



## ✍ MY LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

### PART 13 - APRIL 2021

My very dear friends

As I greet you all this month, we as a country enter into our 13<sup>th</sup> month of lockdown. How things have changed and we all are adjusting to “the new normal”.

But perhaps the greatest lesson I have learnt during this time is that it is critical to

“KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING”.

Sadly, so many Churches and Colleges have lost their way during this time. Please read this fantastic quote from **M. BARNETT** in his book **“Missions, Evangelism versus Social Work”**. Also look at the graphic below which illustrates just how the main thing, THE GOSPEL has got lost ...

The Church cannot sacrifice what is best on the altar of what is good. Of course, it is good to teach people to read and write, to feed the hungry, to provide water for the thirsty and to care for God's green earth. BUT ... the fact is that the world can also do all of these good things, and actually is doing them.

Yet ... only the Church has been commissioned by God to do what is BEST for the world. – proclaim the Gospel. As such, the Church must restrain itself from duplicity; what the world can do and concentrate on what the world cannot do in and of itself. Too much is at stake – indeed the very eternal destiny of the lost.”



In a day when so many have lost their way, I am so very grateful to God and to you all, for helping me to **keep the main thing, the main thing**. In the eyes of the world, we are nothing; we own no buildings, we don't have large numbers of students, we don't have a comfortable bank balance, but I thank God, that together with your support, we have ...

- Trained over 350 pastors and missionaries for Africa and to the ends of the earth
- Our students have planted over 120 Bible centred churches
- I have led 65 mission trips into Africa
- Since the day we started, our passion has not changed, it is the same since the first day we opened, and that has been ...

**To train up godly pastors and missionaries who accurately interpret the Bible, live out its truth and communicate its message to the world.**

**This is all that matters ... the rest is unimportant.**

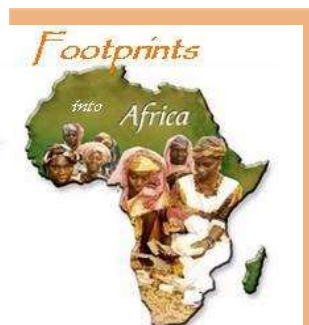
As my hero, David Livingstone once wrote

***"In this service I hope to live, in it I wish to die"***



## KWAZULU-NATAL MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE

Our work continues unabated. By God's grace we have reached the end of the first term and exams will soon begin. It has been a challenge to compete everything on time, but the Lord has been so good to us. I have the huge privilege of teaching 5 lectures every day, so my days are full and so rewarding. Now we wait for our new Mission students to arrive in time for the second term, which starts on 3 May. It will be wonderful to have them join us.



## FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA

I hope you have managed to look at our website recently. Over this past month, a number of new Resources have been uploaded to my website:

### ■ The new Biographies of those great preachers:

William Tyndale, John Wycliffe, Daniel Rowland, Charles Simeon and Samuel Rutherford.

- **Sentinel Part 5 - This is about the 5 Men who shaped my life.**
- **Our resources are being updated and these are all free and available to all. They are a fantastic tool for our students.**
- **The *Coffee@Livingstone* morning continues to provide a Missions initiative highlight and folks can enjoy the warm hospitality of the David Livingstone Mission House.**
- **My weekly Bible Study amazingly seems continually grow and the invitations I get to preach in many churches around KZN each Sunday, keeps me "on the hop".**

BUT I love it, giving of my all and putting my heart and soul into preaching the Word. I honestly feel that I am the most blessed man on the planet. Soon I will be able to go back into my Africa and visit my precious students. I think they are eagerly waiting for me to come ... this is a message we received from Daniel.

"For Bishop's trip to come here in Malawi, we are all praying in one accord. Both to visit the Malawi and Mozambique Churches. We will not cease until we hear that the Bishop will come and visit us here. You are in our hearts all the time.

The church is progressing well. We have planted another church branch at Fodya Village, Ngabu, Chikwawa District.

At the end of the day, our students are the fruit on my labours. When they leave us and go out preaching the Gospel, planting new churches and training new leaders. As I have been doing these past few months, I will again share the work of one of our past students. I sincerely hope that these updates will be of great encouragement to you all - **you hold the ropes, so that I can go ...**

## David & Shelly Farr

This month we focus on DAVID FARR, one of our past students. He spent 3 years with us, was our star forward in the KMBC (TAP) Soccer team, under the management of fellow student (Njabulo Mazibuko, current Bishop of KZN). David became the Youth Pastor at Holy Trinity Church while I was the Rector. Both David and Shelly were incredible with the Youth. David was like one of our family and was used by God to bring our 3 boys to Christ ... what a hero!!!



After training at KMBC (formerly Trinity Academy Pietermaritzburg) and George Whitefield College in Cape Town, David was Ordained by CESA in 2001. The family left for New Zealand in 2004.



After serving for 3 1/2 years in the mainline Presbyterian Church of NZ, David accepted a call to the Grace Presbyterian Church, who felt the need for a reformed witness, with a focus on Biblical teaching, to be planted in New Plymouth, New Zealand. This call commenced on the 1st April 2008 and David has served as the Teaching Elder / Pastor ever since.

Their family has grown and they have two sons and a

daughter.



There is a great need for Gospel-centered, Christ exalting expository Bible teaching in New Zealand and we have been honoured to be part of a growing local Church and network of churches across NZ with this emphasis.

We are forever grateful to the KMBC (TAP) team for their belief in us and for equipping us.

I have many fond memories of my years at TAP and can still hear Warwick's words: **"keep reading mission biographies, they keep the home fires burning" ...** both words and witness that continue to inspire us as we serve the Gospel at the 'ends of the earth' in New Zealand.

Those wanting to reconnect with David and Shelly, these are their details. [www.gracenp.co.nz](http://www.gracenp.co.nz)  
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Once again, thank you my dear friends for your amazing love, prayers and generous financial support ... your love and generosity continues to overwhelm and humble me.

Blessings,

Warwick

