

✍ MY LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN LEVEL 4

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My very dear friends

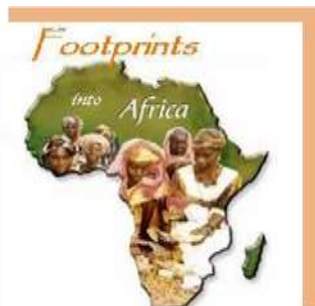
Welcome back to my Lockdown News no. 16. Right now our President has placed us under a revised Level 4 lockdown. Medical teams were calling for a Level 5 for Gauteng with the recent spike as the Province buckles under the strain in the midst of the new Delta strain hitting our Country. The effects of Covid-19, together with the collapse of our Municipality here in Pietermaritzburg have created a kind of wartime mentality for us. I was reading an Article by John Piper where he was comparing current events with WWII. During the German bombing of London in 1940 these were some of the austerity measures, black-out your windows so no light gets through to show the bombers where to drop their bombs; drink your tea sparingly because you only get 3 ounces of rationing each week, carry your gas masks to work! That is the way it's been with this Pandemic, a very unusual year and a half. BUT ... in the providence of God it hasn't slowed me or my ministry down, so let me bring you up to date. I hope it encourages you as much as it does me.



KWAZULU-NATAL MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE

Every day I pray with Operation World and without fail it constantly reminds us that the greatest need in Africa is for trained pastors and missionaries. For 34 years this has been my passion - to train up a new generation of Gospel preachers, who are God-besotted people, saturated with the Bible, Christ centred and with a heart to reach the lost. This passion continues unabated. We have just finished our 2nd term lectures and we will enjoy a short break and then fire away with the 3rd term, starting on the 26 July. It will be a very busy term for me with 30 lectures a week, but this is what I love ... teaching the Bible and equipping pastors and missionaries for Africa.

FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA



Last week my heart was very touched when out of the blue I received two calls, one from a past student in Rwanda and the other from a pastor in Malawi. They just phoned to say how much they missed me ... but on the other hand this painful Pandemic has enabled me to do so much which I would otherwise not have been able to do.

1. RESOURCES FOR AFRICA - Almost all of my sermons, lectures and Bible studies from the past 40 years of ministry have been put onto my Website, available free for our students serving in Africa and further afield. One of our past students now living in Canada has based his ministry around the teaching and resources obtained from KMBC and Footprints into Africa. On the "Zambian past student platform", hosted by Humphrey Mumba, it warms my heart to see them constantly quoting from the great Men and Women that they learned about at KMBC - Missionaries and Great Preachers from our Curriculum, the ethos has rubbed off on them and it is wonderful to see. The Sentinel Points in my life are also on the Website and soon a tribute to my son Jon will be uploaded and printed.

2. **MISSIONS MOTIVATION MORNING** - What a glorious launch we had, we were fully booked out with friends passionate for Missions coming from Howick, Hilton, Hillcrest, Durban and Pietermaritzburg. For our MMM next term, an increase in numbers will mean that we will have to find a bigger venue because it is critical to focus on the great need for true missions. So many equate Evangelism with Missions so we were all inspired to go out and “get the job done.”



3. **THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Our new study in the basic Doctrines of our faith seems to be helping. We were up to 20 in number for our last meeting, with two new friends joining.
4. **PREACHING AROUND KZN** - What a privilege to preach at different Churches each Sunday. Last Sunday I was with my friends at St. Olav's' and on Monday morning one of the elderly men who leads a Bible Study at his Old Age Home wanted the sermon outline to go and teach them at the Home - fantastic.
5. **MONTHLY MISSIONS COFFEE MORNING** - This month the sewing project for the curtains was a morning of fellowship and laughter among the ladies. It was such a lovely idea to use some time for a practical project. In the new term the students will enjoy their new classroom curtains.



So all my work is happening because you all have come to love what I love at KMBC and Footprints into Africa: - the glorifying of God through being more satisfied in God than anything else, even in our hardships, through the teaching of the Bible and beauty of all that God is for us in Christ, with everything rooted in God's infallible Bible. That's what I am about and I am unable to thank you all enough for sharing in this with me and for your amazing sacrificial giving. You all enable me to continue.

Now enjoy another cameo of some of our students working in UGANDA. In previous months we have showed you the work of our students in **Zimbabwe**, **Cambodia**, **Indonesia**, **Paraguay**, **New Zealand**, **Tanzania**, **Zambia** and **Malawi**, now enjoy my precious brothers working in Uganda.

We have a large network of past students working in Uganda, so this month we will highlight a few of them and next month a few more, together with those serving in Burundi.

Pastor Alex Mukwabi oversees a 2000-seater church in Kampala and is my right-hand man in Uganda.



Pastor George Bugaga is the pastor of a large church in Buwenge.



Pastors, Fred Mwasa and Sylvia Etaast and Emmanuel Ngobi join in making a great team of Bible-centred teachers.



I trust that in these uncertain and difficult times that you will all be encouraged to see the work continue despite our current circumstances. Thank you for “holding the ropes” for me.

Warm African blessings to you all

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