



MY LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN LEVEL 3



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My very dear friends

After his release from 27 years in prison, **Nelson Mandela** wrote these words:

“I have walked that long road to freedom, I have tried not to falter, I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended.”



Won't you allow me to follow his footsteps and “look back”. This month marks two milestones for me.

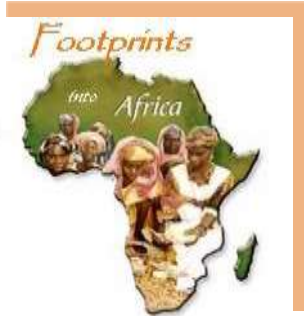


1. 1986 THE FOUNDING OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL MISSIONARY & BIBLE COLLEGE (FORMERLY TRINITY ACADEMY PIETERMARITZBURG)



Under the guiding hand of Murdo Gordon, my dream for a Bible College came into being and opened its doors in 1987. It was a huge challenge - to charge our students no fees, to pay our staff, lecturers and librarian no salary seemed to be impossible ... BUT GOD. Over these 34 years our every need has been met each month and incredibly God has helped himself to over 350 of our students who are now serving Jesus across the world as pastors, missionaries, godly men leading by example in their senior posts in secular fields,

Chaplains, Principals and even as doctors of Theology in Universities. How incredible from the humble beginnings of a local ministry in Pietermaritzburg. These precious men and women are serving God in England, Australia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Cambodia, Madagascar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Netherlands, and right across Africa in Kenya, DRC, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and right across South Africa. Who would ever have thought all this was possible? To God be the glory, great things He has done.



2. 2011 THE FOUNDING OF

FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA

Sensing a real call from God while in Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo, I came home and stood down as the Bishop of KZN, Rector of Christ Church Pinetown, cashed in my pension and launched out in absolute faith to become a Missionary to Africa. I followed David Livingstone's journey across Central Africa visiting the memorial sites where he travelled to and then the final resting place where his treasured heart is buried in Chitambo's Village in Zambia and then visiting the place where his embalmed body lay in Zanzibar before being taken back to his homeland in Britain and laid to rest in Westminster Abby. I have the incredible privilege of preaching at Pastor's Conferences, Leadership Seminars and have lived in the homes of my precious students. Following my dream has been an out of this world experience. By God's grace I have now completed 65 mission trips and I so identify with Livingstone who wrote:



"I am a missionary heart and soul. God had an only son and He was a missionary and a physician. A poor, poor imitation of Him I am or ever wish to be. In this service I hope to live; in it I wish to die."

Amazingly, my 40 years of ministry has been preserved and is a legacy I can give to my precious students to use for their work in serving the Lord Jesus. My sermon outlines, notes of most of the books of the Bible, Doctrine, practical ministry resources and my Journals are all available to order. All of these are also available freely on my website, which Gerhard our webmaster has so wonderfully put together. Friends this has been, and continues to be an incredible journey, which YOU my dear friends have made possible through your support, love, prayers and financial support. You have believed in me and my work and have stood with me and I am eternally grateful. From helping with my rent at the David Livingstone Mission House which is a place I love to be in, to even buying me some airtime for my cell phone. Also, to thank Christ Church Pietermaritzburg for so generously allowing us the use of the Fred Pieterse House as well as their Sunday School classrooms for lectures and exams, without these facilities we would be unable to continue ... I surely am the most blessed man in Africa.

OUR CELEBRATION TEA @ DAVID LIVINGSTONE MISSION HOUSE

We spent such a wonderful morning celebrating God's faithfulness to KMBC and Footprints, and for those who could not be with us, the YouTube video is on my website... so nobody missed out on this great day.



BRINGING YOU UP TO DATE

KMBC

Our third term got under way with all the strict Covid protocols in place and in a week's time we will be heading into our exams, marking the end of another term. Sadly, with reduced numbers, but with the hand of God keeping us safe, we will have 4 students graduating in December with their 3-year Diploma in Pastoral Theology, 5 with a Diploma in Missions, as well as 2 of our Distance Learners receiving their 1-year Diploma in Ministry after a few years of persevering faithfully, it is not easy to study alone. So, with great joy, I can say another 11 trained and equipped men and women will be sent into Africa ... Hallelujah!!!



BIBLE STUDY

This lovely group continues to grow and this month has again seen new people joining our study. With our numbers now up to 25, it is wonderful to meet around the Word of God, saturating our mind and hearts with the knowledge of the Word ... but we may need a bigger hall ...

PREACHING

It feels wonderful to be preaching again. It is such a privilege to open up the Word of God and services are being lined up at St. Olav's, Imbali and the Brethren. Together with my 25 lectures a week, my days are full of doing what I love to do.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE MISSION HOUSE

This precious place continues to promote missions as the "main thing". At our last Coffee morning, the new curtains were finished for the KMBC classroom and next month, God willing, we will have our second "MMM" Missionary Motivation Morning. We will keep you posted, don't miss these special times.



THE SHACK

Through the giving of so many friends, the Shack is full and hundreds of books are going out to our students to stock up their libraries for when they go home. It truly is a lovely ministry. Thank you so much to those who give us books on an ongoing basis.

VISIT TO ZAMBIA

Wow ... after nearly 2 years I am finally on my way ... going into the continent I love. I am flying up to Zambia in September to visit our students and promote KMBC. We need to start getting new students in again, so please pray for this visit. There is a real buzz and excitement amongst the students up there who have been wait for me to come.

To end this Newsletter here is another cameo, this time some of our students working their hearts out in Rwanda. Enjoy seeing them and what they are doing for the Lord.

PAST STUDENTS SERVING IN RWANDA

Three of our past students pictured here: Emmanuel Ruheza, Jean-Marie Hakuzimana and Fred Kiiza.



Two of these students, Fred Kiiza (President/Legal Representative) and Ruheza Emmanuel (Second Vice-President/Legal Representative) are both doing a great work in Kigali at the All the Bible in Community Project in Kigali.



About 95% of rural pastors in Rwanda have not even read through the New Testament. **ABC** is a start up ministry that was birthed through Garry Friesen (Dr. G) and his students at Africa College of Theology in Kigali, Rwanda. The rural churches asked for training of rural pastors. Their people were reading the Bible and had many questions, but their untrained pastors could not help them. This led to a simple model of training 40 rural pastors at a time over a one-year period and 300 hours of teaching activities. I greatly admire the work of Dr. Garry and over the past number of years I have had the joy of being an honorary member and have assisted **ABC** with lectures in their Pastoralia module.



Jean-Marie Hakuzimana

In 2011, in his third year of studies at KMBC, Jean-Marie served as our Head Student. After returning to Kigali, he hosted two of my visits there and set up many opportunities for me to preach and teach which was wonderful, he did a great job of setting everything up.

Many of you will remember our dear brother Manfred Dedekind. He met Fred and Jean-Marie while travelling in Rwanda and was instrumental in them coming to KMBC. Together with a colleague, they paid for them to come to South Africa to study. It is a great joy for them to see the fruit of their faithfulness in supporting these two young men.



Clamatin Kachungu, a gifted and creative lady left us at the end of 2012 and is now running a small shop in the centre of Kigali. I loved meeting up with her again on my trips up there and having lunch with her and Jean-Marie.

Thank you my dear friends for supporting me in my work, I love you all and thank God for each one of you.

Blessings

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