). Listen to this missionary to Ireland speaking of his devotion and love for the Lord, what an incredible example.



“in that strange land, the Lord opened my unbelieving eyes, and although late I called my sins to mind and was converted with my whole heart to the Lord my God, ... well everyday I used to pray often during the day. The love of God and fear of Him increased more and more in me, and my faith began to grow and my spirit stirred up, so that in one day I would pray as many as 100 times. Even when I was staying out in the woods or on the mountain, I used to rise up before dawn for prayer, in snow and frost and rain and I felt no ill effect and there was no slackness in me.”

He brought the Gospel to Ireland and now we can understand why God used him to bring 1000's to Christ and establish the Church there, he was an amazing man of prayer.

After a long flight of just over four hours, we arrived in Entebbe Airport and there he was ... Pastor Alex waiting with his big smile. It was fantastic to be back with him and what a week lies ahead for the three of us ... preaching our hearts out and leading precious souls to Christ. Life could not be any better than this. **Hudson Taylor** once wrote:

“It is no small comfort to me to know that God has called me to my work, putting me where I am and as I am. I have not sought the position and I dare not leave it.”

Slowly we made our way through the horrendous Kampala traffic passing 1000's of little shops along the way with people trying to survive. After about two hours, we arrived in KIREKA where I took Alex and Gregg for supper and some African tea. Three exhausted

men then headed for our little guest house, it is almost midnight but the streets are packed and teeming with people and of course the music is on "full ball" ... this is Africa where I love to be, and so looking forward to these next ten days.



Now let **SAMUEL DYER** close off the day for us, such a challenge:

"but I do humbly conceive that when we devote ourselves to missionary work, we shall lay our all, yea and our lives too, upon the missionary altar: and then joy – come sorrow, come success, come disappointment, come sickness, come health, come life, come death – ALL and EVERYTHING shall be a sweet privilege in the service of such a Master as Jesus Christ."

SATURDAY, 11 JULY

Wow ... woke up so thrilled to be here in Uganda and so excited to be at the graduation service for one of our students, **GEORGE BAGAGA**. My readings from the Bible continued in Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. Then in my time of prayer, I remembered the JIMA people, the unreached tribe in ETHIOPIA. **Oswald Chambers** then wrapped up my devotions in the following way:

"the initiative of the saint is not towards self-realization, but towards knowing Jesus Christ. There is a **RECKLESS** abandonment about him ...

I want to follow Chambers in a reckless abandonment to doing the Will of God for my life across Africa. Last night, I never got much sleep as they switched off the music only at 06:00am and then ... blow me down ... the hymn "When I survey the Wonderous Cross." Life is amazing here.

After a cold shower and shave, we headed off towards BUWENGE where George's graduation for his Diploma in Missions will be held. Along the way I was able to get a small breakfast for the three of us, put some petrol in the car, hand over a few \$100 to Alex to cover all the expenses and get on our way again.

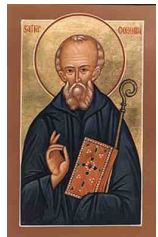
What an unbelievable day the Lord gave us. The service started at 2pm and I was able to preach from Titus 2 on the marks of a good pastor, after which I presented George with his Diploma and Academic Hood. There were over 600 people present and everyone stood and gave

him all the traditional celebrations. Many photographs were taken and each of us was treated to a fantastic lunch, which all the women had prepared. They are incredible how they do it and after the speeches, I was taken to my little room ... the proudest Principal in the world! To see George and Alex with their Diplomas was very moving for me; I cannot thank the Lord enough for using us at KMBC to keep on preparing pastors and missionaries for Africa.



Pastor George's Graduation Celebration

It has been a brilliant day, travelling with Gregg and Alex and then being at our third Footprints into Africa graduation service (the others in Malawi and Zambia). So let me allow **COLUMBA**, another great missionary in (521-597) to close off an unforgettable day.



"in 563, at the age of 42, he and 12 of his followers sailed to Scotland, wishing to go into exile for Christ, where they established a centre of missionary activity at Iona. The pure Gospel that was preached by Columba and his fellow workers spread over the whole of Scotland, turning it to God. It also overflowed into Ireland and over Northern Europe. He set the foundation for the greatest achievement of the Irish Church and its monks in the 6th and 7th centuries, the Christianization of North Britain."

It has been a great day; I am on my own tonight as I will be preaching in Buwenge in the morning while Gregg will be preaching in Kampala with Alex. So with the music on full ball let me try and sleep here in the heart of Africa.



George and his wife, Sarah

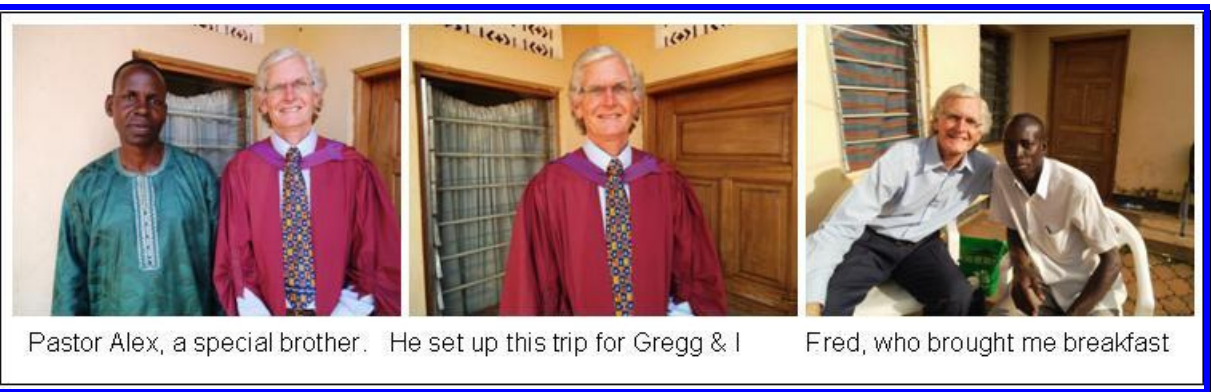
With Pastor Alex, who graduated last year

SUNDAY, 12 JULY

After all the excitement yesterday, I slept like a baby and ... there was load shedding so the music stopped early!!! This morning my Bible readings continued in Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew. Then in my prayer time, I prayed especially for the BRAHAM people of INDIA. **Oswald Chambers** then closed my time with the Lord with another challenge for our materialistic world:

"Having nothing ..." Never reserve anything. Pour out the best you have and always be poor. Never be diplomatic and careful about the treasure God gives. This is poverty triumphant."

Fred, a very dear young man walks from his home to bring me some Africa Tea and a banana for breakfast. I am so hoping he will come to KMBC next year, he has huge potential. So after a cold shower, a shave, and some tea I am now ready to go and preach two sermons at George's Church.



Pastor Alex, a special brother. He set up this trip for Gregg & I

Fred, who brought me breakfast

Following the example of Patrick and Columba, I preached the Gospel while Gregg preached in Kampala. I preached on Hebrews 9:27-28, which covers 'THE FOUR CERTAINTIES' after which I gave an appeal and by God's grace many responded. It is so critical to preach the Gospel at every opportunity because there is so much nominalism across Africa. The response was overwhelming and I was so very grateful and humbled. Afterwards a lovely lunch was provided at Fred's home, after which I made my way to my little room to wait for Gregg, rest a short while, and then get ready to preach again tonight.



Fred and his wife

George's home

George's skinny pig

Gregg arrived safely and the people in Kampala loved his sermon, so he is getting a good taste of preaching across Africa, having already been with me to Rwanda. Following George's graduation there has been an amazing response to KMBC, so time will tell whether some come or not. After the evening service, we returned home so very grateful for this enormous privilege of teaching the Bible across Uganda, but longing to be able to get some of these men down to KMBC for training.

How better to close off the day than by listening to **JOHN WYCLIFFE** (1324 - 1384)



"God's words will bring men new life more than any other words that are for pleasure. O marvelous power of the Divine Seed which overpowers strong men in arms, softens hard hearts, and renews and changes into divine men, those men who had been brutalized by sin, and departed far from God."

He had no greater passion than getting the Bible and its liberating truths into the language, then prayerfully into the hearts of the people. I want to try and follow his amazing example.

Now to sleep for the last time in Buwenge ... what a privilege ...

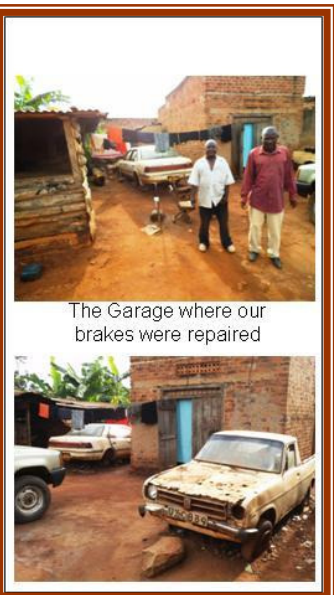
MONDAY, 13 JULY

Phew ... what a night!! The music blared until after 01:00 and then I had a visitor ... a rat who came and took my sweets ... the dirty rat!! I therefore got up early, had a cold shower, and did my devotions. This morning my readings continued in Joshua, Psalms, Jeremiah and Matthew after which in my prayer time, I was able to pray for the ANUFO people from Togo. Joshua Project does such a great job in keeping these unreached people before us, but more than that driving us to our knees. **Oswald Chambers** then reminded us:

"it must be God first, God second and God third, until the life is faced steadily with God and no one else is of any account whatever. In all the world there is none but Thee my God."

With a heavy heart, I left Buwenge. It has been fantastic to be at the graduation with 600 people celebrating George's commitment, and then seeing so many respond to the Gospel at both services was for me very moving. Now we go to George and Sarah to have breakfast with them before moving on to KALIRO.

But we had to stop at a "garage" in order to get the brakes of the car fixed, but Moses did a great job for us. Before we left, I had to sign his guest book and have a good chat ... real African lifestyle.



George has developed an amazing home, with cows to provide the milk, a pig to provide income, chickens, vegetables and a comfortable home. We had a great time with him, together with Fred and Baylon who I am hoping will come to KMBC next year. Moving around their homes is wonderful, I love the African way of life, staying with them is a privilege, and at the end of our time I was given a gift ... just perfect for my office.



Friends and family at George's home

Receiving their gracious gift

Kaliro Church

We then had a long drive, past Jinja to Kaliro where the Church was waiting for us. A Leadership Conference has been arranged for the area so I will give six talks on 2 Timothy. I went straight into my first talk on Chapter 1, which was followed by lunch, and then my other two talks followed. You may not believe it, but after all the traveling, giving three 1-hour sermons, I am exhausted. So we set off to our little room, washed some clothes, and got ready for the four talks tomorrow. There is really no time to catch your breath ...

The pastor has arranged some African tea for us after which I am off to bed, so very blessed to be doing what I love more than anything else in the world. But first ... Alex, George, Gregg and I met under the African sky dreaming of where we want to plant more footprints into Africa ... it was very special.

TUESDAY, 14 JULY

Africa is noisy in the townships and city centres. The music only stopped at 05:00 just in time for me to have a cold shower, wash clothes and get into my devotions. Following Mc Cheyne's calendar, I read from Joshua, Jeremiah, Matthew and today we started in Acts, which was great. It was then time for prayer and I prayed for the BIAFADA people from Guinea-Bissau. This morning it tied in nicely with what **Oswald Chambers** wrote:

"Quit praying about yourself and be spent for others as the bond slave of Jesus."

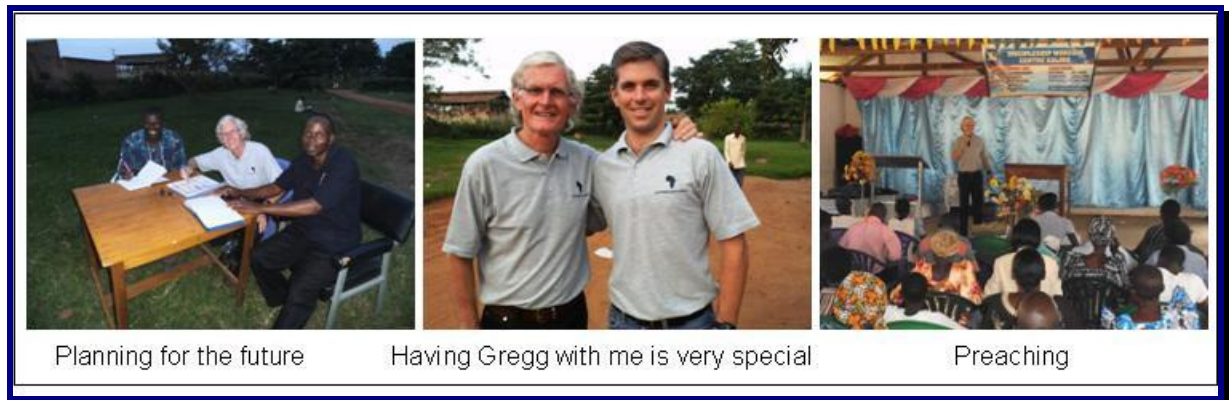
The book I am reading is brilliant, "HEROES OF THE FAITH". This morning I read the story of **MARTIN LUTHER** (1483 - 1546) so I have taken you from Paul to Patrick to Columba to Wycliffe and now Luther. The world has rarely witnessed a character and resolve as remarkable as that of Martin Luther.

He was created by God to light the torch of the greatest revolution in the history of Christendom. At the Diet of Worms, he made that famous speech:



"To councils or to the Pope, I cannot defer, for they have often erred. My conscience is a prisoner to the Word of God."

What a man he was!! Now I am off to give the next four talks on 2 Timothy, going as a captive to the Word of God.



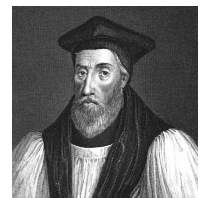
Planning for the future

Having Gregg with me is very special

Preaching

Phew ... speaking and answering questions for seven hours is tiring but that is what we are here for, teaching the Bible and equipping pastors for ministry into Africa. I got back to my little room exhausted, so found time just to rest for a while ... (getting soft) ...

I read for a while and what a challenge the life of **HUGH LATIMER** (1485 - 1555) was. As he was being burnt to death in Oxford alongside Nicolas Ridley he made that famous speech which will be a great ending to a brilliant day ... preaching my heart out from 2 Timothy.



“God is faithful who suffereth us not to be tempted above that which we are able. Be of good comfort, Master Ridley and play the man – we shall this day light such a candle, by God’s grace in England, as I trust shall never be put out.”

After a cup of African tea, I fell asleep under the magnificent African sky ... but not for too long...

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY

Today we leave KALIRO and move on to JINJA. I was up very early, just could not sleep so how better to begin the day than with my devotions. This morning my readings continued in Joshua, Acts, Jeremiah and Matthew. Afterwards in my prayer time I remembered the TANYI people, another unreached people living in NEPAL. It also gave me a lovely opportunity to pray for that country as they seek to slowly recover after that dreadful earthquake. Then, as always, **Oswald Chambers** challenged me as to how to react when people insult or criticize me ... listen from Matthew 5:39:

“These verses reveal the humiliation of being a Christian. Naturally, if a man does not hit back, it is because he is a coward: but spiritually if a man does not hit back, it is a manifestation of the Son of God in him. When you are insulted, you must not only not resent it, but make it an occasion to exhibit the Son of God.”

Off now to have my shave and cold shower and then head off to the Church for my eighth and final talk. But today will be a dream come true, first Gregg will preach on the NOMINAL CHRISTIAN and then I will follow him. It is the most incredible privilege to preach with your son around Africa.



Sharing lunch and fellowship



Church in Jinja

Gregg was absolutely amazing, his sermon was outstanding and had the conference spell bound ... I was so proud of him. The old man then followed from Matthew 11:28-30 and drew the Conference to a close. In these verses, our Lord Jesus urges us *to come; to take and to go* - (Matthew 28:19).

I asked those who were willing to surrender up everything and who were willing TO GO to come forward and kneel at the pulpit. The Lord is so good, over forty knelt before God saying, "I will go". After prayer and a lovely lunch, prepared by the women over the fires, we were on our way again to JINJA. These dear people kindly gave me two mementos for my office, it meant a lot to me to receive these very special gifts. We eventually arrived in Jinja and went straight to the Church where the people were waiting. I preached from JUDE verse 17-24 on "How to survive in the last days". Totally exhausted we found our way to my little room where I was able to read and catch up ...

It has been a great day, listening to Gregg preaching, giving my twelfth sermon on this trip, encouraging some fine young men to come and study at KMBC. Please pray that Baylon, Fred, George and James will come next year to study the Diploma in Missions.

So how do I end such a brilliant day of ministry in Africa? Surely, nothing can be better than by allowing **John Piper** to give the final word:

"My passion is to see people, churches, mission agencies and social ministries become:
God-centred
Christ exalting
Spirit empowered
Soul satisfied
Bible saturated
Missions mobilizing
Soul winning and justice pursuing.

The supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples, through Jesus Christ is the central, driving, all unifying commitment of my life."

Pray that will be the commitment of my life ... now to sleep in Jinja where the source of the Nile rises ... wow ...

THURSDAY, 16 JULY

What a roller coaster two weeks I have had. I gave five talks at our Conference at KMBC, then went to Mozambique and gave ten studies from 1 Thessalonians and 2 Corinthians to the AIM Missionaries, now I have given twelve talks in Uganda thus far, mainly from 2 Timothy. This morning there is a short break so that we can visit the source of the Nile which I long to see again. After a great sleep with no music to keep me awake, it was so good to wake up and spend time with God. My readings continued in Joshua, Acts, Jeremiah and Matthew and after in my prayer time I was able to pray for the OROMO people from Ethiopia, another unreached people group. What a reminder **Oswald Chambers** gave me this morning as I still come to grips with Jon:

“nothing happens in any particular unless God’s will is behind it; therefore you can rest in perfect confidence in Him.”

What an encouragement that is ... **Eric Liddell**, the famous missionary to China and the Olympic Medal winner, said this:



“circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God’s plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. When God’s love is working He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out His wonderful plans of love.”

Now off to have my cold shower, get some African tea and head off to the source of the Nile. After lunch Gregg and I share a message then we drive all the way back to Kampala - it should be a great day.

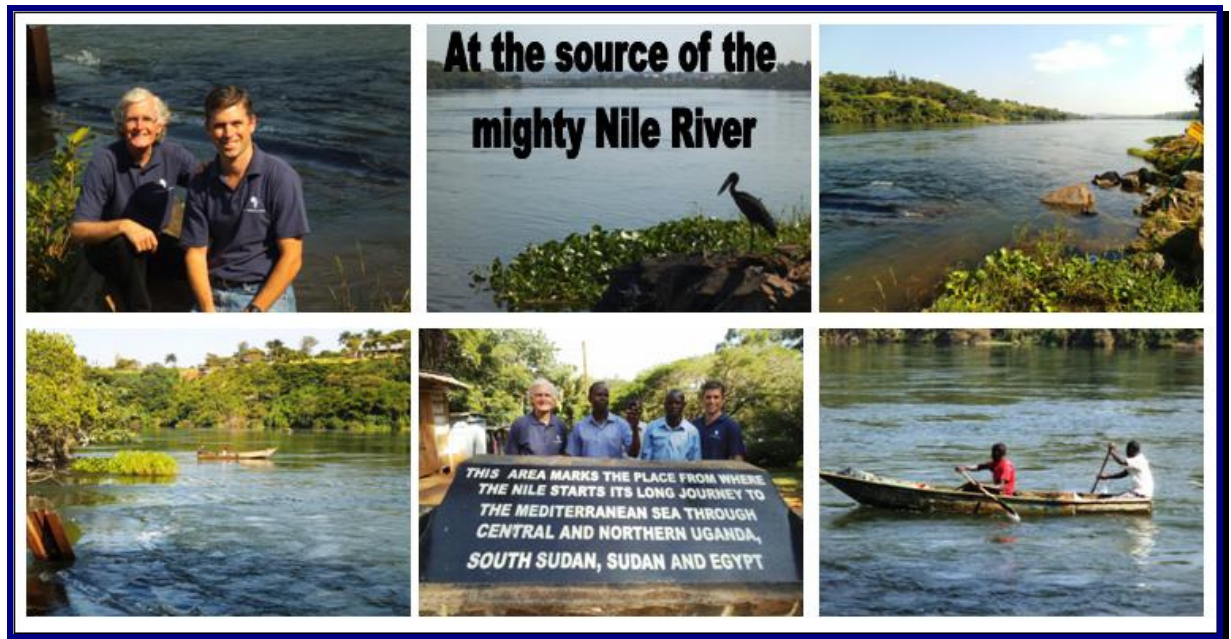


Enjoying some tea with Alex



Our Guest Lodge

It is one of the greatest sights in Africa, to see the source of the Nile. When Speke discovered the source, traditions tell us he stood here for an hour, just looking at this incredible sight of the Nile beginning its long journey up through Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt and into the Mediterranean Sea. Such a pity David Livingstone never saw this ...



I stood everyone to lunch and then we made our way to the Church where Gregg preached on "Being Salt and Light" and I spoke on the "Lamb of God".



Group outside the Church

A long day for this little guy

Buying airtime

From the Church we made our way through the hectic traffic jams all the way back to Kampala, enjoyed some African tea, and headed for my room to read and prepare for the Pastor's Conference tomorrow.

What another fantastic day of ministry into Africa with the added joy of sharing it with Gregg. How better to end the day than by quoting from **Nate Saint**, who was also killed alongside Jim Elliot.



"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 is late; let me drift off to sleep after an amazing day in the heart of Africa ...

FRIDAY, 17 JULY

Today we are leaving at 05:00 to travel up to the northern parts of Uganda, so let me begin the day earlier by spending time with God. You may remember Martin Luther who once said that he was so busy; he would need to spend at least three hours with God in prayer. My readings from the Bible continued in Joshua, Acts, Jeremiah and in Matthew. This followed with a time of prayer during which I prayed for the JERBA people from Tunisia, another unreached people group. Then as always **Oswald Chambers** challenged me from 1 Corinthians 2:1-5:

“anything that flatters me in my preaching of the Gospel will end in making me a traitor to Jesus.”

With all my preaching, especially here, these dear people do praise you a lot - I must direct them always to Jesus and never become a traitor, seeking my own praise!

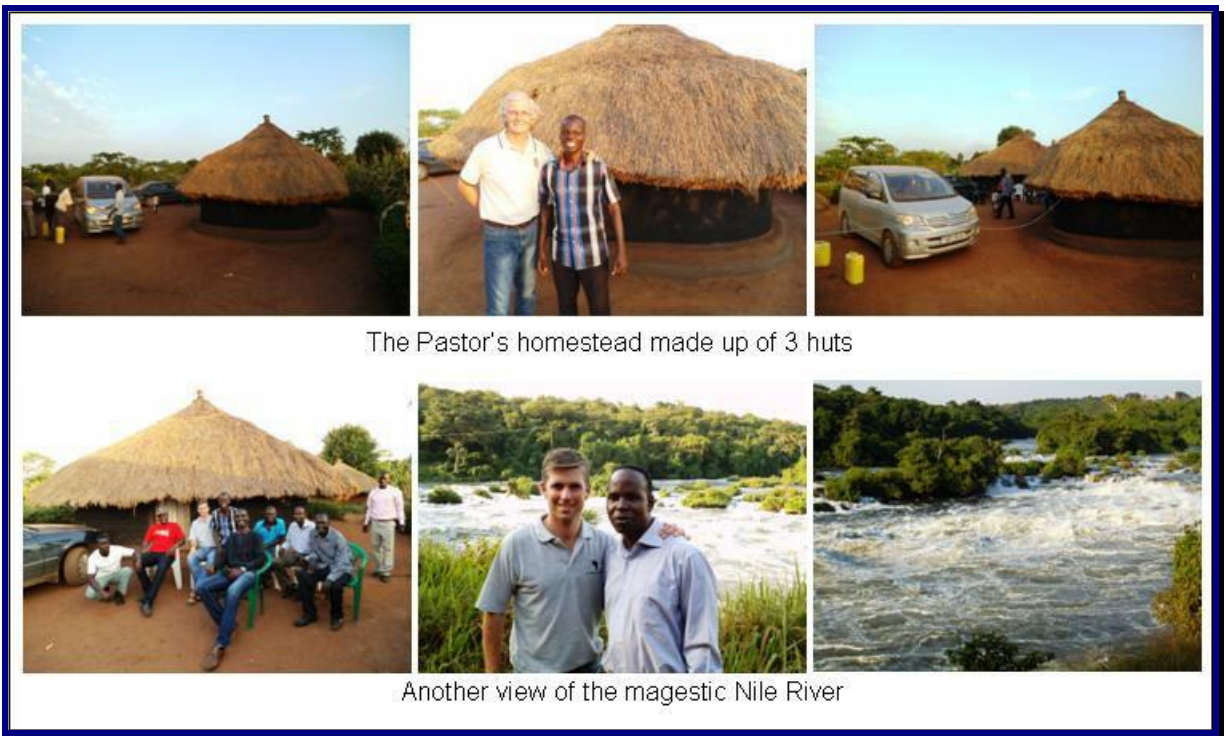
Now off to my cold shower and then together with Alex and Gregg head off to the north, speaking at a Pastor's Conference, where I will be taking them through 1 Thessalonians. This is the nearest I will get to heaven here on earth ... I am so grateful to be a missionary to Africa, encouraging these dear men and seeking to give them the opportunity to come to come and study at KMBC.



We left Kampala at 05:30 and began the five-hour journey into the north of Uganda, heading for a place called KARUMA. Along the way, we stopped for some African tea and a Samosa for breakfast, bargained for a fish from a lady along the road and eventually arrived at the Church. They of course were waiting for us so I began at 12:00 with my first talk from 1 Thessalonians on CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM. After a time of questions, I went into the second talk from Chapter two on CHRISTIAN MINISTRY hoping that lunch would then be served, but the ladies had sadly been delayed so I was asked to go straight into my third talk on CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR ... then lunch was served! Afterwards I gave my next two talks on CHRISTIAN HOPE (Chapter 4) and then ended off with CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (Chapter 5). Speaking for five hours was tiring, but the people were very appreciative and the questions were excellent.

We then were taken to the pastor's house for supper and what a fantastic home he has created (see my photos). He has built three brilliant huts, planted maize and vegetable and is totally self-sufficient - it was brilliant to see. Afterwards we went down to see the Nile making its way into Sudan and then up to Egypt. What a great day we have had, so

after all the traveling and all the speaking it is now time to read and to try and get some sleep with the music and TV blaring next door ... this is Africa ...



The Pastor's homestead made up of 3 huts

Another view of the majestic Nile River

As so I draw this day to a close right up in the north of Uganda, a place not too safe and which was the base for the rebel leader JOSEPH KONY, let one of Jon's heroes, **HENRY MARTIN**, have the closing word:



"Tell them to live more with Christ, to preach Christ, to catch His Spirit, for the Spirit of Christ is the spirit of MISSIONS. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary do we become."

SATURDAY, 18 JULY

Praise the Lord there was load shedding so we had no power all night and this meant ... no music ... so I slept like a baby. After my cold shower and shave, it was wonderful to again begin my day with the Lord. My readings continued in Acts, Jeremiah, Matthew and today we started in Judges. In my time of prayer, I was able to pray for the TUKULOR people from Gambia. While I may never go there, what a privilege to pray for them. Then **Oswald Chambers** reminded me of the awesome power of the Gospel:

"By the miracle of redemption Saul of Tarsus was turned in one second from a strong-willed, intense Pharisee into a humble, devoted slave of the Lord Jesus Christ."

May the Lord do that as we preach in KARUMA this morning. We were taken to a hut near the Church for breakfast. There we were given a wonderful breakfast of tea, chipatis and

doughnuts by one of the ladies from the Church. She was a prostitute in this area but has been wonderfully converted and is now serving Jesus ... what a miracle of redemption; it was wonderful to be there.



Alex then preached on the Holy Spirit and Gregg followed by teaching on the influence of the Christian, both were outstanding. I then followed and closed the Conference with the three words of Jesus regarding missions - LOOK - PRAY - GO. The Conference has been excellent and it was a humbling experience teaching and living with these precious people who have never been exposed to sound biblical teaching. In addition, it is strongly Muslim, which goes back to the days of Idi Amin. The need is huge, the labourers are so few ... how I long to assist in these areas and train pastors and leaders for them. At the end of my sermon I made an invitation and friends, the whole Church came forward to offer themselves to the Lord - it was overwhelming for me to see.

From there we started on our long journey all the way from the North of Uganda back to Kampala on the dustiest roads you could possibly imagine ... but ... we were three happy missionaries teaching the Bible across Uganda.

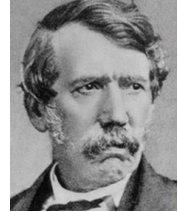


For the first time in many years, I saw the lady at the petrol station having to manually pump the petrol into our car ... Africa at its best ... and then it had to happen on these horrendous roads ... we got a puncture! Wow what a day.



We eventually arrived back in Kampala after nearly seven hours on the road, but overwhelmed at God's goodness to us and for the fantastic conferences we have now had in Jinja, Kaliro and Karuma. Having been in the villages for a few days, traveling along very dusty roads it was great to be able to enjoy another cold shower and a brilliant evening of reading.

So let us allow my hero, **David Livingstone** to end of another perfect day of ministry in Uganda.



“Lord send me anywhere – only go with me,
Lord lay any burden on me – only sustain me,
Lord never sever any ties except those ties that bind me to Thee and to Thy Gospel.”

SUNDAY, 19 JULY

The three conferences are now over, so today I will be preaching my twentieth talk from Hebrews 12:1-2 at Pastor Henry's Church. In my devotions, this morning I continued my Bible readings in Judges, Acts, Romans and I also started with Mark, my favourite Gospel. Afterwards in my time of prayer, I remembered the KHMU people of China, another unreached people group – Here I am, in my little room, overlooking KIREKE in Kampala and am so overwhelmed at God's grace in allowing me to serve Him across Africa, it really has been a very blessed trip. **Oswald Chambers** then added:

“Our Lord never insists on having authority: He never says, “Thou shalt”. He leaves us perfectly free, so free that we can spit in His face, as men did: so free that we can put Him to death, as men did ... but ... when His life has been created in me by His redemption, I instantly recognize His right to absolute authority over me ...”

I will now take Gregg and Alex for some African tea, and then we will be preaching at different Churches, as bondslaves of our Lord Jesus.

Alex dropped me off at the Revival Worship Centre, where one of our current Diploma in Missions students, Sarah Gorrett, comes from.

It was wonderful to report back to them on how she was doing and then I preached from Hebrews 12:1-2 on “Running the Christian Life”. By God's grace, there was a wonderful response, as there was when Gregg preached on the NOMINAL CHRISTIAN at the Church he went to.



After our service I took Gregg and Alex to lunch in the centre of Kampala, just to say “thank you” to them – they have been out of this world. All I asked is that they take me to the Anglican Cathedral where two of my heroes are buried – Alexander MacKay and James Hannington. Gregg especially loved looking around the renovated Cathedral and then visiting the graves of my missionary heroes.



Alexander MacKay's grave, the Cathedral and Bishop James Hannington memorial plaque

We got back to our little room at 7pm, time to have a cold shower and pack because tomorrow we are up at 03:00 to leave for the Entebbe Airport at 04:00.



Showing Gregg the resting place of these amazing heroes

It has been one of the very best of all my trips into Africa, souls have been saved, pastors have been encouraged, new students have been recruited. Travelling so many hours across Uganda with Gregg and Alex has been a special joy ... I dreamt that one day this may happen. So nobody could close off this journal than **Alexander MacKay**, the man God sent to lay the foundation for the Church in Uganda:

"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 as pioneers of Christianity. I would not give my position here for all the world. A powerful race has to be won from darkness into light, men have to be taught to love God and love their neighbour. Who would not willingly engage in such a work and consider it the highest honour on earth to be called to it."

Homeward bound ... an exhausted Gregg ... then a little more refreshed at OR Tambo



LOOKING BACK

In the plane coming here, I enjoyed a quote from **Jimmy Connors** who I used to so enjoy watching while he played at Wimbledon:

"I think my greatest victory was every time I walked out there, I gave it everything I had. I left everything out there."

While he gave it all at Wimbledon, I tried to give my everything to these precious people. Looking back at

- The thrill of preaching twenty times in ten days was my greatest joy
- Seeing the amazing response to the messages was humbling and to see so many wanting "TO GO" will remain etched in my memory forever
- Having Gregg with me was very special and see how the Lord has gifted him was wonderful ... brought tears of gratitude at times
- What a hectic three weeks I have had with the Conference, my Mozambique visit and now Uganda, preaching thirty-five messages it has been incredible
- Traveling across Africa on these roads for hours and yet having had no accident is a miracle, you would not believe where we have been at times. But I love it with an all-consuming love
- My books are read and summarized for the website
- We have about six wonderful young African men wanting to come for the Diploma in Missions programme next year, which is fantastic. I want to flood Africa with passionate Gospel-driven men preaching the Bible. Please pray that they will come.
- Tomorrow morning I begin with six lectures at KMBC so the work of training Bible teachers for Africa drives me on

BUT

Thank you my dear friends, your prayers and giving make it all possible – I am so very grateful for your hand of support and partnership in this Gospel work.

So ends my 39th trip into Africa ... the next one will be to TANZANIA

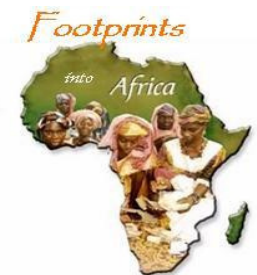
Now let **Donald McClure** close off for us with a quote you know so well:

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



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

- ☑ Pray for one of the countries and the past students who are working there
- ☑ Sponsor a student's training
- ☑ Contribute to supply the pastors with resources for their work
- ☑ Contribute towards my missionary trips into Africa
- ☑ General support



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