

MY 4TH MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA

(known as the "Pearl of Africa")



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BACKGROUND

At a book sale some time ago I picked up an amazing book entitled "THE CHRISTIAN OCCUPATION OF AFRICA'. It contains all the papers given at a missionary conference on Africa in 1917 from the city of New York. What a find!! Written nearly 100 years ago, it contains so much wisdom for today; it is incredible. Listen to what **Rev. Halsey** said in his talk on "Developing the Missionary Spirit in the African Church:

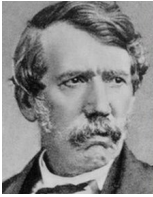
"I believe that the success of the missionary in Africa has been due fundamentally to the appreciation by the African of the missionary's LOVE FOR HIM ... stated in a logical order I would say that the missionary first showed the African he LOVED him, second he TRUSTED him, third he gave him RESPONSIBILITY and fourth he BELIEVED in his capacity for development."

This is now the 30th year since I founded our Bible College for the training of Africans for ministry into Africa. I love these precious students, trust them, believe in them and love to send them out into Africa to go and plant Bible believing, Christ exalting, disciple making Churches. How gracious the Lord has been, to use our feeble efforts to now plant over 100 churches and to send out over 300 pastors and missionaries into Africa and beyond - even Pakistan, Indonesia, Australia and England. Then ...it is my privilege to go all over Africa, live in local homes, preach in their churches and speak at Pastor's Conferences.

This will now be my 43rd time, speaking at conferences in Kampala, Buwenge and Kayunda with the incredible joy of having my son Gregg preaching with me. During this trip we will make contact with four of our students: Alex Mukwabi, George Bugaga, Emanuel Ngobi and Fred Mwasa - it should be a wonderful time. I love what **Helen Blakeslee** wrote of her missionary work in Africa, somehow it echoes all the feelings in my heart so perfectly:

"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 is was true."

So here I go again, off into the **Africa** I so dearly love, it should be the most blessed time following in the footsteps of Alexander McKay and James Hannington.



As David Livingstone once said:

"People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege."



You may remember that in March, together with Dave de Winnaar and Don Douma, I went on a mercy mission up to Malawi. There we delivered lots of clothes, medicines, books and balls for the school and village. Since returning there have been some memorable events, catch a look ...



Our past student Mark Fynes-Clinton visited us. It was lovely to catch up with him and hear of all that he now does with O.M. on the Logos Hope and also to give him a "Plastic Pastor" which will encourage and uplift him in the Word of God. Then to cap it all we took all our students to the ship that was docked in Durban, and they had the time of their lives, even joining in on a Pastor's Conference hosted on the ship. It was a special day.

I was thrilled to see my plaque up on the **Comrades Marathon Wall of Honour**. Wow ... lots of hard work to get that up but some incredible memories especially finishing one year with Jon. What a privilege to finish with your son.



Then ... as the Chaplain of the **Umvoti Mounted Rifles** I was privileged to bring a message at the retirement of our Officer Commanding, Lt. Col. Titlestadt. I have enjoyed serving the regiment for the past 15 years.



Life is so exciting ... but now I am off to Uganda thrilled to be training Pastors and Missionaries.



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.

Population: 33,796,461

Annual Growth: 3.32%

Capital: Kampala

Religion

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	28,639,121 84.74	3.4
Evangelicals	12,507,182 37.0	3.7

Peoples

People Groups: 66 (9%unreached)

Official language: English, Swahili

Languages: 45

Challenges for Prayer

a) Unity. There are numerous divisions in the Church, and the proliferation of independent and single-congregation denominations makes true unity a massive challenge. Pray for reconciliation and fellowship among Protestant and Catholic, charismatic and non-charismatic, denominational and independent.

b) Superficial Christianity. The majority of Ugandans identify themselves as Christian, but materialistic attitudes, polygamous practices and non-biblical worldviews – all affecting lifestyle – are common. For many, being “Christian” simply means not being Muslim. Pray for renewal that would turn nominal Christians into disciples.

c) Syncretistic practices and false teachings are multiplying even as the Church grows. The lack of biblical and Christian literature in local languages plays a part in this. The prosperity gospel is spreading rapidly. Many of the fastest growing groups have the fewest ordained pastors, the lowest training standards and the fewest accountability structures.

d) Training leaders for the Church. Solid biblical formation for pastors is a key issue – training that is affordable, relevant and empowering. There are numerous Pentecostal Bible schools and a Baptist Seminary. **YWAM** provides short-term training, and Uganda Christian University serves strategically to educate professionals using a Christian worldview. Pray for the preparation of spiritual, godly leaders.



MY DIARY

FRIDAY, 24 JUNE

Today I fly up to Johannesburg, link up with Gregg and then together we will fly up to Entebbe where Pastor Alex will pick us up. My Bible readings continued with Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew and then, as he has done for the past 49 years, **Oswald Chambers** taught me:



"if I am devoted to the cause of humanity only, I will soon be exhausted and come to the place where my love will falter; but if I love Jesus Christ personally and passionately, I can serve humanity though men treat me as a DOOR-MAT. The secret of a disciple's life is devotion to Jesus Christ and the characteristic of the life is its unobtrusiveness."

Please pray that I will always love the Lord Jesus personally and passionately and be totally devoted to our precious Saviour. But now as I set out for Uganda, listen to what **David Livingstone** wrote as he set out on one of his journeys ... I can relate to this although in a very small way ... a sense of EXHILARATION as I go to Uganda.

"now that I am on the point of starting on another trip into Africa I feel quite exhilarated. When one travels with the specific object in view of helping the plight of the people, every act becomes ennobled. The mere emotional pleasure of travelling in a wild unexplored country is very great. When on land of a couple of 1000 feet elevation, brisk exercise imparts elasticity to the muscles, fresh and healthy blood circulates through the brain, the mind works well, the eye is clear, the step is firm, and the days of exertion makes the evening repose thoroughly enjoyable."

In my time of prayer I was then able to pray for the ACEHNESE people in Indonesia.

I met Gregg at Oliver Tambo Airport and together we had a wonderful breakfast which set us up nicely for the day. It is such a joy and privilege to go on this mission trip, sharing the preaching with your own son. We enjoyed a beautiful flight up to Uganda, landing at Entebbe Airport alongside Lake Victoria, just as the sun was setting.



Sunset view from the plane



Traffic gridlock

After getting our visas, and changing some money we set off bound for KIREKE ... wow ... the traffic was horrendous and it took us almost four hours to reach our home. You cannot believe the gridlocks you face up here. But as we passed by the 1000's of little shops along the way it felt absolutely wonderful to be back in Africa ... I love being here!

Each evening I will close with a challenging quote. Tonight it is from **DAVID PLATT**. It is way past midnight so time to get some sleep.



"Somewhere along the way we have subtly and tragically taken the costly command of Christ to go, baptize, and teach all nations and mutated it into a comfortable call for Christians to:

- *come (to one of many meetings)*
- *be baptized*
- *listen (to a professional)*
- *stay at home (don't be missions minded)."*

SATURDAY, 25 JUNE

It is a new day, I find myself in the country that Alexander McKay and James Hannington gave their lives for, such a massive privilege. So let me get into my Bible readings for the day which continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. Then **Oswald Chambers** reminded me:

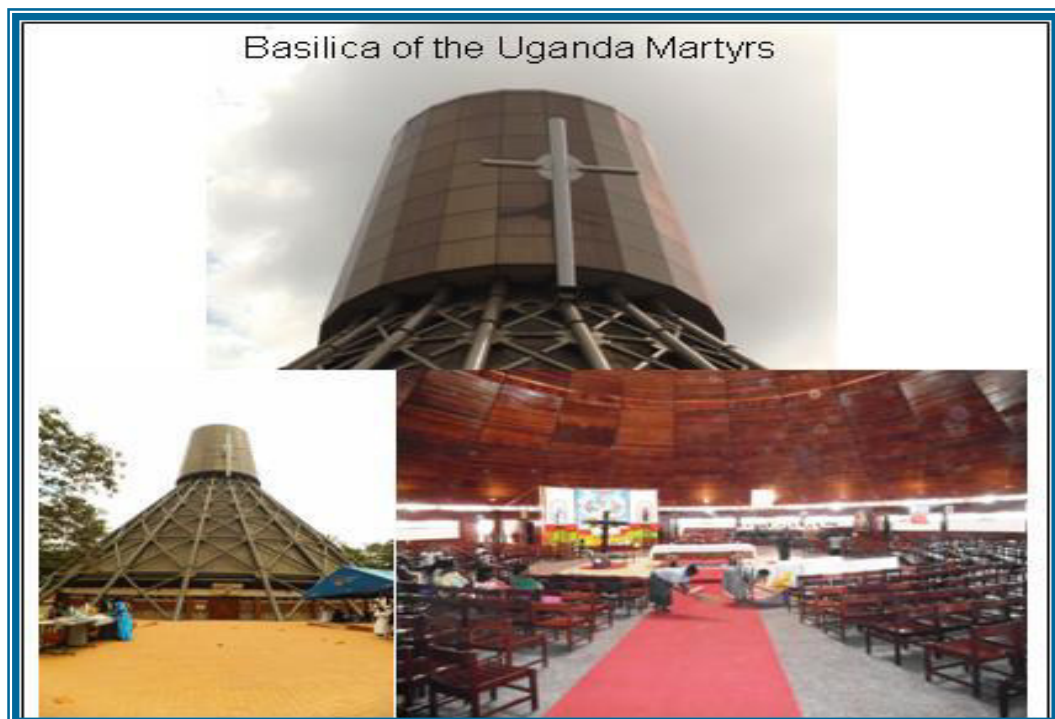


"if you receive yourself in the fires of sorrow God will make you nourishment for other people."

In my time of prayer I was able to pray for another unreached people group, the SHUI people in China. I find praying for an unreached people every day keeps me focused on missions and of the great task ahead of us.

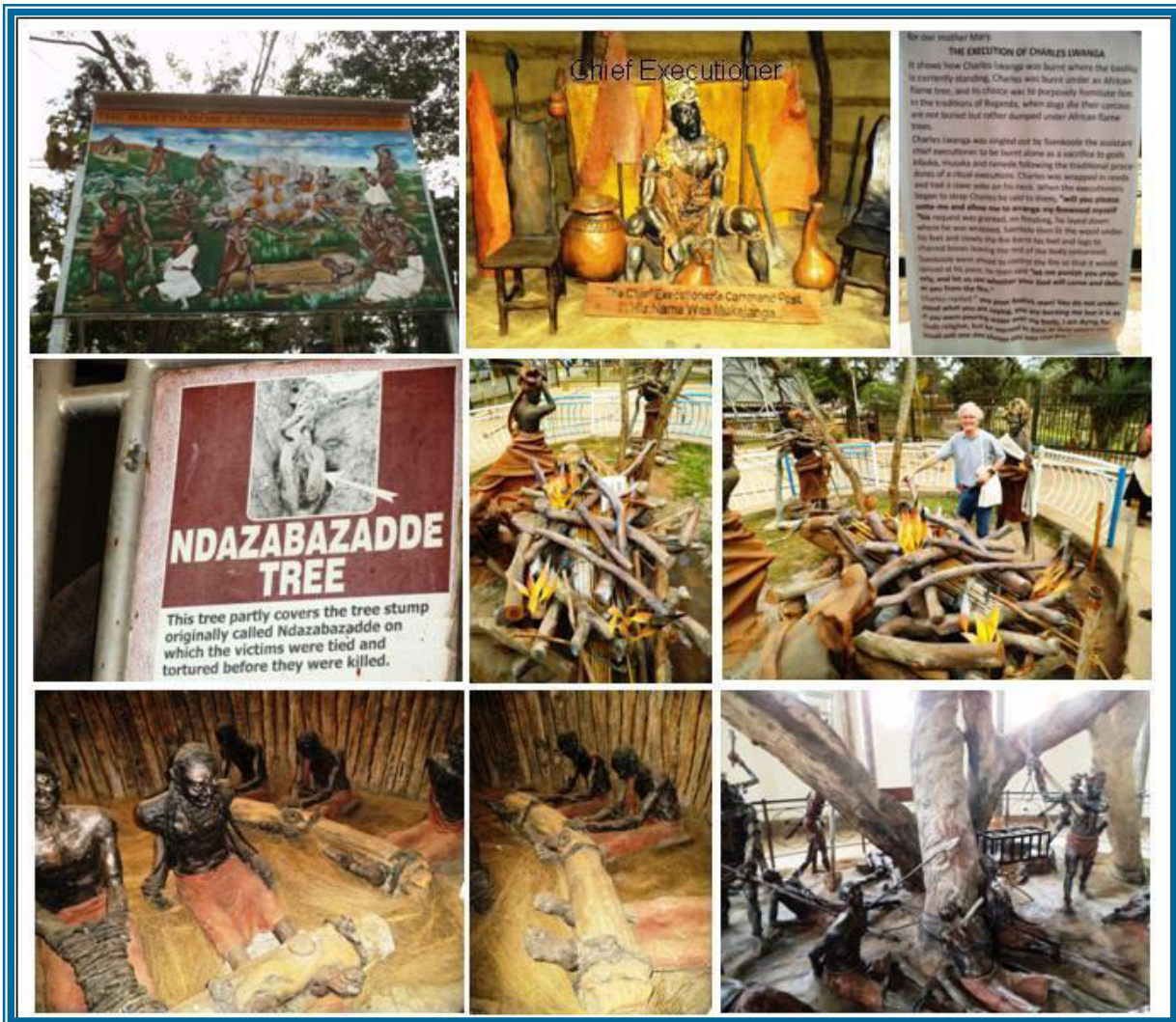


We are staying in a very comfortable guest house in the suburb of KIREKE but the water is not running at the moment!! So after a few Boy Scout adjustments, I had a shave and wash. Alex then arrived and together the three of us went for breakfast and also enjoyed some African tea which I really love. It was then time to visit the one site I have wanted to get to for years - The Uganda Martyr's Memorial. Gregg and I caught a BODA BODA, motor bike taxis which are the cheapest mode of transport here in Kampala ... but you put your life in danger as they weave in and out of the busy Kampala traffic. It was hair raising, but we arrived at the Catholic Memorial Church safe and sound. The Catholics have erected one of the most beautiful and stunning Churches I have ever seen. Enjoy this cameo of the Basilica and the monument. I believe the Pope gave millions of \$UDS to erect this church.



Uganda Martyrs

On 3 June 1886, 32 young men, pages of the court of King [Mwanga II](#) of [Buganda](#), were burned to death at Namugongo for their refusal to renounce [Christianity](#). They were [Anglican](#) or [Catholic](#).



Twenty two of the Catholic [martyrs](#) were canonized by [Pope Paul VI](#) on 18 October 1964 and are regarded as [saints](#) in the Catholic Church. A [basilica](#) has been built at the spot where the majority of them were burned to death. A church stands at the place where the Anglican martyrs met their death, about 2 miles (3.2 km) further east from the [Basilica of the Uganda Martyrs](#).

We then found another BODA BODA and went to the Protestant Martyr's Memorial Church which was far simpler, but much more meaningful reminding us of how these 23 young Uganda Christians were butchered for their faith. I found it so moving and was deeply stirred.

Protestant Martyrs Memorial Church



I was also encouraged and stirred to see how the country and her people have not forgotten the work of Hannington, McKay and Tucker was great.

So as the visit drew to a close these were the photographs of my heroes ... wow



Alongside the Ugandan Martyrs Memorial Church was the Anglican Bible Seminary where their ministers are trained. Gregg had a marvelous time with the students but sadly we had to move on. We got another BODA BODA but this time Gregg said he was very nervous and said we should have worn helmets ... but we are in Africa!!! So our time drew to a close and we had to head back home. Tomorrow I will be preaching five times and Gregg will be preaching twice in Buwenge, so we needed to prepare well.

Still no water which makes things difficult but let me close again with a quote from **David Platt**:

"The modern-day gospel says, 'God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Therefore, follow these steps, and you can be saved.' Meanwhile, the biblical gospel says, 'You are an enemy of God, dead in your sin, and in your present state of rebellion, you are not even able to see that you need life, much less to cause yourself to come to life. Therefore, you are radically dependent on God to do something in your life that you could never do.'"

Thank the Lord for another brilliant day in Africa but tomorrow I will preach my heart out in Kampala so I need a good night's sleep.

SUNDAY, 25 JUNE

Praise the Lord for another new day and the opportunity to preach the Word ... and during the night the water came on!! My Bible readings this morning continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. **Oswald Chambers** then reminded me:

"if I am a friend of Jesus, I have deliberately and carefully to lay down my life for him."

What an illustration that martyr's memorial was, here were men and women deliberately and carefully laying down their lives for Jesus. In my time of prayer, I remembered the TIGRE people from Eritrea. It is now time to go to the Church and preach my heart out on GRACE at the three morning services and then lead a seminar on Soul Winning in the afternoon with two talks. Should be a very full day.

PASTOR ALEX'S CHURCH



By God's grace the morning went off so well. I preached at the first service at 08:00 with the third service at 12:00, so I was tired out at the end ... but ... so thrilled to see people responding to the Gospel. They asked me to preach on GRACE which was such a privilege. Ephesians 2:1-8 shows us how grace saves the lost, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 shows us how grace strengthens the weak and Titus 2:11-12 shows how grace teaches us to say no to worldly passions.

After lunch consisting of chicken and chips (which I have now had at every meal) it was time for a short ^{zzzz} and then I was asked to preach at a seminar on PERSONAL EVANGELISM. I shared with them for two hours on "How to Lead a Soul to Christ" and "How to follow up a new Believer".

Again it was such a special time and the people were so responsive. I arrived home at 8:00pm. Gregg has gone to Buwenge to be with Pastor George so I will go and meet up with him in the morning and together we will speak at a Pastor's Conference in Buwenge.

It is late, so let me wash and then ask **David Platt** to again close off a fantastic day of ministry in Africa.



*"Almost unknowingly, we shrink back from **the cost**, choosing to redefine Christianity according to our personal preferences, church traditions, and cultural norms. Slowly, subtly, we take the Jesus of the Bible and twist him into someone with whom we are a little more comfortable. We dilute what he says about the cost of following him, we disregard what he says about those who choose not to follow him, we practically ignore what he says about materialism, and we functionally miss what he says about mission. We pick and choose what we like and don't like from Jesus' teachings. In the end, we create a nice, non-offensive, politically correct, middle-class, American Jesus who looks just like us and thinks just like us."*

MONDAY, 27 JUNE

After a refreshing wash and shave in cold water it was time for me to spend time reading the Bible and in prayer. Following McCheyne's calendar, I continued to read from Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, after which I again reminded myself of what **Oswald Chambers** always used to say:

"shut out every other consideration and keep yourself before God for this one thing – my utmost for His Highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and for Him alone."

What a challenge ... to live that out ... Then in my prayer time I was able to pray for the BAGGARA people from the Sudan. I am now ready for another day of ministry in Africa. I will grab a cup of African tea and then travel with Alex to meet Gregg in Buwenge.

The trip from Kampala to Buwenge took about three hours and on arriving George and Fred were waiting for me with some lunch. They show such amazing love and hospitality, it completely overwhelms me at times, they truly are precious brothers. But then it was time for me to preach. Gregg has already given two of his sermons which they absolutely loved. He relates so well with these dear people and they love him to bits, and he is developing into a brilliant teacher of the Word.



They asked me to give the same two talks I gave in Kireke yesterday on Personal Evangelism and it seemed to be very helpful. Slowly the sun begins to set so it is time to head back to our little home where Fred will bring us some African tea and fruit for supper.

As I spend time with such precious friends **David Platt** put it so well when he wrote ... please read it carefully:

"Consider the cost when Christians ignore Jesus' commands to sell their possessions and give to the poor and instead choose to spend their resources on better comforts, larger homes, nicer cars, and more stuff. Consider the cost when these Christians gather in churches and choose to spend millions of dollars on:

- nice buildings to drive up to*
- cushioned chairs to sit in, and*
- endless programs to enjoy for themselves.*

Consider the cost for the starving multitudes who sit outside the gate of contemporary Christian affluence."

TUESDAY, 28 JUNE

Nothing like a cold wash and shave to wake you up for the day. But as another beautiful morning dawns across Buwenge I love hearing the sounds of the chickens and cows, it is a real rural setting here. My time in the Bible continued with Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and ended in Matthew 8. **Oswald Chambers** then reminded me how I should preach today:

"never water down the Word of God: preach it in its undiluted sternness. There must be unflinching loyalty to the Word of God: BUT ... when you come to personal dealing with your fellow men, remember who you are – not a special being made up in heaven, but a sinner saved by grace."

It was then time to pray and to remember the unreached people of our world. Today Joshua Project reminded us to pray for the GUJJARS people in Pakistan and I also remembered Tarriq, one of our past students now pasturing a Church in Pakistan. Soon Fred should arrive with our breakfast and then Gregg and I will preach at the Conference.



Gregg and I each took a session in the morning where I spoke on the "Nine marks of a great Church" and then after lunch I gave my first two talks on the book of Hebrews:

- "GO IN" - Chapter 1-4
- "GO ON" - Chapter 5-6.

It has been such a wonderful day with these dear people, so all that now remains is for us to enjoy some African tea and a good nights rest. Now let us allow **David Platt** again to end of another magnificent African adventure:

"If we were left to ourselves with the task of taking the gospel to the world, we would immediately begin planning innovative strategies and plotting elaborate schemes. We would organize conventions, develop programs, and create foundations... But Jesus is so different from us. With the task of taking the gospel to the world, he wandered through the streets and byways...All He wanted was a few men who would:

- *think as He did*
- *love as He did*
- *see as He did*
- *teach as He did*
- *and serve as He did.*

All He needed was to revolutionize the hearts of a few, and they would impact the world."

WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE

Wow ... had the best night's sleep of the trip so far. After my refreshing wash it is now time to get into the Word. Today I started with Joshua and then continued in Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, so very blessed to be in a place where the Bible is loved. **Oswald Chambers** then had a sober reminder concerning our attitude to possessions, listen it is very challenging:

"our personal property and possessions are a matter of indifference, we have to sit loosely to all these things: if we do not, there will be panic and heartbreak and distress."

In my time of prayer I was able to pray for the HAUSA people in Nigeria. Today I will finish my series on Hebrews, then head back to Kampala. I am now ready for the day and Fred should be here in a moment with our breakfast, some bread and fruit with some African tea ... just perfect. Last night was so

special when about eight of the members came around to share supper with us; it really was a lovely time, enjoying the chicken they had just killed earlier.



Gregg and I each spoke for a session before lunch and then they set up something very special for us. All their leaders and some of the pastors in the area were invited to a special lunch with us. They went to such a lot of trouble and it was brilliant. Afterwards I went back to the Church and gave my final two teachings on Hebrews:

- "GO UP" - Chapters 7-11
- "GO OUT" - Chapters 12-13

From there, one of our past students, Fred Mwasa, took us to the new church he is building and I think it was a great encouragement to him for me to see it. We then went to see Pastor George's new home. From there we drove all the way back to Kampala. It has been tiring but so incredibly rewarding, a perfect exhausting day of ministry in Africa.



It has been a brilliant day; I cannot close off any better than by quoting **Don McClure**, a missionary to Africa for 50 years. He quotes:

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

THURSDAY, 30 JUNE

Phew ... I was exhausted last night after all the speaking and travelling, my head hit that pillow and I enjoyed a brilliant night's sleep. After a wash in cold water I was then ready and refreshed to enjoy my readings from the Word of God which continued in Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. **Oswald Chambers** then reminds me of how easy it is to let the fire die, to become cold and to lose the passion.

"It is the dull, bald, dreary commonplace day, with commonplace duties and people that kills the burning heart unless we have learnt the secret of abiding in Jesus".

John Wesley was described as "*the man with a burning heart*" and how I long to follow him. Afterwards in my time of prayer I was able to pray for the LUOCUPO people in China, one of the 16 000 unreached people groups of our world.

Today, after breakfast we will drive to KAYUNGA where we will speak at another conference for 3 days returning back to Kampala on Saturday night. Greg brought me a local newspaper which had two articles on their Boda Bodas (motorbike taxis) which he said I must read.....! He said they were death traps, but they get you anywhere you need to go so cheaply.....



We had a long drive from Kampala to Kayunga along an excellent road which had just been built by the Israelis and then branched off on to a dirt road which took us right into the rural area of Northern Uganda arriving in **BAALE** at 12:00. I went straight into my first talk from 2 Timothy on "The Making of a Leader" from Chapter 1, after which the ladies cooked lunch for us all. After lunch I then spoke from Chapter 2 on "The Marks of a Christian Leader".

THE VILLAGE OF BAALE – “A ROCK”



They were amazed that a white bishop would come all the way from South Africa and visit such a poor rural area..... but I told them that is what Jesus would have done!! Their village called BAALE is so called because it means “A Rock” - behind the village is this massive rock. On the move again, Mt Carmel Christian School where a very dear brother has just been appointed as the Director of Studies. So after showing us around the school I again was asked to speak to the staff, to the children and then to the senior pupils which was such a privilege. I spoke on the NOMINAL CHRISTIAN from Matthew 7.



At Mt. Carmel Christian School with Peter.

Their facilities are excellent and I spoke to the children

It was after 9:00 so we headed back to KAYUNGA where we found a comfortable room for the night. Phew what a happy day teaching the Bible, travelling across Uganda, Gregg with me, it could not have been any better, but we could not have fitted in another meeting.....

So now as I get ready to go off to sleep, here is a quote to end such a brilliant day, reminding us to stay focused on AFRICA. It comes from **Alexander McKay's** diary, the man who brought the gospel to Uganda.



“4 May 1874, this day that year David Livingstone died – a Scotsman and a Christian, loving God and his neighbour in the heart of AFRICA. Go and do likewise”

Here I am in the land he came to as a young man in order to bring Uganda the Gospel, what an experience for me to “go and do likewise”.

FRIDAY, 31 JUNE

After such a long and busy day yesterday it was wonderful to catch a good nights rest and be refreshed again. After another refreshingly cold shower it was so good to read from the Word of God. My readings continued this morning from Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew and then **Oswald Chambers** reminded me of Paul.

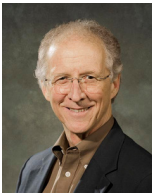
“Paul is unconscious of himself; he is recklessly abandoned, separated by God for one purpose – to proclaim the Gospel of God”.

Then in my time of prayer I prayed for the KIRD people of Israel which was so relevant in view of all that is happening there today. So now we head back to BAALE to teach from 2 Timothy refreshed in body and in soul.

Gregg has reacted to something we have eaten and is not well at all. So I gave the three morning sessions from 2 Timothy covering Chapters 2 and 3 and then after lunch gave the final talk from Chapter 4 - “A Picture of a Preacher”. Instead of sleeping at our “rest house” in Kalunga we decided to drive all the way back to Kampala in case Gregg needed to see a Doctor. It is not easy living among the poorer people in Africa, but we arrived back emotionally drained and physically tired, but so thrilled at the opportunity to teach God's word. In such an out of the way place it was amazing to see over ninety had registered for the conference. Here are some photos:



Enjoyed a cup of African tea for supper while Gregg had some special stuff to enable him to re-hydrate. We both need a good rest and trust all will be better in the morning. So with my son asleep let me try and drift off now and allow one of my mentors, **John Piper** to close off another amazing packed day in Africa.



"When you are involved in missions, where you are laying down your life to rescue people from perishing, tends to your faith and deepen your assurance and sweeten your fellowship with Jesus, and heighten your love for people and sharpen your doctrines of Christ and of heaven and hell."

SATURDAY 2 JULY

It is another beautiful morning in Kampala, Gregg is much better so now after my wash I can get into the Word of God. This morning my readings continued with Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. Then, as always, **Oswald Chambers** reminded me of the condition of discipleship. He wrote:

"discipleship means personal, passionate devotion to a person, our Lord Jesus Christ. To be a disciple is to be a devoted love-slave of the Lord Jesus. Whenever the Holy Spirit sees a chance of glorifying Jesus, He will take your heart, your nerves, your whole personality and simply make you blaze and glow with devotion to Jesus Christ".

What a different world we would be in if every believer was glowing with a devotion to Jesus, passionate to lead others to Christ. In my time of prayer not only was I able to pray for the three conferences we have now spoken at, praying that was spoken Word may take root in the lives of there dear people, but I also prayed for the SOMALI people in Somalia, one of the most desperate nations in the world.

This trip has been packed with meetings and a lot of travelling, so today we will stay in our "rest house" and catch up, give Gregg time to fully recover so that tomorrow we can preach our hearts out. I can also now finish the book I am reading "Gods Mission" by David Burnett, it really has been brilliant.

My sermons are prepared for tomorrow, my books are read, my pen has even run dry so let me allow **Hudson Taylor**, that amazing missionary to China, to close off the day.



"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. He knows why he places me here, whether to do, or learn or suffer.

As I slowly dozed off, I was so very grateful for the fact that on all these **forty three** trips into Africa, I have not been ill..... the Lord has been so good and I am grateful.

SUNDAY, 3 JULY

Another beautiful morning up here in Kampala and Gregg is back to normal. It was such a reminder to us to be extra careful of what we eat from the little shops along the road. Today my Bible readings continued with Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, and then **Oswald Chambers** quotes.

"the people who influence us most are not those who buttonhole us and talk to us, but those who live their lives like the stars in Heaven and the lilies of the field, perfectly simply and unaffectedly. These are the lives that mould us".

Then in my time of prayer I remembered the DARJEE people from Nepal.

Today should be a great end to another amazing trip into Africa. We have travelled hundreds of kms all over Uganda and I have preached over twenty times, but today I go and preach at Sarah's church, she is one of our past students churches. Then in the afternoon we will attend Pastor Alex's adopted daughters wedding.



We drove Gregg to the church where he was preaching after first visiting the new home which Alex is building. It really looks great, will have four bedrooms and be a wonderful asset to the ministry. From there he took me to Sarah's church where I preached from Hebrews 1 on "JESUS IS ALL WE NEED".



The mission is now over, by Gods grace I have tried to preach my heart out, invited people to Christ and encouraged some to come and study for ministry, so now I leave it all in the hands of God. May the Holy Spirit now be the "after worker."

After spending time with Alex at his adopted daughter's wedding, it was time to pack and get ready to leave early in the morning. Surely no one better than **John Stott** could close off today.



"nothing shuts the mouth, seals the lips, ties the tongue like the poverty of our own spiritual experience. We do not bear witness for the simple reason that we have no witness to bear. For too long Christian witness has been seen in terms of giving from the Gospel. But..... until we are willing to give ourselves to people, in loving, sacrificial service, we have no right to give them the Gospel.

MONDAY, 4 JULY

Today we go back home. It has been a brilliant trip and the people have shown us amazing love and hospitality, but now I must read from the Word of God. According to McCheyne's calendar I read from Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and closed with Matthew. Then **Oswald Chambers** in "His Utmost For His Highest" reminded me

"All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God".

What a reminder that was!!!! In my prayer time, today Joshua Project urged us to pray for the MALAY people from Indonesia. I must remember what **Andrew Murray** wrote; it is so easy to put other things before prayer.



"the man who mobilizes the Christian church to PRAY will make the greatest contribution to world evangelism in history."

My very dear friend and colleague, Pastor Alex came at 3:00 am and took us to Entebbe Airport from where we then flew back to Johannesburg, two very happy and blessed missionaries to Africa.





LOOKING BACK

This has been my 43rd missions trip into Africa and my 4th into Uganda. We have travelled hundreds of kilometers along all sorts of roads and I have had the privilege of speaking twenty times which is my greatest joy.

1. MY LOVE FOR AFRICA:

This grows from year to year. In spite of the poverty and at times difficult situations, this is where I want to pour out my heart until the Lord calls me home. **Floyd McClung** says it all for me; this is a picture of my heart.



"The greatest growth, the greatest openers and the greatest moves of Gods spirit are happening in AFRICA, in Asia and Latin America. We need to build our work among the people we want to reach and mobilize. There are 100's and 1000's of teachable, dedicated, emerging leaders in the nation of AFRICA crying out for Training and Mentoring."

KMBC and Footprints into Africa can play such a wonderful role in training and mentoring Africans for Africa. But because of the poverty most will never be able to come down to us, so I long to go up and serve them, seeking to train and mentor a new generation of preachers and servant leaders for Africa today. Please pray for this.

2. NEW STRATEGIES:

Pastor Alex has a huge heart for Uganda. Praying and chatting it over with him and Gregg perhaps we should think about encouraging him to start a KMBC satellite campus up here, based at his church in Kampala.

1. have 2 x week long seminars a year
2. based here in Kampala where all the churches he has contact with, can encourage their leaders to attend.
3. in starting this we could send up teachers from KMBC, not to take over, but to assist Alex, he must take the lead.

Never stop dreaming but now I can have two weeks at home then I head up to RWANDA where I will be assisting Dr. Gary Friesen in Kigali, then later to the DRC, with the final trip to ZAMBIA where we will have three

graduation services for our Diploma in Missions students. Life is extremely full. There also is an invitation to South Sudan.....so please pray for an open door there.

Dear friends, you enable me to go and teach. Thank you so very, very much for your love, prayers and financial support, I am extremely grateful to you all.

Now let us allow NATE SAINT, one of the five Auca Indian Martyrs, to close off this trip, he says it all.

*"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 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".*



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,

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