

**MY 8<sup>th</sup>  
MISSION TRIP  
TO  
ZAMBIA**



**November 2016**

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**Trip 46**

## BACKGROUND

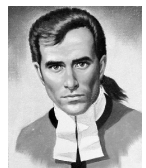
This has been the most amazing year for me; all that I have ever dreamed of doing has come about, all praise to our faithful God. KMBC. The College I founded in 1986 has almost completed its 30<sup>th</sup> year with over 300 pastors and missionaries now equipped, trained and sent all over Africa to plant Churches, even further a field to Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, England and Cambodia. Then in addition to my 25 lectures each week, I have travelled into my beloved Africa 46 times visiting our students and speaking at conferences. It has been a fantastic year, visiting Malawi and Likoma Island, Uganda, Rwanda, the DRC and now I head off to Zambia for three graduation services with Footprints into Africa. As if this wasn't enough, I have been privileged to do two baptism services in Nottingham Road and Underberg, a wedding at Intaba Ridge and since my visit to the DRC preached at the Lutheran Church in Pinetown, preached at the first anniversary of the Peniel Evangelical Church and soon will be at Christ Church Pinetown, Christ Church Waterfall, Waterfall Baptist, Emmanuel and Imbali Churches. The Lord has opened so many doors for me and I am so grateful. Here are a few photos for you, it has been wonderful. *Spurgeon once said "Carve your hearts on PEOPLE, not on stone ..."*



I loved praying the Collect for the day from our Prayer Book:

*"God of judgement and mercy, help us to live the faith we have received so that when Christ returns we may be found worthy to be received into your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and forever. Amen"*

And now I head off to Zambia for the eighth time where three of our students, who have completed the Diploma in Missions course, will be presented with their Diplomas at three graduation services. It should be a very blessed and exciting time. Also, I am re-reading the Diary of **David Brainerd**, which surely is a must for every Christian. Listen to what he wrote:



*"I wanted to wear myself out in His service and for His glory. I cared not how or where I lived, or what hardships I went through so long as I could but gain souls for Christ."*

So here we go ..... Enjoy this my 46h trip into Africa .... And during this trip, I will also summarize Brainerd's diary for you. Here is an update on Zambia:

# Zambia

One of the smaller countries in the region, Zambia has a surface area of 752 612 square kilometres.

A land-locked nation, she is bordered by Angola to the west, the DRC to the west and north, Tanzania to the northeast, Malawi to the east and Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia to the south.



Population: 13,257,269    Annual Growth: 2.46%

Capital: Lusaka

Zambia has existed as an independent nation since 1964, before which it was administered by the British South Africa Company (1891-1923).

The ancestors of most of Zambia's modern ethnic groups arrived from present day Angola and the D.R.C. between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. David Livingstone, the celebrated Scottish doctor, explorer and missionary, first arrived in the region now known as Zambia in 1851, searching for a route into the interior. A fierce critic of the slave trade, Livingstone's efforts attracted other missionaries.

One of the safest countries on the continent, Zambia is known for its friendly people. Zambia is a multilingual country, and its inhabitants speak a variety of Bantu languages as well as English which became the official language after independence in 1964. There are seven national languages spoken, which comprise Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale and Kaonde.

Approximately 87% of Zambia's population is Christian, 1% is Muslim or Hindu and 12% adhere to other belief systems.

Zambia's economy has experienced robust growth of around 7% percent per annum over the past ten years. While the overall economic outlook in Zambia has been brightening, many Zambians have yet to share in the benefits: 64% of the population lives on less than \$1 a day. Zambia has been very hard hit by HIV/AIDS; the adult prevalence rate is over 16%.



## Prayer Challenges:

Zambia has **710,000 orphans**, mostly due to **AIDS**; nearly 20% of all children are suffering the loss of their parents. **Over 90,000** live on the streets. Almost **75% of Zambian households** care for a **relative orphaned by AIDS**.

**Leadership training** is an urgent need, the natural outworking of sustained church growth. This is a massive priority in a land where nominalism and syncretism are common.

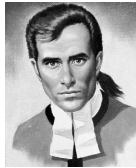
# MY DIARY

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER

Today I fly up to Ndola in Zambia for my last mission trip for 2016. But before anything else, I need to spend time with the Lord in the missionary workshop. My bible readings today came from 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and I finished 1 Timothy, always following Robert Murray McCheyne's programme. Then it was time for **Oswald Chambers** to teach me. Listen to what he wrote on what we should be doing day by day:



"The great essential of a missionary is that he remains true to the call of God, and realizes that his one purpose is to disciple men and women to Jesus."

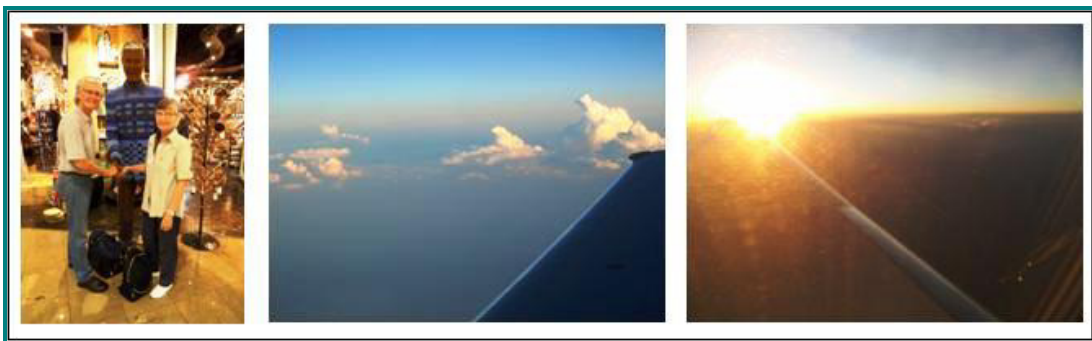


After my readings, it was time to pray and this morning I was able to pray for the KLUET people who live in Indonesia. Surely, there is no one better to teach me how to pray than **David Brainerd**. Listen to what he wrote in June 1740 about his times of prayer:

"I walked to a considerable distance from the College, in the fields alone at noon, and in prayer found such unspeakable sweetness and delight in God, that I thought if I must continue in this evil world, I always wanted to be there, to behold God's glory. My soul dearly loved all mankind and long that they should enjoy what I enjoy. It seemed to be a little resemblance of heaven."

Please pray for that in my life. It was then time to fly out from Pietermaritzburg on to Johannesburg and from there on to Ndola. By God's grace all went well and the flights were excellent.

On arriving it felt so good to be back in Ndola, nothing has changed. Still the same old shed for arrivals. This week I will spend time with Bishop Tom Msiska, Francis Bweupe, Lewis Chipoya, Charles Masoka and Tionge Msiska. So it should be a glorious few days. From the airport, we went to our accommodation, enjoyed some supper and then I was able to spend the evening getting ready for tomorrow and our first graduation service. It was also an opportunity for me to begin a new biography on Charles Haddon Spurgeon.



At the end of a long day of travelling, surely no one better than **Brainerd** can close off the day.

“This has been a sweet, happy day for me, blessed be God. I think my soul was never so drawn out in intercession for others. Had a wrestle with the Lord tonight for my enemies, and I hardly ever so longed to live for God. I wanted to wear out my life in His service and for His glory.”

## SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER

It was fantastic to wake up in Zambia to a magnificent sunrise. I am so grateful to the Lord for opening these doors for me to teach the Bible across Africa. But now let me get into the Workshop and spend time with the Lord. My readings continued in 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and 2 Timothy, after which **Oswald Chambers** wrote the following, which was so relevant to me at this time. Speaking of his Bible College of which he was the Principal, he wrote.



“Here in this COLLEGE God is at work, bending, breaking, moulding, doing just as He chooses. Why he is doing it, we do not know. He is doing this for one purpose only – that he may be able to say this is my man, my woman.”

Please pray that each of our students at KMBC may also be bended, broken and moulded into men and women of God and then set on fire for ministry into Africa. In my time of prayer, I was able to pray for the DONG people another unreached people living in China. But now listen to **Brainerd** again as he teaches us about prayer:

“In the afternoon God was with me of a truth. Oh, it was a blessed company indeed. God enabled me so to agonize in prayer that I was quite wet with sweat even though in the shade and cool wind. My soul was drawn out very much for the world and I gasped for multitude of souls. I think I never in my life felt such an entire weanedness from this world, and was so much resigned to God in everything. Oh that I may always live to God.”  
*19 April 1742 at age 24*

After some breakfast, it was time to catch a local taxi and head off to Kitwe where the first graduation will take place.



On arriving in Kitwe, we made our way to the YMCA where Bishop Tom and Frances were going to meet us. It felt so good to be back because it was here at the YMCA that I spoke at my

very first Zambian Conference. As a result of that Conference Annie Muya gave up her job and came to study at KMBC.

Our brothers were late, but I enjoyed the time joking with the locals, one of whom even gave me his chair to sit on, but then it was time to go to the graduation of Tionge. It was brilliant. The singing was out of this world and I preached on Mark - Chapter 35-41 on "The priorities of Jesus."

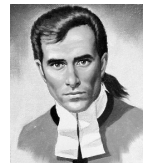
After preaching it was time for the graduation. Charmaine Swart, the Registrar of KMBC, presented Tionge with his Diploma and then I placed his academic hood on and committed him to God in prayer. What a proud moment that was. It gave me a real lump in my throat. Besides Tionge, there were two Bishops who also had been trained at KMBC and for that moment, I must have been the proudest Principal in the world. In 1986, the dream of establishing a College, which would focus on the training of African pastors and missionaries for Africa, is being fulfilled. All praise to the Lord. Enjoy this photo gallery, which was taken during the service, and rejoice with me.



One by one everybody from the congregation greeted Tionge, and then in true African style, the whole congregation shared a lovely lunch which the ladies had prepared outside.



After such a very special day, it was time for two of my heroes to close off. First, listen to Brainerd again:



"Spent two hours in secret duties and agonized for immortal souls. Though it was early in the morning, yet my body was wet with sweat. I think I have not had such power of intercession these many months as I had this evening.  
*April 25 1742.*

By the grace of God I find myself so incredibly happy, fulfilled and living my dream even though I am in the mid-60's. Training pastors and missionaries for Africa and then travelling across Africa, mentoring our students and teaching the Bible is more than I ever could have imagined. So now, let **Sidlow Baxter** close:

"Did you know that as a general rule the elderly have the best quality abilities? There are statistics which show that the richest productivity lives in the decade between the 60-70th birthday."

So now, let me try and fall asleep in this oppressive heat but so blessed to be up here in Zambia living such a fulfilled life serving the Lord Jesus Christ in my beloved Africa.

## SUNDAY, 30 OCTOBER

Another beautiful morning up here in Zambia and I was able to go immediately into the workshop to have my devotions. My readings this morning continued with 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and 2 Timothy Chapter 2. Some of you will remember that when I started KMBC Chapter 2:15 was our key verse. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, correctly handling the Word of truth."

Following on from my readings it was then time for **Oswald Chambers** to teach me from his book "My Utmost for His Highest". Listen to what he wrote this morning:



"It is not Christ FOR me unless I am determined to have Christ FORMED in me."

With that challenge in my heart I was able to spend time in prayer and especially to pray for another unreached people, the BOHI who live in India. And then it was time for **David Brainerd** to again teach me about prayer. This is what he wrote on Friday, 18 June:

"Considering my great unfitness for the ministry, my present deadness, and total inability to do anything for the glory of God, feeling myself very helpless, and at a great loss to do what the Lord would have me do, I set apart this whole day for prayer to God and spent most of the day in that duty."

I must learn to set aside whole days just for prayer. But now it is time for me to go to the next two graduation services in the outskirts of Ndola, in an area called Kabushe.

What a wonderful service we had. In many ways it was a model for all our students. Charles and Lewis completed their Diploma in Missions so now we are here to award them their Diplomas, place their academic hoods on them and present them each with an ESV Study Bible, which was kindly donated to us by Christian Book Discounters.

Afterwards I had the privilege of preaching from Mark 1:35-41 on the "**Priorities of Jesus**". The Church was packed and the singing out of this world and everyone was so very proud of their sons. The African way of doing things is wonderful, so after the service it was time for presents to be given and for hundreds of photographs. Then everyone comes back into the

building and each one is served with lunch. It was a wonderful privilege to be part of this. After the service we were able to speak to seven students who want to come and study at KMBC next year, and amazingly their senior pastor also wants to come. Enjoy this photo gallery of the service and rejoice with me.



Slowly we made our way back home and who better than **David Brainerd** to close off a perfect day of ministry in Africa. On Monday 19 July this is what he wrote in his diary:

"My desires seem especially to be carried out after weanedness from the world, perfect deadness to it, and to be crucified to its allurements. My soul longs to feel more like a pilgrim and a stranger here below, so that nothing may divert me from pressing through this lonely desert, until I arrive at my Father's house."

So with the sun almost gone, nothing could be better for me than to fall asleep in the heart of Africa so very privileged to be training pastors for Mama Africa.

## MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER

As always up here the early morning sunrise ushers in another magnificent morning. It was such fun gathering some dry wood with Augustine in order light up the boiler so that I could enjoy a hot shower and shave (see photo). But then it was time to go to the workshop and today's readings continued from 2 Kings, Hoses, Psalms, ending with 2 Timothy Chapter 3. It is wonderful to begin each day by listening "To God's heart in God's Word as Bishop Moule so aptly says. In my time of prayer I was able to pray for the OROMO people who live in Ethiopia and I was so grateful to JOSHUA Project for making all this information available each day. On the 21 October **David Brainerd** wrote these words showing me how to live each day:



"Had a deep sense of the vanity of the world. I want to live ON THE BRINK OF ETERNITY. This gives me a sweet and reverential sense of God and divine things when I think of myself as it were standing before the judgement seat of Christ."

After breakfast it was then time for us to finalise those who are considering coming in January for the Missions Course and of course to meet with our beloved past students. It was amazing to listen to the senior pastor yesterday saying how he wanted to come and spend time at KMBC, so please pray for Brian, Lawrence, and Timothy who will be sent from Pastor Julius's church, which is also Lewis's home church, called the Adonai Worship Church. Then from Charles's church there is Jonathan and Linda. From Tionge's church even his Bishop is hoping to come down to us next year, which is a great thrill. Charmaine was kept busy explaining all the details on how to apply for the necessary permits and showing them how to get their application forms completed before we go back. She is a huge help on these trips. What also was such an encouragement was to hear from Charles and Lewis how much they enjoyed, and were challenged by, our Monday afternoon Mission Tutorials, where we share many of our Missions video clips and other resource material.



What can be better than spending time with our students? From there we were taken on a visit to an African Rural Development, who are working towards an economic development for Africa. It was a brilliant visit seeing all that they are doing; their Fisheries, Piggery, Dairy and a School - it was a great challenge to me. We even saw a calf which had just been born (see the photos).

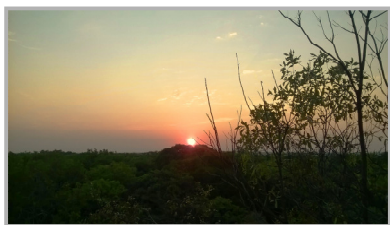


It has been a glorious day in spite of all the travelling much has been accomplished and new contacts established. So after a lovely Zambian supper it was time to fall asleep under the Africa sky, but first listen to **David Brainerd**:

"Felt dead to the world and its enjoyment, life appeared but an empty bubble, the riches, honours and common enjoyments of life tasteless. I longed to be entirely crucified to all things here below by the Cross of Christ. My soul was resigned to God's disposal of me in every regard, and I saw that nothing happened to me but was best for me."

That is the goal - to be dead to the world and to see the enjoyments of this world as tasteless...

## TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER



After seeing in another beautiful sunrise it felt so good to go into the workshop and spend time with Jesus. My Bible readings continued from 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and then that great Chapter 4 from 2 Timothy where Paul told Timothy to "PREACH THE WORD". In my time of prayer I was able to pray for all these new students who are hoping to come next year, but also for another unreached people group living in Indonesia, the JAVA BAN YUMASAN people.

**Oswald Chambers** was also the Principal of a Bible College for a short time before going to Cairo as a missionary and this is what he wrote:

"One student a year who hears God's call would be sufficient for God to have called this College into existence. This College as an organization is not worth anything, it is not academic, it is for nothing else but for God to help Himself to live."

How we pray for that at KMBC and yet in the kindness of God He has helped Himself to over 300 of our students and sent them as pastors and missionaries all over the world. It was now time for **Brainerd** to teach me about prayer:

"It is a great comfort to me to think that I have done a little for God in this world. Oh it is but a small matter, but I have done a little and I lament that I have not done more for Him."

In comparison to Brainerd how little I have done but I long to serve Him across Africa and I am so grateful for these 46 missions trips which have been phenomenal.

Now it was time to move on and today I will be spending time at **NewGen Africa**, a local mission station which is doing an excellent work in Zambia and who have sent us three students and from there to visit **T.C.C.A.** which is now called the Evangelical University. In order to get there we caught a local taxi which is always an amazing experience. Twenty one people packed like sardines into this kombi, the music was blaring and everyone was talking at the top of their voices, but it was fun. You won't believe it but we even had to swerve for a Black Mamba which has slithered out of the bushes on the side of the road - it was a nerve-racking experience, knowing that one bite and you are a goner! I thought that we could not fit another person into this kombi, but I learnt that they have an extra four seats on the outside (see photo). After one hour we arrived safely at our destination and I understood perfectly why the name of the taxi was "**In God we trust**" (see photo).



Local transport survival kit:  
Bottled Water  
Toilet roll / Wet wipes  
Current Will  
Change of under wear



That is why this article was appropriate:



### The challenges of travel!

On the flight I read such a funny article in the "In-flight Magazine" on **"Don't look forward to an Indian Bus - You've got to be tough to travel in India."** To quote the article : "These trucks are as pretty as gypsy caravans with their green and orange paintwork and carved wooden pelmets, perched like frilly eyebrows over their windscreens, **HOWEVER**, their cuteness is deceptive. Their drivers have a reputation for lunacy and relish playing chicken with equally mad bus drivers. They belt along towards each other on open stretches of narrow roads - surely one will give way? They pass each other with centimetres to spare and I find myself looking straight into the eyes of a passenger travelling in the opposite direction. Without windows between us, we could rub noses. India is wondrous and worth the risk. **Just make sure you draw up your Will before you go and never board a bus without bottled water, a toilet roll, Wet Wipes, Zip-loc bags and a change of underwear."**

Ha, Ha - I so identified with this article, having had some hair-raising experiences on my travels - ***YOU'VE GOT TO BE TOUGH TO TRAVEL IN AFRICA TOO!!***

Our first port of call was **NewGen Africa**, but sadly after three hours of searching we were not able to find it. A Major from the army saw my plight, put me onto his army bus and promised to take me to the place, but even he could not find it, so we gave up. Our next visit was to The Theological College of Central Africa. They have the most beautiful campus you could imagine, but sadly there were very few students. What is surprising is that we have a fairly large number of people coming to us from Zambia who don't go to **T.C.C.A.** and the reason for this is purely financial, they cannot afford the fees. But it was a lovely visit and it is so important for me to keep contact with these Evangelical Colleges who are doing a great work in Africa.





One of my most memorable visits was to the **David Livingstone Museum** in Livingstone and there I saw copies of his letters, his overcoat and his medical trunk.



When I come back from my trips so many ask me what I would do if I got sick? So just for a laugh let me show you, not my medical trunk, but my **medical bag**. (see photo opposite)

In this bag which Livingstone would have hated because it has flowers on it, I keep the following:

Constipation - <i>Soflax</i>	Mosquitoes - <i>Peaceful Sleep</i>
Re-hydration - <i>Re-hydrate</i>	Toiletries - <i>spit and polish</i>
Malaria - <i>Doxycyl</i>	Mirror / comb
Headaches - <i>Panado</i>	Nail clippers, nail brush
Cuts, bruises and bites - <i>Zam-Buk</i>	Hand sanitizer



What a magnificent day it has been, now I can enjoy a light supper and get ready to fly home in the morning. Pastor Julius kept on saying that there are so few Pastors in Zambia **preaching the Bible** and only yesterday on reading the biography on **Spurgeon**, he said:

"Though I dearly venerate the men that occupy those pulpits now, and did so then, I am bound to say that I never heard them once preach the Gospel. I mean by that they preached truths, great truths that were fitting to many of their congregation, spiritually minded people, but what I wanted to know was ..... how can I get my sins forgiven? And this they never told me once."

## WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

Here I am on my last morning of my 46<sup>th</sup> trip into Africa, I must pack and fly out of Ndola and then onto Johannesburg and then another flight to Pietermaritzburg. It is a long day of travelling, custom officials, plane delays but nothing can detract me from the joy of serving the Lord Jesus across Africa.




So let me go into the workshop and listen to God's heart in God's words from 2 Kings, Hosea, Psalms and Titus Chapter 1. The workshop manager, **Oswald Chambers** said:

"He makes his standards very clear, and if my relationship to Him is one of love, I will do what He says without any hesitation. If I hesitate it is because I love someone else in competition with Him ... myself. Jesus Christ will not help me to obey Him, and when I do obey Him I will fulfil my spiritual destiny."

In my time of prayer I was able to pray for the BAIRAGI people who live in India, another unreached people group. This morning the quote for the day comes from the Puritan, **John Flavel** who wrote this on being called:

"In settling you into such an employment and calling in the world, as possibly neither yourselves nor your parents could ever expect you should attain ... how strangely are things worked by providence. It is not what we or our parents decide, but what God has designed will take place. Amos was employed as a farmer at first, but then God designed him for a more honourable calling to preach the Gospel."

My  pen is now dry, all my leaflets have been handed out, and by God's grace seven students will be joining us in the New Year so I can go home a very fulfilled missionary. All that remains is for Freddy to take us to the airport.



## LOOKING BACK



The three graduation services were three very special occasions, in a sense I was able to see my dream fulfilled. Africans trained and equipped for ministry into Africa.

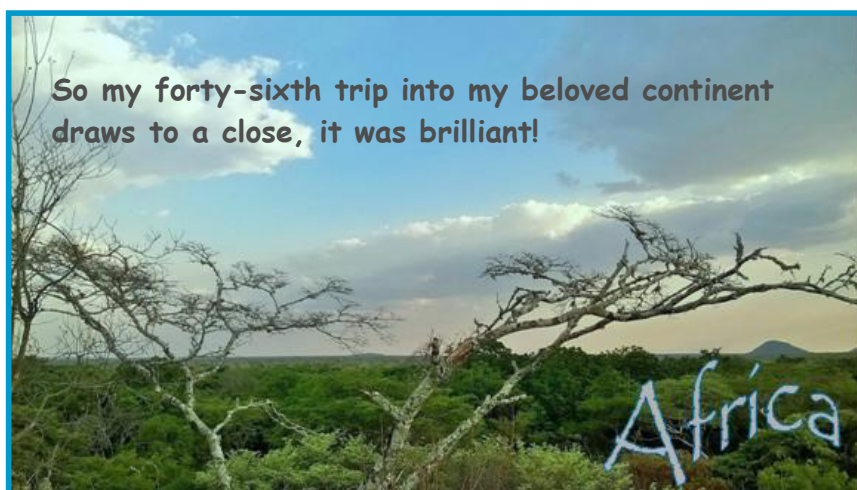
- The amazing thought that the senior pastor and a bishop also want to come next year for training.
- Sharing in fellowship with our past students, Tom, Frances, Lewis and Charles was heart warming.
- Spending time with Pastor Julius and dreaming of how we can reach the untrained pastors in Zambia was very exciting.
- Being squashed with 21 people into a taxi for one hour was fun, telling them how useless their soccer team was and how Bafana Bafana would trash them.
- New friendships were established which will last forever.
- Experiencing the kindness of a Major in the Zambia Army was humbling. He had such a laugh when I told him I was a Colonel and number was 67933523BT.
- Summarizing the diary of David Brainerd for you was a huge lesson to me.
- Reading this brilliant biography on Spurgeon was a huge blessing.



And so my 46<sup>th</sup> trip into Africa draws to a close and there is no one better to draw it to a conclusion than **Floyd McClung**:

*"If you have apostolic passion, you are one of the most dangerous people on the planet. The world no longer rules your heart. You are no longer seduced by getting and gaining but devoted to spreading and proclaiming the glory of God in the nations. You live as a pilgrim, unattached to the cares of this world. You are not afraid of loss. You even dare to believe you may be given the privilege of dying to spread His fame on the earth. The Father's passions have become your passions. You find your satisfaction and significance in Him. You believe He is with you always, to the end of life itself. You are sold out to God, and you live for the Lamb. Satan fears you, and the angels applaud you."*

As always I cannot thank you all enough for your support for Footprints into Africa. Without your prayers, love and financial support, I would not be able to travel into Africa ... I am so very, very grateful. You have sent me on these amazing trips.



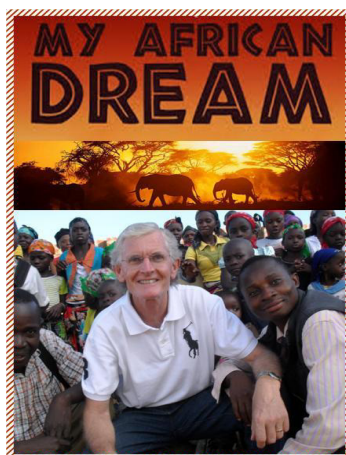
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one the followings avenues:

- ☑ Pray for one of the countries and the past students who are working there
- ☑ Sponsor one of these men to come and train
- ☑ 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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