

MY LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

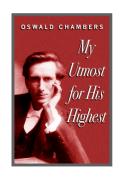
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My very dear friends

Here we are 130 days into lockdown, bringing with it so many challenges. What has been so sad for me to see is the appalling corruption and incompetence of our government. Everything they have put their minds to has led to devastation. Our founder Nelson Mandela must be turning in his grave.

BUT

Our work of training pastors and missionaries for Africa gets stronger every day for me. A book I have read every day for the past 53 years is "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers. At the moment I am busy rereading his biography, which is absolutely brilliant. Listen to how he describes his call to teach the Bible, makes such moving reading:



"Whom shall I send to proclaim the salvation of the aesthetic kingdom, who will go for us? Then through all my weakness, my sinfulness and my frailty my soul cried, 'Here am I, send me.' I would as soon drown myself as undertake such a work unless He was with me. Jesus Christ is my Saviour, my Master, He is the hot coal from off the altar that has touched my soul, my eyes, my ears, my mouth - and I must."

1. KWAZULU-NATAL MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE



We opened very cautiously on 7 July with seven students. It has been wonderful to be back lecturing from the Bible and helping our other students doing online work. I have loved my thirty-six lectures a week. By God's grace, we will complete the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} terms work on the 18

September. Starting again on 21 September for the fourth and final term of the year, we will bring in our other students so that they will be with us as we complete the year. The students have been busy on the Campus, painting and gardening and so everything is spruced up and looking really good. As Oswald Chambers said of his Bible College, which I agree so much with.

"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 lives. Is He going to help Himself to us, or are we taken up with our conception of what we are going to be?"







The challenges and adjustment of Lockdown

Holding all the work Bongani brought in for marking which he has completed at home during lockdown. Hopefully, he will be able to come back onto Campus when we re-open on 21 September. However, in the interim, we are blessed to have been able to provide our students with books and resources to keep them up to speed.

2. FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA

Lockdown has been a huge blessing for Footprints and we have been able to achieve so much. As I have already mentioned in my previous newslet

- The entire C.Th. course is available Online
- All my sermons are now on the website
- The English and Swahili C. Th Study Manuals have been printed
- The French and Chichewa translations are underway.
- My four Sentinels have been printed into one book and are available from the office for R190.00.
- Almost all of my forty years of preaching and lecture material is now on my website ... wow ... quite amazing, the ladies have been incredible in

typing and compiling this, and Gerhard our "web designer and administrator" has been phenomenal.

• Of course, I am champing at the bit to get back into Africa ... maybe by February they say ... I will on the first plane out of here!





As James Stewart wrote:

"I shall never be satisfied until I am back in Africa with a Bible in my pocket."

and

Oswald Chambers





BOOKS



- 1. 70 Great Christians by G. Hanks
- 2. Memoirs of Robert Murray McCheyne by A. Bonar.
- 3. Oswald Chambers: "Abandoned to God" by D. McCasland. "OC" as he was known has shaped my life for the past fifty-three years. Everything I am and believe is because of him. This is what he wrote, when his books finally arrive after a move; it is amazing how much I relate to him!

"My box has at last arrived. My books ... I cannot tell you what they are to me, silent, wealthy, loyal lovers. To look at them, to handle them and to re-read them. I do thank God for my books with every fibre of my being."



You will never know how much I love my reading; it means the world to me and keeps the fires burning. "The Shack", our bookshop, is jammed with books which are so faithfully donated to us, so our students are so privileged to be able to stock up their libraries for when they leave us.





I cannot thank you enough for your undeserved love, prayers and financial support, especially in these difficult times. After my last newsletter, a friend offered to cover the cost for the two new Laptops for Charmaine and Margaret, while another friend offered to cover the cost for the translation and printing of our Swahili publication. Our costs are all being met, the training of pastors for Africa is continuing despite the limitations of Lockdown, and Footprints continues to provide all our Resources for those who otherwise have very little; all possible because of you my dear friends. Words fail to express my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you my precious friends, until next month...

Goodbye, Au revoir, Kwaheri, Hamba kahle

Blessings

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