

MY MISSION TRIP TO RWANDA



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The land of a
thousand hills

Tragically, this nation, that predominantly claims Christianity (89%), allowed and even perpetrated the massacre of 1994. Rwanda has made great progress in many areas since these tragic events. This year, 2024, sees the 30th centenary of this horrific tragedy.

- Rwanda's economy is now one of the fastest growing in Africa. Females make up over half the elected parliament, the world's highest rate.
- The government banned ethnic identification (Hutu, Tutsi, others). People are called Rwandans, and only Rwandans.

During this centenary year, a powerful address to the nation was made by, [President Kagame who spoke about the collective grief of the nation](#). He said:

"Our journey has been long and tough. Rwanda was completely humbled by the magnitude of our loss, and the lessons we learned are engraved in blood. But the tremendous progress of our country is plain to see, and it is the result of the choices we made together to resurrect our nation."

"The foundation of everything is unity. That was the first choice: to believe in the idea of a reunited Rwanda, and live accordingly. The second choice was to reverse the arrow of accountability, which used to point outwards, beyond our borders. Now, we are accountable to each other, above all."

Give praise for the people's commitment to reconcile and build peace. Praise God that churches help lead this movement.

Did you know?

- Home to the endangered mountain gorillas. ...
- Kigali, Rwanda's capital is known as the cleanest city in Africa
- Rwanda is the most densely populated country on the continent of Africa. ...
- No plastic bags here! ...
- Community work day. ...
- Kigali car-free days. ...
- Rwanda has four official languages. ...
- Rwanda has Central Africa's largest protected wetland.



INTRODUCTION

13 years ago, I was invited up to Rwanda for my first visit to this amazing country. At the time our head student, Jean-Marie Hakuzimana together with his pastor Mirium Rakata, invited me to speak at 2 pastor's conferences. The one would take place in the capital Kigali, while the second would be in NYAGATARE. It was an amazing time, not only preaching at the conferences, but I remember I was the guest speaker at a wedding which was a unique experience for me. As a result of that trip the Lord have me a deep love for this country of Rwanda. Now I head back for my 10th visit, having been invited by one of our past students, **Fred Kiiza** who is the executive director of **ABC** (*All the Bible in Community*). I will be speaking at their training course on Pastoral Ministry and will teaching for 4 hours each day. I have not been back for 4 years, due to the effects of Covid, so it will be wonderful to see all my past students again. Sadly, a very poor missionary I am, but I always remember what **John Venn** wrote concerning a missionary. Surely this is what I strive to become.



"With the world under his feet, with Heaven in his eye, with the Gospel in his hand and Christ in his heart, he pleads as an ambassador for God, knowing nothing but Jesus Christ, enjoying nothing but the conversion of sinners, hoping for nothing but the promotion of the Kingdom of Christ and glorying in nothing but in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which he is crucified to the world and the world to him."



So now I head up for my 74th missionary trip into Africa, and as that great missionary to the Sudan, **Don Mc Clure** said:

"I am filled with an undying ambition to do something worthwhile in this great continent of Africa."

I ARRIVED in Kigali at perhaps its most moving time, this year marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide in 1994, when 1 million Tutsis were massacred. This anniversary is called **KWIBUKA 30**. This is a short article which I was given on my arrival.

This year marks the 30th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, known as Kwibuka30. Kwibuka means "to remember" in Kinyarwanda, Rwanda's national language. It represents the countries' commitment to remember the past, foster unity, and renew our shared responsibility to build a peaceful and prosperous Rwanda and a world free from genocide. In this way, Kwibuka is a profound expression of global solidarity.

Kwabuka has become a symbol of hope; it is a testimony to the indomitable spirit of a people who have risen from the ashes to rebuild their nation. The scars of the past do not define Rwanda but rather shape its present and future.

Kwibuka transcends national boundaries; it challenges the world to stand in solidarity with Rwanda because genocide is a crime against humanity.

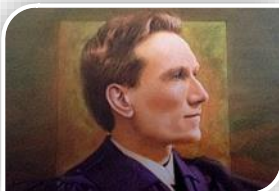
In a world where hate speech, racism, discrimination and xenophobia are on the rise, Kwibuka30 calls on the international community to stand together, reflect and draw lessons from Rwanda's tragic history.

We must honour the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi by creating a world in which all human beings can live a safe and dignified life, and where atrocities are inconceivable.

In this pursuit, let Kwibuka30 serve as a reflection of the strength, compassion, and determination that have come to define the Rwandan character and empower your personal commitment to uphold humanity.

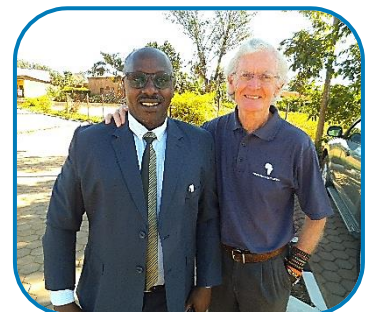
SATURDAY, 18 MAY

I am so looking forward to going up to Rwanda but I must make very sure that I begin this new day in the ""Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 Peter where I was able to listen to the voice of God in the Word of God. After my readings it was time to pray, and not only did I pray for this trip but also for the INDIAN GUJARATI people, an unreached people living right here in Rwanda. As you all know **Oswald Chambers** closes off my devotions from his book, *My Utmost for His Highest*, and this is what he wrote:



"The people who influence us the most are not those who detain us with their continual talk, but rather those who live their lives like the stars in the sky and the lilies of the field, simply and unaffectedly. Those are the people who mold and shape us."

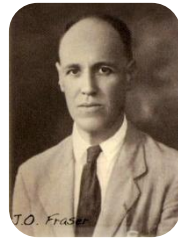
I took the early flight up to Johannesburg and had a horribly long 8-hour wait before flying up to Kigali, arriving at 9:30 in the evening. Unlike some of the other countries I visit, Kigali is a thriving modern, immaculate destination, so I was able very quickly to pass through Customs and there waiting for me was **Fred Kiiza** with his warm, beaming African smile of welcome. In true African culture I was warmly embraced and taken to my accommodation where we had something to eat and then just enjoyed being together. We caught up on all that has happened over the last 4 years. Getting close to midnight, it was time to fall asleep so very blessed to be a missionary to Africa.



For this trip I have brought the biography of **J.O. Fraser**, that incredible missionary to the Lisu people in China. Without a doubt, he is the model for me. So, every night I will share with you,

some of the lessons I have learnt from his life. But this is how he was described by his fellow missionaries:

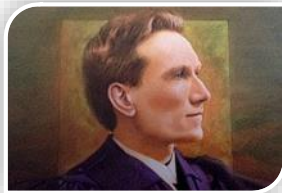
"As the story of the life of J.O. Fraser is unfolded, the reader cannot fail to be impressed with certain outstanding qualities and characteristics which, combined to make him a great missionary. The stern self-discipline reminds us of a Henry Martyn. He accepted unreservedly the Word of his Master, 'If any man will come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.' His consuming passion for souls is comparable to that of David Brainerd and when there came the first signs of life, how he earnestly desired that they should go on to know the life more abundant. But there was also in Fraser's life the zeal of his prayer life, similar to that of PRAYING HYDE"



WOW ... what a man I long to follow; to be a man of self-discipline, passion for souls and prayer. Now I am able to fall asleep in Kigali and tomorrow we have the long trip up to KABARORE in the Gatsibo province. All the time wanting to follow in the footsteps of J.O. Fraser.

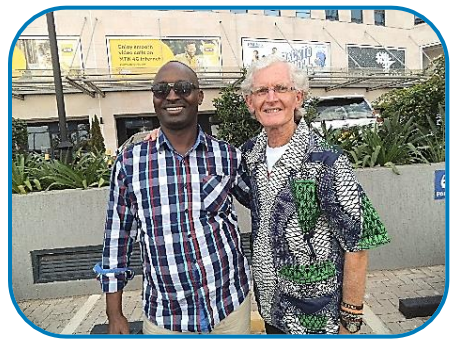
SUNDAY, 19 MAY

A BEAUTIFUL African sunrise greeted us this morning in Rwanda. Unlike the time when I was in Malawi last month, my accommodation here is very comfortable so I woke up refreshed and ready for the day. As always, I begin the day in the "Missionary Workshop" and this morning my bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and I began with 2 Peter, always allowing the Word of God to soak my mind and heart. Afterwards in my time of prayer, I remembered not only my preaching and the long trip to KABARORE but also for the AJURAN people, and unreached people living in Kenya. This morning **Oswald Chambers** was at his very best when he wrote on Romans 8 verse 35, entitled *OUT OF THE WRECK I RISE*:



"It doesn't matter how real or intense the adversities may be, nothing can ever separate us from our relationship to God. Paul was not referring here to imaginary things, but rather to things that are dangerously real, and Chambers said we are super victors ... out of the wreck I rise every time."

What a glorious reminder that was, and how true this has been throughout my life. John and Andrew then came to fetch me and the 3 of us set out on the long journey to the eastern part of Rwanda. We arrived at about 10:00 in the morning and there the church was waiting for me so I went straight into my sermon and preached on **Hebrews 12:1-3 - RUNNING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WELL**. The Lord was so gracious to us and at the end, when I made an appeal to the congregation which numbered over 750 people, there was a massive response. I was humbled but deeply grateful to see the response.



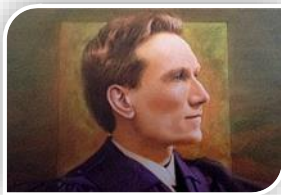
Like Fraser, to see the Lord at work and to see precious souls being saved is the highest joy in the life of a preacher. The service lasted just over 3 hours, so 3 weary men eventually left to go and enjoy lunch together. In true African style I was not served with what I asked for, BUT I was so ravenous, it went down well and I grew to love **AMATOKO**, which is like a banana stew! We got back to our room so very blessed. Time for me to read with my “loyal lovers”.

It has been a long day traveling and preaching so I could now fall asleep very, very blessed. But this evening I want to answer the question as to what brought **James O. Fraser** comfort and encouragement his books!

“His ‘comfort’ consisted chiefly in his books and he went to lavish expenditure to hire local Indians to bring some of his treasures, including study books and his Greek New Testament.”



This of course is very similar to what **Oswald Chambers** wrote when all his books arrived at his mission station in Egypt.



“I have been having a revelling few days. My box has at last arrived with 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 fiber of my being. Friends they are, ever true and ever your own. I could have cried to excessive joy when I got hold of them again.”

So, my dear friends “goodnight” and my lovers are beside me. Life is at its best here in Africa , teaching the Bible with my loyal lovers.



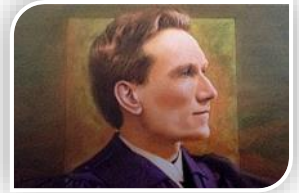
MONDAY, 20 MAY

Another beautiful morning up here in Rwanda. I went immediately into the “Missionary Workshop” and there spent time with the Lord. My Bible readings continued with Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 2 Peter. As I read through the Bible each day, I always remember what **Jim Packer** wrote:

“When we read the Bible always remember to listen to God the Father preaching, about God the Son, through God the Holy Spirit.”

What a wonderful way to read your Bible. Afterwards in my time of prayer, I remembered the Conference which begins today, but especially for the VAI people who live in Liberia, another unreached people. This morning **Oswald Chambers** wrote from Luke 21:19:

"There are certain things in life that we do not need to pray about...moods for example. We will never get rid of our moodiness by praying, but we will by kicking it out of our lives. We have to pick ourselves up by the back of the neck and shake ourselves and then we will find that we can do what we believed we were unable to do."



After my devotions I went for a long walk just to see these lovely people walking to their farms with their hoes over their shoulders and the children going to school. After a warm shower and a good breakfast, we headed off to the Conference. This is the 5th time I have assisted **ABC training**, so it was wonderful to meet up with old friends, and especially with the bishop, amazingly they seemed so very happy to see me again.



Conference Centre



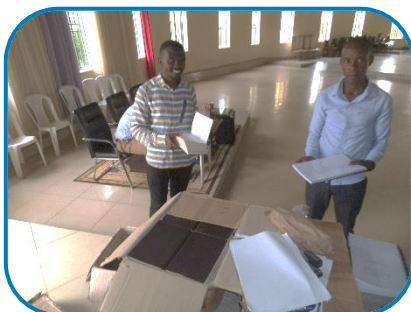
John & Andrew



Today I began with my talks on the **Pastoral ministry** and covered 2 main issues:

- **THE BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF A PASTOR**
- **THE BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR**

It was wonderful to see the NIV study Bible, in their own language, given to every pastor. After lecturing all morning for 4 hours, we enjoyed lunch together and it was marvelous to have fellowship with the pastors.



Handing out Bibles



the Pastors



The afternoons were taken up with group work and discussion, after which I could get back to my room and my lovers! After supper I continued to delve into the life story of **James O. Fraser** and he emphasized something which I feel is so very, very critical for my work across Africa:



“As a missionary, Fraser was a wise master builder, laying good foundations. The churches were to be self-governing and self-supporting right from the outset, and he strenuously resisted the temptation to allow them to become dependent him, or on foreign sources. In addition, no large building was erected and all the work was kept on the simplest possible lines.”

Interesting that JOHANNA VEENSTRA, that amazing missionary to West Africa said the same thing, listen:

“It was a self-imposed rule that Johannah broke only on rare occasions ... to never give anything to the people without payment, except the message of the priceless redemption she had come to deliver. As a faithful steward, she practiced economy even in the little things.”



My dear friends, this is so very important for me that my students and their churches must be self-supporting and self-governing.

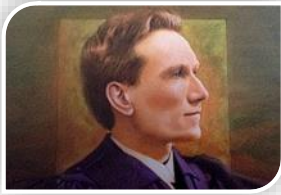
I must put no emphasis on buildings and never forget that the only purpose of a church building is to keep the rain out. Keep everything simple.

And now with these lessons ringing in my ears, I can fall asleep in KABA trying to follow Fraser and Veenstra, with my lovers next to me.



TUESDAY, 21 MAY

The mornings across Rwanda are magnificent. When I was in Malawi last month, I would get up at 4:30am and just walk through the village waiting for the sun to rise, it was magnificent. Up here I love to do the same and see the sun rising above Rwanda, but now I must go into the “*Missionary Workshop*” and try to follow in the footsteps of **James Fraser**. My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 2 Peter, always listening to the voice of God in the Word of God. In my time of prayer I remember especially the WESTERN MANIKA people, an unreached people group living in Senegal. To close my devotions this morning, **Oswald Chambers** was at his very best, with the challenging reminder from Matthew 6v23 – seek **first** the Kingdom of God. Listen to the most revolutionary words which human ears have ever heard:



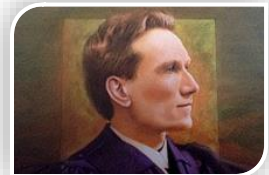
“When we look at these words of Jesus, we immediately find them to be the most revolutionary that human ears have ever heard ... seek first the Kingdom of God. Even the most spiritually-minded of us argue the exact opposite and say “But I must live, I must make money, I must be clothed and fed”. The great concern of our lives is not the Kingdom of God, but how we are going to take care of ourselves. Jesus reversed the order by telling us to “get the right relationship with God first, maintaining it as the primary concern of our lives and never to place our concern for other things first.”

After enjoying another warm shower and breakfast it was now time for me to preach at the pastor’s conference for the whole morning. I spoke on 2 main issues:

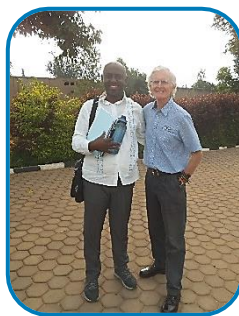
- THE PRIORITIES OF THE PASTOR
- THE PRECAUTIONS OF THE PASTOR

What a privilege it was for me to speak to these dear pastors who live out in the rural areas of Rwanda, teaching them the Bible and illustrating the work of a pastor from my past experience of 40 years. After lunch I must admit I found a little nook and had a short ^{zzz} – I was really tired after speaking for 4 hours. After lunch there was then the group discussions and finally, I was able to get back home to my little room and enjoy a short walk through KABAGORE. I was so challenged by what **Oswald Chambers** wrote from his hut as he called it, up in the **desert of Egypt during the first world war** while he was ministering to the troops up there:

“Are you ready to be not so much as a drop in a bucket, but to be so hopelessly insignificant that you are never thought of again in connection with the life you have lived? Are you willing to be spent not seeking to be ministered to, but to minister to others.”



The Bishops



Andrew & I

Wow ... what a reminder to spend your life on others and to be willing to be totally insignificant.

At the end of another lovely day, it was good to share supper together with Andrew and John.

Now I want to close with a short quote from **Operation World**.

“Africa’s greatest spiritual challenge is Discipleship and Training – NOT ISLAM, NOT CORRUPTION, NOT EVEN THE NEED FOR MISSIONS.

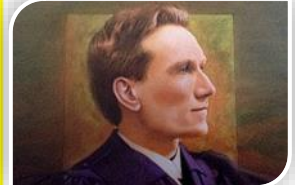
Now to fall asleep in Rwanda ... with my lovers ...



WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY

As another beautiful morning arises across Rwanda, with joy I was able to go into the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and then we began with 1 John. It was wonderful hearing the preaching of God the Father about God the Son, through God the Holy Spirit ... our glorious triune God. Afterwards trying to follow James Fraser I went into a time of prayer and especially for another unreached people group. The SIDI BEDOWN people who live in Algeria in North Africa. It was then time for **Oswald Chambers** to close off my devotions, and this is what he said:

"God is not concerned about our plans. He doesn't ask us 'do you want to go through this loss of a loved one or through this difficulty' NO, he allows these things to happen for His own purpose. The things we are going through are either making us sweeter or better and nobler, or they are making us more critical and fault finding than ever before. The things that happen either makes us evil or more saintly, it depends on our relationship with Jesus and its level of intimacy."



In my Journals you have often read how **Oswald Chambers** has shaped my life completely over the past 56 years. With the exception of the Bible, no other book has had as profound an effect on my life as "**MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST**". After enjoying another warm shower and breakfast of Amatoka, we headed back to the conference, where I spoke for another 4 hours on:

- **THE PASTOR AS A PREACHER**
- **THE PASTOR AS A TEACHER**

I shared with them what **James Stewart** once wrote about preaching:

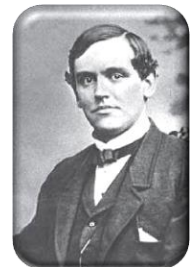
"The aims of genuine preaching are:

- ✓ **To quicken the conscience by the holiness of God**
- ✓ **To feed the mind with the truth of God**
- ✓ **To purge the imagination by the beauty of God**
- ✓ **To open the heart to the love of God**
- ✓ **To devote the Will to the purpose of God.**



It was a huge privilege to continue teaching these Pastors from the Bible and from my experience, especially from my years at Holy Trinity Church in Pietermaritzburg. After lunch again they broke up into smaller groups and I was then able to go back to my room and enjoy some good reading. The famous **Phillip Brooks** wrote this about preaching:

"It is essential to the preacher's success that he should thoroughly enjoy his work. Its highest joy is in the great ambition that is set before it, the glorifying of the and the saving of souls, no other joy on earth compares with that."

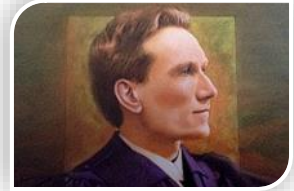


It is now late and time to fall asleep in Rwanda, but by God's grace I am able to say "I love my work" as Brooks said, truly no other can compare with this.

THURSDAY, 23 MAY

Fraser was a man steeped in prayer and in the Bible so let me follow his example and head into the “*Missionary Workshop*”, just as the sun begins to usher in a new day in KABARORE. My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John. At the moment we are studying 1 John at our Bible study group, so it was wonderful to read it over again. But then it was time to prayer and I remembered especially the BOBO MADARE people, an unreached people group in B. Faso. As always **Oswald Chambers** closes off my Devotions and this is what he wrote from Matthew 6:25:

“Jesus summed up common sense, carefulness in the life of a disciple as unbelief. It is not only wrong to worry, it is unbelief, worrying means that we do not believe that God can look after the practical details of our lives. Have you ever noticed what Jesus said would choke the Word in us? Is it the devil, no’ it is the cares of the world.”



What a challenge that is for today ... after another warm shower and a walk down the main road, we all enjoyed our breakfast and then went to the conference. This morning, I will be lecturing on:

- **THE PASTOR AS A MINISTER**
- **THE PASTOR AS A COUNSELLOR**

After 4 hours of lecturing, we then enjoyed our lunch together (it has been exactly the same now for 4 days ...) and then it was time for the group work. This meant I could make my way back to my room and to spend time with my lovers! Although I am reading his biography for the third time, **James O. Fraser** stirs me very deeply. I admire his self-discipline, his life of prayer, his love for his books and then in his ministry he put no emphasis of buildings, never handed out money, but there was one other important lesson that he taught me:



“One of the things Fraser most dreaded was a loss of time and strength on side issues. He saw that the GOOD may indeed be the enemy of the BEST. ”

In my life I must be very careful not to sacrifice the BEST by doing the GOOD, a lesson which is so easy to forget. For supper we then enjoyed some AMATOKA and then I could finish this outstanding [biography of Fraser](#).



John and I



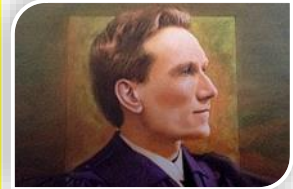
The Pastors



FRIDAY, 24 MAY

Today is the final day of the conference, so I want to be ready and fresh and pour out my heart to these dear pastors. I went straight into the “Missionary Workshop” and spent time with the Lord in my devotions. My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John, listening to the voice of God in the Word of God. In my time of prayer, I prayed for the Lord to pour out His spirit on these pastors as they now go back to their churches to put into practice what they have studied. Always following the Joshua Project, I must pray for another unreached people group who live in Liberia, the GOLA people. To close my devotions, **Oswald Chambers** was magnificent from Revelation Chapter 1 :12:

“Whenever His hand is laid upon you, it gives inexpressible peace and comfort and the sense that underneath are the everlasting arms (Deut. 33:27), the everlasting support, provision, comfort and strength. Once His touch comes nothing will throw you into fear ever again.”



With these beautiful words ringing in my ears, I was able to enjoy a walk and then a final breakfast before heading back to the conference. On this final day I will speak on:

- **THE PASTOR AS A LEADER**
- **THE PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY**

I have lectured on **PASTORAL MINISTRY** for over 20 hours now and I must admit I could not have given any more, so we could all now go and enjoy lunch together for the last time.



The Pastors



Teaching



Fred & I

As you all know I love the African way of doing things. We could never leave and head back to Kigali without a time of testimony and the giving of thanks, which is always very humbling and moving. I encouraged them to go back and by God’s grace become good pastors, teaching the Word of God and loving their people. I must admit it brought tears of joy to see every one of the pastors on his knees recommitting his life to the work of a pastor as the ladies sang so beautifully and quietly in the background. It was a very moving moment! They then all rose to their feet and gave me a standing ovation, (which was crazy) and it went on and on and on. Fred Kiiza came to me and said “Bishop, this has never happened before”. We then were able to pack up and drive to the next town of NGATARE where we will spend the evening in the home of one of the church members.

After a very moving and emotional day, I enjoyed my time in my books and finished a short biography on the life of **James Montgomery**, the well-known Hymn writer.



But at the conclusion of Fraser's biography, **Isobel Kuhn** who is well known to all of you, she was also a missionary in China and became a very well known and loved author. When she heard of the death of Fraser who at that time was the superintendent of the Mission, this is what she wrote:



"After the first shock there was a desolate feeling, as regards *human* fellowship and there was now no-one to work for. How Mr. Fraser would enjoy hearing about this was always a first reaction to any joy or blessing ... because there was no one else on earth who had such a complete knowledge and who could share so completely in joys and sorrows. He was much more than superintendent to us, he was our missionary ideal, a continual rebuke, challenge and stimulus to maintain at any cost the apostolic missionary work. His brilliant gifts untied with unflinching humility and a sympathy mother like in its tenderness and thoughtfulness, made him our refuge at every time of need. And to win a smile of approval from him was worth any extra effort. It is one thing to be praised by a person who has no experience of your task, but it is quite different to win a well-done from someone who is himself a master in that very thing. We have now lost a great stimulus and an indispensable counselor. I say indispensable, because we all feel that way. **Life will never be the same for us without him.**"

Have you ever read such a tribute? It is now very late and I can fall asleep in NAGATARE so very blessed to be a missionary into Africa. How I long with every fiber in my being to follow in the footsteps of Fraser.

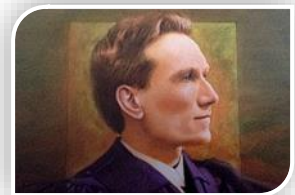
SATURDAY, 25 MAY

As another beautiful new day dawns across Rwanda, let me go immediately into the "Missionary Workshop" and there spend time with my Lord. My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John. After soaking in the precious Word of God I was then able to pray and especially for the SANUSI people who live in Libya. I was able to thank the Lord for so much:

- Travelling mercies across Rwanda, from Kigali to Kabagore, to Nyagatare.
- The 20 hours of teaching the Bible on Pastoral Ministry.
- The response from the Pastors which was very moving for me.
- Being able to learn from James Fraser and Montgomery.
- The thrill of being with my past students.

Oswald Chambers then challenged me from Genesis 13:9, and how I make my choices in life. Do I go for the good or for the best?

"As soon as you begin to live the life of faith in God, fascinating and physically gratifying possibilities will open up before you. These things are yours by right, but if you are living the life of faith, you will exercise your right to waive your rights, and let God make your choice for you. God sometimes allows you to get into a place of testing where your own welfare would be the appropriate thing to consider, if you were not living the life of faith. But if you are, you will joyfully waive your right and allow God to make your choice for you. This is the discipline God uses to transform the natural into the spiritual through obedience to His voice."



After my devotions and another warm shower, I enjoyed a walk down the main road to KABARORE just loving the way of life up here in Rwanda. We then all came together for a lovely breakfast, consisting of fruit, yogurt, eggs and some chipati. You will remember how this is so different to the breakfast we had in Malawi where I would have 2 slices of bread and some black tea. Together with John and Fred, we then went to the town of NGATARE. Here we went to look at a possible church and accommodation for the conference next year. We then went for lunch to Fred's sister, who is the Minister of Health for the area. It was a very special time and from there they took me to the airport in Kigali, from where I flew back to Johannesburg...surely the most blessed man on the planet. It was a long flight of about 5 hours and during that time I dipped into that phenomenal book entitled "Biblical Christianity in Modern Africa". It really is outstanding, and I was particularly challenged by what the author **Wilbur O'Donovan** wrote. Read this very carefully because it will give you an insight into where my heart is for Africa:

"There is a great need in modern Africa for Biblical Christianity. The church urgently needs to take a biblical position on such issues as tribalism, poverty, injustice, immorality, abortion, corruption in the church, the responsible use of money, self-sustainable development, materialism, secularism, over population, youth, family life, women in the church and many other matters relating to modern Africa. The church must be ready to offer solutions which are based on the Bible (Romans 12:2, Titus 2:11-12). Only when the church responds, the call to be salt and light in a corrupt and evil world, will it experience the full blessings and power of God on its ministry. Only then will the church see God's intervention in answer to our prayers. There is so much that is accepted as Christianity today, that is not biblical Christianity. There are many churches that claim that they are the true church of Jesus Christ. There are many who call themselves prophets of God, or Apostles of Christ, but are not. How can a Christian know what is true Christianity and what is not."

That quote reminded me of how very important my work is across Africa. **KwaZulu-Natal Missionary & Bible College** is now in its 38th year with a passion to train pastors and missionaries for Africa who are well grounded in the Bible. How humbling, and yet thrilling it has been to see nearly 400 pastors and missionaries being sent out right across this continent of Africa, with some of our students even serving in **Cambodia, Paraguay, Pakistan, Indonesia Australia, and the UK.**

Who would ever have imagined this would have happened when we opened the doors in 1986.

After a short break I will then go up to **UGANDA** for the 8th time, and my dear brother and past KMBC student, Alex Mukwabi, has put together a bone-breaking program for us.

Besides preaching in Kampala and Jogo, I will have the unbelievable joy of:

- ✓ **Ordaining Alex Mukwabi to his new ministry**
- ✓ **Ordaining 2 assistant ministers for him**
- ✓ **Graduating Christina Jjuuko Nabwire with her Diploma in Missions**
- ✓ **Graduating Sylvia Etaasit Were with her Diploma in Missions**
- ✓ **Graduating Joseph Wambululu with his Certificate in Theology**

I will return as the proudest Principal in Africa, but as **Oswald Chambers** said:

"Spiritually exhausted."

I now want **David Platt** to end off this journal because he pushes me to strive for more things. Listen to what he wrote:

"Consider the COST when Christians ignore Jesus' command to sell their possession and give to the poor, and instead choose to spend their money of better comforts, larger homes, nicer cars and more stuff. Consider the COST when these Christians gather in churches and choose to spend millions on:

- Nice buildings to drive up to
- Cushioned pews to sit on
- Endless programs to enjoy for themselves



Consider the COST for the starving multitudes, who sit outside the gates of contemporary affluence!

Wow, what an indictment on the modern church.

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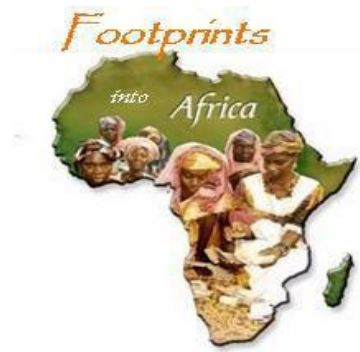
You my very dear friends keep me going with your undeserved love, prayers and generous financial giving. I am SO very grateful to you all. I cannot ever thank you enough.

See you soon in Kampala.



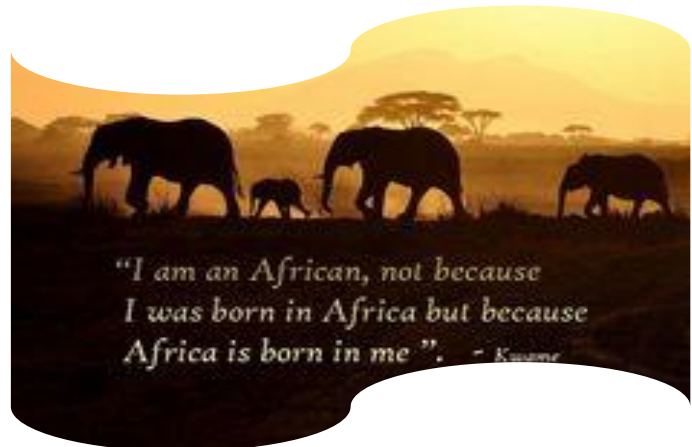
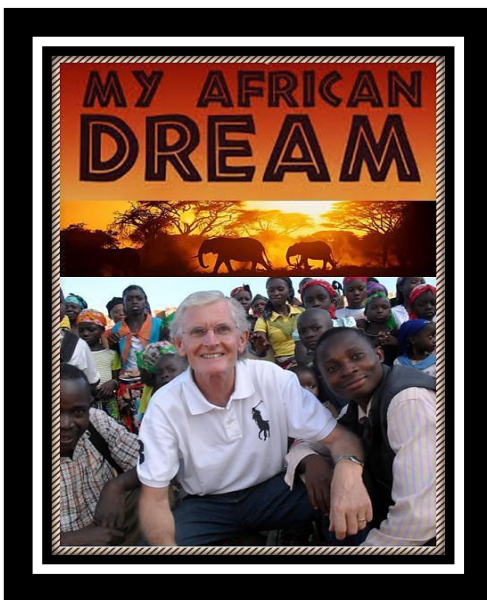
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one of the following avenues:

- ✚ 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 always so enjoy and look forward to your comments and feedback on my Journals.

Yours for Africa
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