

MY MISSION TRIP  
TO  
**TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR**



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Trip No.



## **BACKGROUND**

Way back in 1980, Bishop Stephen Bradley sent me on a mission trip up to OSHIKATI in Namibia to conduct a week-long Bible School for pastors and leaders. I absolutely loved it, I loved travelling around Namibia, and I remember the excitement I experienced when I found the grave of the first missionary to Ovamboland, **MARTIN RAUKENEN** in OLUKONDO. That visit changed my life forever.



The Church in Namibia and the Ox wagon which brought them up from the Cape

Now 35 years later I am heading up to TANZANIA for my 40<sup>th</sup> mission trip into Central Africa where I will be speaking at a Conference for pastors in Dar es Salaam. Being now a full-time missionary to Africa is the greatest thrill anyone could ever have. During the term, I lecture thirty classes a week at the missionary College I founded in 1987, training and equipping pastors and missionaries for Africa, and then in the holidays I head up into Africa. I remember that quote from **Helen Blakeslee**, which so perfectly summarizes how I feel:

*"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. I go to AFRICA because I believe her people 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."*

The main purpose of these trips is to encourage all our students who we have trained and sent out from KMBC, but also to encourage and train pastors for the Churches in Africa. Floyd McClung hit the nail on the head when he wrote:

*"the greatest growth, the greatest openness, and the greatest moves of God's spirit are happening in Asia, Africa and Latin 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 the nations of AFRICA who are crying out for training and mentoring."*

With 65% of all pastors in Africa having had no formal theological training, the need is HUGE ... so I head up to Tanzania to assist the pastors in Dar es Salaam in some small way. My brother in Christ, colleague and friend, ALEX MUKWABI, who co-ordinates all my work in Uganda, Tanzania and the Great Lakes Area will accompany me on this trip. What a great time lies ahead of us. Then, in addition, I will be taking a ferry to the Island of Zanzibar just to go and visit the Cathedral there, because somewhere in that building is a cross, made from the tree under which David Livingstone's heart was buried in Chitambo's Village in northern Zambia.

I have been to that village and seen the memorial plaque where the tree once stood, now I cannot wait to visit the Cathedral, and if I can find it, the Livingstone Tower in BAGAMOYO.

So come with me on my *40<sup>th</sup> trip into Africa*, it should be amazing.

## **DEDICATION**

This month, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September in 2013 my precious son JON went to be with the Lord. Two years have now passed by but not a second goes by without me thinking of him and his incredible testimony and love for the Lord Jesus. He was amazing in his passion for the Gospel and how he faced death with such courage. His greatest longing was to join me as a missionary to Africa but sadly that was not to be. He was studying missions from KMBC and just wanted to go to Malawi where he put in a borehole that provides the village where Lenard Gowa lives, with clear, fresh water. But his legacy lives on and lives continue to be challenged for the Gospel by his stirring example.



**So I dedicate this journal to Jon**, so proud to be known as his Dad.

On 19 January 2012, this is what he wrote in his journal, it makes moving writing.



**'Satan's and God's design in your cancer are not the same. Satan designs to destroy your love for Christ. God designs to deepen your love for Christ. Cancer does not win if you die. It wins if you fail to cherish Christ. God's design is to wean you off the breast of the world and feast you on the sufficiency of Christ. It is meant to help you say:**

**"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and for me to live is Christ and to die is gain".**

**My cancer is a blessing - thank you Lord - 2011 was the greatest year of my life.'**

This is what **Jon** wrote to me on 16 April 2012, a man who could say:

**"I'm going after the lost, Dad.  
I want to be like you, a missionary. In  
Standard five, I told my teacher 'what  
I want to be is a missionary to the  
Congo.' It is close now. I'm loving my  
prayer time with the Lord, praying for  
healing, praying for the ministry, and  
praying for my family."**

***Jon***

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" So his total commitment to Jesus has left his two brothers with the most amazing example. Murray is a House Master looking after 60 boys, which is a huge responsibility, while Gregg will become the assistant minister of Christ Church in Somerset West ... they all three are passionate for the Gospel. I must be the proudest father in the world ... thank you Jesus and to their Mom who brought them up to love Jesus.





# Tanzania

Republic of Tanzania  
Africa

## Peoples

Peoples: 160  
(21% unreached) [All peoples](#)

## Geography

Area: 945,037 sq km  
Comprising mainland Tanganyika and the offshore islands of Zanzibar and Pemba (2,460 sq km).

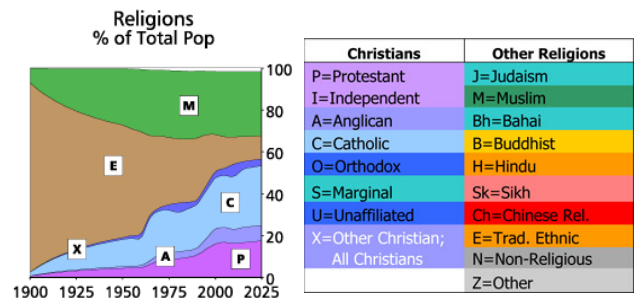
Population: 45,039,573 Annual Growth: 2.92%  
Capital: Dodoma (official); Dar es Salaam (de facto)  
Urbanites: 26.4%

Official language: Swahili, English; 2% speak only Swahili and no local African language  
Languages: 127 [All languages](#)

## Religion

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
<a href="#">Christians</a>	24,352,897 54.07	3.7
<a href="#">Evangelicals</a>	8,042,731 17.9	2.4



Tanzania remains an “island of peace” amid the many troubled nations in Africa, but there remain many challenges. The economy is very much agriculturally based, but the nation is very poor. For 50 years, Tanzania has remained stable and there has been little to no internal conflict. AIDS continues to spread and affect many.

## Challenges for Prayer

Missionaries continue to play a strategically vital role, even as they are increasingly replaced by capable national workers. They serve in a wide range of ministries in outreach, church support, training and specialist ministries.

### Christian support ministries:

- Bible translation** is an urgent need finally being addressed. Widespread use of Swahili masked the need for further translations. Still, 51 languages have no Scripture at all and a further 32 have only portions.
- Christian literature** is vital for an increasingly literate nation, yet poverty and supply difficulties hamper printing and distribution on the necessary scale. Pray for more Tanzanians with the gifts and calling to write appropriate Christian articles and books.
- Missionary aviation** is still an essential service to churches, missions and humanitarian agencies because of the lack of good roads and the size of the country. MAF's biggest operation is in Tanzania - 8 aircraft, 3 bases with 77 staff. They transport Christian workers and maintain medical programmes and fruitful outreach to the Maasai, Iraqw and Barabaig. Evangelism and showing the JESUS film at airstrips is one evangelistic spin-off! AIM operates a floatplane on Lake Victoria to facilitate a much-needed community health/evangelism programme.
- Christian radio** is widespread.
- The JESUS film** is widely used in 18 languages. The film is extensively used in evangelism among the unreached with great response.
- Global Recording Network** has recordings in 88 languages and dialects. Cassettes are widely used for evangelism, Scripture reading and teaching. Lack of non-Swahili literature and significant illiteracy make these audio resources all the more important.

## A Prayer marker on How to Pray for Tanzania:

- 1-Pray that the government be able to maintain the stability and balance.
- 2-Pray for the widespread and systematic poverty.
- 3-Pray for growth of the churches.
- 4-Pray for the continual growth, increased maturity and unity between Pentecostals and other evangelicals.
- 5-Pray for the continuing of the discipleship and impact of the Christian population.
- 6-Pray for leadership development and theological training through theological schools, training courses, and the teaching of current leaders.
- 7-Pray for national initiatives for reaching the country. For research on Tanzania's ethnic groups, national church planting strategies, and indigenous missions.
- 8-Pray for their young population and groups reaching out to making ministry to youth and children essential.
- 9-Pray for the unfinished task of reaching the borders of Tanzania and all its people (Zanzibar, Muslim peoples, Inland peoples, Mozambique, and the South Asian community).
- 10-Pray that the missionaries there continue to play a vital role.
- 11-Pray for support for these missionaries through Bible translation, Christian literature, missionary aviation, Christian radio, the JESUS film, and Global Recordings Network.

## MY DIARY

### MONDAY, 31 AUGUST


Today I fly up to Tanzania for the first time. Tanzania's Christian population, though numerous, needs discipleship. More than half of Tanzanians might be "Christian", but Church attendance runs around 8%. Many see lack of Biblical knowledge as the greatest challenge for the Church. As immature Christians are discipled, lifestyles and worldviews will change, and this in turn will impact the social, economic, and political life of the nation. Leadership development and theological training must become top priority in Churches. There is a critical lack of trained, mature leaders ... said Patrick Johnstone. So I head up to speak to a Pastor's Conference in Dar es Salaam and hopefully encourage one or two pastors to come and study at KMBC, it should be a great time and a 40th celebration.

But first let me spend time in Bible reading and prayer. My Bible readings were from 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, John and 1 Corinthians. In my time of prayer, I was then able to pray for the SUSU, SOSO people in Sierra Leone who are one of the 7000 unreached people groups of our world. My mentor, **Oswald Chambers** wrote this morning:

"The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of rules and regulations: it is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting His way with us."

May I portray that life as I minister up in Tanzania.

So my bags are packed, my Bible and the sermons and my books are in, as are the Malaria tablets and ... the directions to find the Cathedral in Zanzibar and the Livingstone Tower in Bagamoyo .... Wow, I will even see where they laid Livingstone's body for the night before they took his remains across the ocean to London to be buried in Westminster Abbey, an incredible privilege. Maybe I will lie down on the spot!!!

I caught the first flight out of Pietermaritzburg up to Johannesburg from where I flew up to Dar es Salaam. In the plane, I read from  **MEN OF UNITY** by Bishop Stephen Neil, the missionary bishop to India. His greatest burdens were for RENEWAL and MISSIONS. Listen to what he wrote on these two subjects:

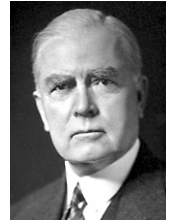
### RENEWAL

“The worship of the Christian Churches is often uninteresting, the challenge they present anaemic, their witness tame, their attempts to grapple with social problems amateurish and less effective than those of others who do not profess and call themselves Christians.” (The great need is for revival)

### MISSIONS

“The place of missions in the life of the Church must be the central place and none other ... secure for that thought its true place, in our plans, our policies, our prayers and then the issue is His, not ours ...”

Bishop Neil gives short biographical sketches on some of the men who did so much for the Kingdom in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, men like **MOTT**, SONDERBLOM, WILLIAM TEMPLE and others, it is an excellent book.



After a three and a half hour flight I arrived at the Julius Nyerere Airport in Dar es Salaam and my brother Alex Mukwabi was there waiting for me. I had booked a flight for him from Entebbe Airport in Uganda so he had arrived an hour before I touched down. So my first trip to Tanzania begins ... I will admit to feeling a bit nervous ....



Alex with two of the pastors



Our hostess, the pastor's wife



Pastor's house where we stayed

It took ages to get through customs but the biggest shock was being charged \$200 for a Visa!! Nevertheless, Alex and I made our way through, exchanged some money and there waiting for us were our hosts Pastor Daniel and Pastor Albano, such lovely men. I thought Kampala was bad, but the traffic jams in Dar es Salaam are horrendous, so it took us nearly five hours to eventually arrive at the Pastor's home, which will be our base for the week. True to African hospitality, a lovely meal was waiting for us and then two weary men headed off to bed ... tired after a long journey but so thrilled to be in Tanzania.



Our little bedroom


So now, let **C.T. Studd** close off an exciting day in Dar es Salaam:

“If Jesus Christ be God and He died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for

## TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

I had to pinch myself ... to fully realize that I was here in Dar es Salaam - here I am teaching the Bible and leading souls to Christ! My Bible readings this morning came from 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, John and 1 Corinthians. Afterwards **Oswald Chambers** reminded me:

“Continually restate to yourself what the purpose of your life is – the destined end of man is not happiness, nor heath, but HOLINESS. The joy of Jesus was the absolute self-surrender and self sacrifice of Himself to His Father, the joy of doing that which the Father sent Him to do.”

And then in my time of prayer I prayed for the Conference and another unreached people group, the ZARAMO people here in Tanzania. Another book I brought, which I have read before called  **BELOVED PARTNER**, is the story of MARY MOFFAT, the wife of **Robert** and mother-in-law to David Livingstone. The Moffat's did the most amazing work in KURUMAN but this quote struck me ... they were driven by the truth of heaven and hell ... they saw their work as urgent.



Death was not something to shrink from with averted eyes. To see the doorway of death as the threshold of a better life in a world to come was not to abdicate from the responsibilities of the present. On the contrary, the reality of the world to come gave sharpness and urgency to the tasks in hand. Robert Moffat's strong sense of hell causes him to anguish and sorrow when he contemplated the millions who had not heard the good news, and drive him relentlessly, with compassionate concern, to try and bring it to them.”



Please pray for that as I move across Africa ... that eternity ... heaven or hell must be uppermost in my mind.

**John Piper** said the same:

“Life is too short, too precious, too painful to waste on worldly bubbles that burst. Heaven is too great, hell is too terrible, eternity is too long that we should putter around on the porch of eternity.”

The Conference begins today at 09:00 where I will be giving three talks each day, which is such a privilege. After a lovely breakfast of an egg, a piece of bread and some tea, we all headed off to teach the Bible in Dar es Salaam.




**Henry Martyn**, that amazing missionary and spiritual son to Charles Simeon wrote:

“The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him the more intensely missionary we become.”



We so often describe a meeting as a success if there are large numbers. Well today there were not large numbers but perhaps it will go down as one of my successful days. There must have been at least six pastors who want to come down to KMBC for the Diploma in Missions - it was fantastic. I spoke for three sessions from 2 Timothy Chapter 1 & 2, so now we leave it all in God's hands, but the pastors really loved the expository messages.



It has been such a blessed day so let us allow Hudson Taylor to close off the day for us. I have just read  **A RETROSPECT**, which is the only autobiographical writing of **Hudson Taylor**, which we have. Listen to what he wrote:

**TAYLOR** "The power of prayer cannot be diminished by distance, it is not limited by age, infirmity, or daily duty: political changes and restrictions cannot alter its effectiveness, for the world still stands, 'if you shall ask anything in my name I will do it.' The power of prayer in the life of an obedient Christian can only be undermined by **NEGLECT**."



Time to try and sleep with Alex snoring his head off in the room ... but to be here overrides everything. But **Jim Eliot**, one of my heroes put everything into perspective when he wrote:


"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."



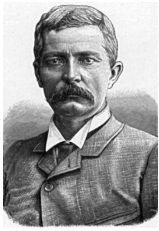
## WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

During the night, there was a huge downpour. It sounded so good to hear the rain falling on the corrugated iron roof. My hot water was ready so I enjoyed a lovely wash and shave and then could spend time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, John and 1 Corinthians after which in my time of prayer I was able to pray for the HEMSHIN people in Turkey. Afterwards Oswald Chambers wrote:

"God spilt the life of His son that the world might be saved: are we prepared to spill out our lives for Him."

 A book I read before coming here was **DOCTOR IN TANGANIKA**, the story of Dr. Paul White's work in the early years of Tanzania. In that book, he quotes from Stanley regarding his impressions of Tanzania ... as it was then in 1880:





"Some years ago, **Stanley** travelled through Mvumi, and, according to the story told me by a very old man, he wanted to camp near to where my house now stands. The Wagogo had had repeated battles with the Arab slave-traders, and were determined to safeguard themselves against any travellers in caravans, whoever they might be. They were always suspicious of strangers, and asked tremendous sums for even the right to pass through their country unmolested.

The famous explorer was met by the Chief, who demanded that a deep hole near his house, especially dug to measure tribute, should be filled with rolls of cloth before Stanley could pitch his camp within his chiefdom. Stanley promptly refused their terms, and went on.

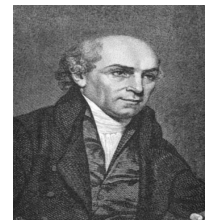
I think he probably wrote a portion of his memoirs that night, for in his classic book,

 **IN DARKEST AFRICA**, he states:

There is no country in Africa that has excited greater interest in me than this. It is a ferment of trouble and distraction, and a vermin of petty annoyances beset the travellers from day to day while in it. No natives know so well how to aggrieve and be unpleasant to travellers. One would think there was a school somewhere in Ugogo to teach low cunning and vicious malice to the chiefs, who are master in foxy-craft. Nineteen years ago, I looked at this land and people with desiring eyes. I saw in it a field worth some effort to reclaim. In six months, I felt sure Ugogo could be made lovely and orderly, a blessing to the inhabitants and to strangers. Without any very great expense or trouble, it would become a pleasant highway of human intercourse with far-away peoples, productive of wealth to the natives and comfort to the caravans. I learned, on arrival in Ugogo, that I was forever debarred from the hope. It is to be the destiny of the Germans to carry out this work, and I envy them. It is the worst news of all that I shall never be able to drain this cesspool of iniquitous passion, extinguish the insolence of Wagogo chiefs, and make the land clean, healthy, and ever-beautiful to view. While my best wishes will accompany German efforts, my mind is clouded with a doubt that it ever will be the fair land of rest and welcome I had dreamed of making it."

How very wrong Stanley was ... the grace of God has worked amazingly here in Tanzania. The early missionaries came out with the words of **William Carey** ringing in their hearts, laid down their lives, and brought the Gospel to Tanzania.

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."



By God's grace the numbers attending today almost doubled compared to yesterday which was great and I gave the next three talks from 2 Timothy Chapter 2 and 3. It was then time to explore Africa and they took me to **BAGAMOYO**.

Honoured by the Roman Catholic Church as the "mother of all parishes in East Africa", this historic parish was a focal point both in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century drive to abolish the African slave trade and the explorations of the African interior, including the celebrated search for the source of the Nile.

Here at BAGAMOYO you can see the following three fantastic sites:

**THE CROSS** erected on the beach in 1868 to remember the first missionaries who came to East Africa.



The Cross erected on the beach in 1868 to commemorate the first missionaries who came to East Africa

**LIVINGSTONE CHURCH** - Where the great man came to worship on his way into the interior.



Livingstone Church

**LIVINGSTONE TOWER** - when David Livingstone died, his devoted servants Susi and Chuma carried his emaciated body (without his heart, which had been buried in Chitambo's Village in Northern Zambia) on a journey to Bagamoyo, which lasted over eleven months. His body was then kept in **THE TOWER** on 24 February 1874 for one night and the next day it was taken on the ship, ironically named *M.S. VULTURE* to Zanzibar and then to England where he was buried in Westminster Abbey.



The Church at the Mission station and the **Livingstone Tower** where his body lay for a night en route to Zanzibar and then onto England





Seven hundred slaves gathered to pay homage to him at this Church before MWILI WA DAVDI - "the body of David" was taken to England.

Wow, this is what I live for ... seeing these places stirs me deeply. Alex and Pastor Albano could not keep up with me as I moved all around seeing all these incredible scenes ... it was phenomenal.

What a brilliant day, I have now visited almost all the David Livingstone sites in Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique and now Tanzania. On Saturday, I go to Zanzibar, then that settles my heart ... so let us allow **David Livingstone** to close off this very special day:

"If a commission by an earthly King is considered an honour, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice."

Wow ... my mind is in overdrive as I remember these missionary graves and the Livingstone Tower ... so moving for me.

## **THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER**

Another day dawns full of opportunities to preach the Gospel. My readings this morning continued from 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, 1 Corinthians, and John, after which I was able to spend time in prayer. Today I was able to pray for another unreached people group, the BAIIOCH people from Iran. Then **Oswald Chambers** wrote on the theology of rest:

"If we have been learning to worship God and to trust Him, the crisis will reveal that we will go to the breaking point and not break in our confidence in Him."

Today the Pastor's Conference draws to a close, it has gone well and there are some precious men now wanting to come and study at KMBC, some are very keen which is encouraging. Again, what a privilege it is for **Footprints into Africa** to sponsor all the expenses.



Teaching at the Conference ... the Old Testament Survey outline which they loved and photographed

I had such a laugh ... after doing my talk on the Survey of the Old Testament, the Pastors all wanted to take photos of the Chalk Board with all the information on ... they had never been shown this before. By God's grace they have loved the preaching and teaching. I am so incredibly happy doing this work at this stage in my life. Remember:

"if you love what you do, it becomes your life and can't be divided into weekend and work time - it is all consuming."



So my nine talks are over. Now I can read and regroup a short while.

In this autobiography, **Hudson Taylor** reminded me of his CALL, it really is very moving, and one I can relate to so much, it really happened to me:

"On Sunday, June 25, 1865, unable to bear the sight of a congregation of a thousand or more Christian people rejoicing in their own security, while millions were perishing for lack of knowledge, I wandered out on the sands alone, in great spiritual agony; and there the Lord conquered my unbelief, and I surrendered myself to God for this service. I told Him that all the responsibilities as to issues and consequences must rest with Him; that as His servant, it was mine to obey and to follow Him – His to direct, to care for, and to guide me and those who might labour with me. Need I say that peace at once flowed into my burdened heart?" J. Hudson Taylor called, Heaven answered; and men and women were in waiting for the hour. Soon there were a goodly number in training for China.

The Conference has gone well, there was a great interest in coming down to be trained so now let me fall asleep, so blessed to be teaching the Bible in Dar es Salaam. Tonight **Nicolas Von Zinzendorff** will close off another wonderful day in AFRICA.

"I have but one passion – it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world, and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ."

## **FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER**

Today is the day I have been waiting for for years ... I am off to catch a ferry and spend the day in Zanzibar. But before I go, it is so critical to spend time with the Lord in prayer and the reading of the Bible. My readings continued with 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, 1 Corinthians, and John, after which I could spend time in prayer. Today I prayed especially for the LABA people in CHINA, another unreached people group. My mentor, **Oswald Chambers** then reminded me:

"The true nature of the life in the actual whirl is the deliberate giving up of myself to another in sovereign preference, and that other is Jesus Christ ... be entirely His."

Now I am off to Zanzibar. To get there I booked for Alex and I on a ferry that takes about one and half hours to get across to Zanzibar from Dar es Salaam. It really was very special going across. On arriving there, we were met by 100's wanting to be your guide ... they could not understand that I knew exactly where to go ... so off I went on my mission ....



View of Dar es Salaam



The Ferry



Docking alongside the quay



Lunch – the whole fish

There were three main sites I was dying to visit.

The first one was **THE OLD ANGLICAN CHURCH**.

It was built in 1873 by Edward Steere, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Zanzibar. The Cathedral took ten years to build and its strange barrel vault was the bishop's own invention. The altar stands at the location of the whipping post from the islands large slave market. But I went there mainly to see the wooden cross, which was made from the tree beneath which David Livingstone's heart was buried. Susi and Chuma removed his heart and buried it in Chitambo' Village because they said his heart was in Africa. Then they dried his body and carried it to Zanzibar. But can you believe this ... they were renovating the Cathedral and the cross had been taken down and put into the safe and as a result they said I could not even look at it. I told him that I had travelled all the way from South Africa to see the cross!! After much discussion and persuasion and after paying a HUGE bribe, the overseer took the cross out of the safe so that I could see and photograph it. Wow ... just for me ... thanks to Morgan ... I felt it was well worth the "gift"!!



From there I dragged Alex to the **LIVINGSTONE HOUSE**. Many of Livingstone's journeys began and ended in Zanzibar and he lived in this house before departing on his final journey into Africa to find the source of the Nile. Besides Livingstone, Henry Morton Stanley also used this house, and other explorers like Speke, Burton and Cameron.



David Livingstone House – many of his journeys began and ended in Zanzibar



Poor Alex is exhausted so I took him for a fish lunch and then we walked **STONE TOWN** flat ... it was fantastic to be there. Wow ... I never imagined I would get to see this ... followed by a weary Alex...

It has been the most amazing day, the dreams I have had for years have now been fulfilled. We caught the ferry back to Dar es Salaam and my heart was flowing over with gratitude for having the privilege of visiting all these missionary sites.

When we arrived back, Pastor Albano kindly drove us to his home, a lovely meal was enjoyed by all, so now I can wash and go to sleep with all these memories flooding my mind. Living amongst all these dear African people, experiencing another culture is so rewarding, it reminded me of what Hudson Taylor said of the time he spent with **WILLIAM BURNS** in China ...

*"Those happy months were an unspeakable joy and privilege to me. His love for the Word was delightful, and his holy, reverential life and constant communion with God made fellowship with him satisfying to the deep cravings of my heart."*



I long to live among these dear people so that one day they will say that of me. Now let **JORDAN GROOM** close the day:

"If God called you to be a missionary don't stoop to be a king."


## SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

Phew last night I just could not fall asleep ... my mind was racing over all these places I have visited and the horrors of the slave market dungeons that left me numb ... so I lit the candle and I enjoyed my time with the Lord. My readings continued from 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, 1 Corinthians and John after which in my time of prayer I prayed for the YORA people of PERU. We owe Joshua



Project a huge thank you for bringing these unreached people groups before us. And then **Oswald Chambers** wrote:

“we are to be centres through which Jesus can flow as rivers of living water in blessing to everyone. Some of us are like the Dead Sea, always taking in but never giving out because we are not rightly related to the Lord Jesus ..”

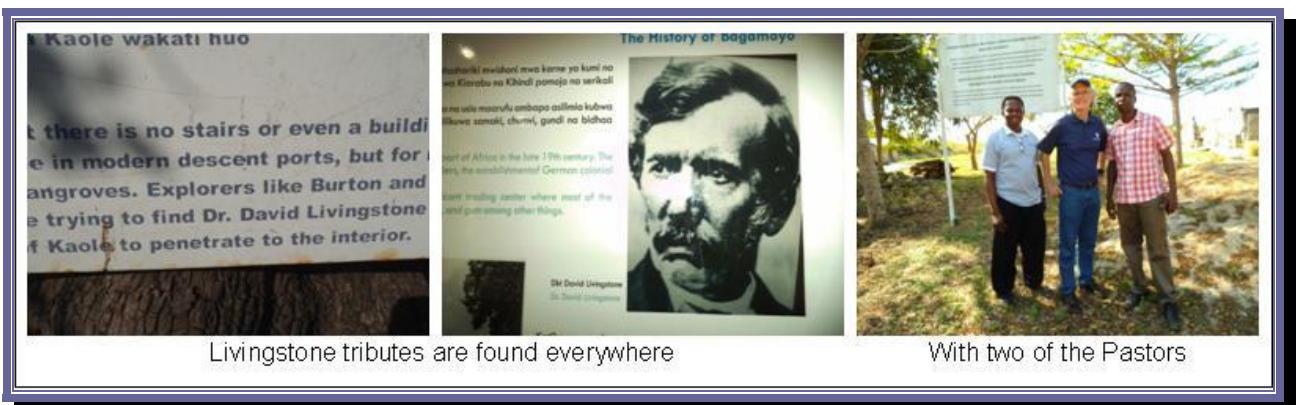
After that, I started my last book  **THE CATHOLIC FAITH** by Griffith Thomas. Friends it is old but worth selling your house for. He goes over every major doctrine we as evangelicals believe, it is absolutely brilliant. The sun is now up, my hot water is ready, so I can enjoy my wash, shave, have breakfast and then we set off for MAPINGA. There I will be preaching in the Church of Pastor Daniel, who wants to come to KMBC next year. The last quote from **Hudson Taylor**:

“All God’s giants are weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned that God was with them.

Pastor Daniel was so incredibly kind to us. He came all the way from Mapinga to collect us and then took us back to his home where his wife had cooked a huge lunch. Afterwards we made our way to his Church and I was so impressed with the simple structure, so perfect for the hot climate here in Tanzania.



He then took us all the way back to Magamoyo to visit the ancient ruins of KAOLE, built by the Arabs who came out from Iran in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. But then I found this ... there was an old seaport here which men like Speke and Stanley used in their search for David Livingstone.



He pops us everywhere so that absolutely made my day. Then amongst the ruins there was an old Baobab tree of 500 years old and tradition says you must walk around the tree and you will live to be **one hundred**.



So they made me walk around the tree and ask God to keep me until I reach one hundred so that the work of Footprints into Africa can continue ... we had such a laugh! The day ended and we drove home as the sun was setting. The meetings are now over, it has been such an experience being up here and I have covered so much ... poor Alex is totally finished ... so let me give

**J.L. Ewen** the final word after another phenomenal day in Africa.

“as long as there are millions destitute of the Word of God and knowledge of Jesus Christ, it will be impossible for me to devote time and energy to those who have both...”

## **SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER**

Woke up to such a beautiful morning on this my last day. My Bible readings then continued in 1 Samuel, Ezekiel, John and 1 Corinthians and in my time of prayer, I was able to pray for the HITU people living in INDONESIA. I love praying each day for the unreached, it keeps the fire for missions burning. As **Samuel Zwemer** wrote:

“the history of missions is the history of answered prayer.”

As always, I read **Oswald Chambers** who wrote:

“The workshop of missionary munitions is the hidden, personal, worshipping life of the saint.”

My hot water is now ready, so I will have a wash, shave and get ready to preach my last sermon in Dar es Salaam. **Nate Saint** put it all in perspective for me:

“and people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives, and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.”



What a lovely Church Pastor Albano has, not large in numbers but a very warm, loving community. I preached my eleventh and final sermon on HOW TO RUN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE from Hebrews 12:1-4, while Alex was preaching elsewhere.



Pastor Alex is an amazing friend and colleague

These twins reminded me of our little ones

It has been the most amazing trip so let me try to wrap it up ...



## LOOKING BACK



1. I read four amazing books, all on missions, they were brilliant.
2. I so enjoyed preaching eleven times. To see the faces of the pastors light up after I did the Old Testament was moving for me – they had never been taught that before. They even photographed my notes on the board ...
3. My visits to Zanzibar and Bagamoyo were out of this world. To see the David Livingstone Tower, his house and the Cross in Zanzibar, the old port in Kaole, which was used to find Livingstone, were beyond words for me. All I want is to now come back here ...UJIJI is waiting ...
4. Living in Pastor Albano's home was such a privilege. Living in another culture and doing things differently was very humbling, I loved it.
5. But I go back so deeply conscious of the massive need for discipleship and theological training right across Southern Africa. This makes the work of KMBC and Footprints into Africa so very critical, we are on the button ... if the brothers from Uganda and Tanzania come next year, I will be so blessed, and the College will be full.

## BUT

Wherever you go, money is the issue. A number of the pastors met with Alex and I. They desperately want something up here so we spoke of the possibility of **establishing a Mission's College up in Kampala** where pastors can come for training twice a year for a full week. If we had it at Alex's church, we could start in 2017 and the facilities would be in place ... very similar to when I was at Holy Trinity and started KMBC.

So we dream ... (that Baobab tree better work) ... because so much needs to be done. This book by **Griffith Thomas** is magnificent; he put it all so well when he said:

"we are mainly concerned with the BIBLE in relation to practical Christian living, and its power in the daily life to influence mind, motive, heart and conceive in everything connected with truth, purity and holiness. The power of the Bible in these respects is nothing short of marvellous and can never be over-estimated.

Please pray that I will continue to teach the Bible and equip pastors and missionaries for Africa.

The words of **Floyd McClung** are written on my heart, and I am sure my readers know them well ...

"we need to build our work among the people we want to reach and mobilize. There are hundreds and thousands of teachable, dedicated, emerging leaders in the nations of AFRICA who are crying out for training and mentoring."

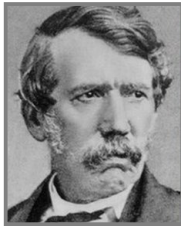


*Thank you, my very dear precious friends for praying and supporting me, this trip has been phenomenal and I hope you are encouraged. Your partnership in my work is so appreciated and I count it a privilege to be a missionary into Africa.*

Tonight the pastor will take us to the airport where Alex will fly back to Uganda at 02:00am while I fly down to Johannesburg at 06:00am, which means a long wait at the airport and very little sleep for us both. Then on Tuesday, it is back to the College to teach the Bible and prepare more pastors for Africa.



Only **David Livingstone** could close off this amazing trip, I feel I have chased after him for a week and I also thank God for **40 amazing mission trips into Africa**, the continent I love and will give my last breath for. Amazing that this year I have given nearly **one thousand talks** ... life really is so very blessed.

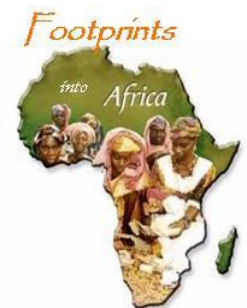


Lord send me anywhere - only go with me  
Lord lay any burden on me - only sustain me  
Lord never sever any ties except those that bind me to Thee and to Thy Gospel.



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



I enjoy, and look forward to your comments and feedback on my Journals.  
Yours for Africa,

Warwick

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