

My 14th MISSION TRIP
TO
ZAMBIA



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Trip 76



Zambia

A land-locked nation, she is bordered by Angola to the west, the DRC to the west and north, Tanzania to the northeast, Malawi to the east and Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia to the south.

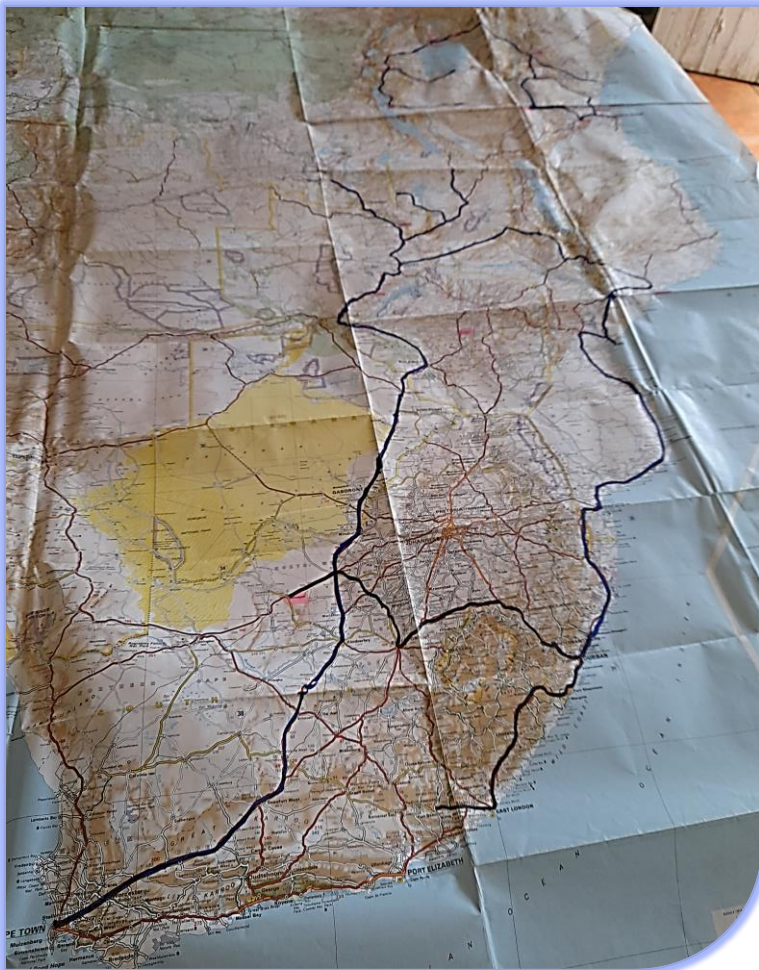
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- **Economy**


Downside risks to the growth outlook include continuing drought, fluctuating copper prices, slippages in reform program execution, and the inflationary impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on fertilizer and fuel prices. The government is expected to continue tightening monetary policy to curb inflation, maintaining a flexible exchange rate to reduce volatility, and shoring up foreign reserves through higher export earnings, the addition of locally mined gold bullion to foreign reserves, and the promotion of stable foreign investment flows.


- **Religion**

Zambians widely accept Christianity, even in public institutions and the media. Evangelicals grew from 3.8% in 1960 to more than 25% today. Former president Chiluba declared Zambia a Christian nation in 1991, and Zambians practise freedom of all religions. Zambia enjoys a legacy as a stable and peaceful nation surrounded by countries troubled by war and unrest. But national transformation along biblical lines still has not come. Too few know the Word of God, or how to live a Christian life. Superstitions and occult practices open the door for the enemy to work evil in people's lives. **Pray for Christians to live pure and holy lives that depend on God alone for spiritual power and blessing. Pray that Zambia will truly be a nation that honours God.**



If you follow the black line on the map, these are the countries that I have travelled to in Africa.

What a privilege to have  followed in the footsteps of many of my heroes.

 My footprints into Africa start in Cape Town, weaving all the way up to Lesotho, Eswatini, Namibia, onto Botswana, into Zimbabwe and Zambia, across to Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Zanzibar, then up to Uganda, D.R.C. Rwanda and Burundi and Kenya.



INTRODUCTION

It has been such a joyful and encouraging 3rd term for us at the College. By the grace of God, we have enjoyed having a wonderful group of students from Kenya and Zambia and slowly we are getting back to the pre-Covid days. *Thank-you Jesus.*

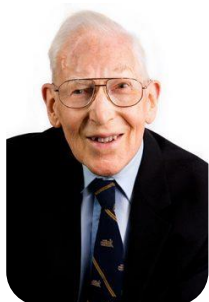
- 9 Diploma in Missions students
- 1 Advanced Course in Missional Development (A.C.I.M) student
- 5 Diploma in Ministry students
- 2 Diploma in Pastoral Theology students
- 5 Advanced Reading Course in Theology (ARCIT) students
- 16 Distance Learning students

So, the passion to train pastors and missionaries for Mama Africa drives me on. You will never know the joy and pride I experienced when travelling to Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Uganda. To see the work our students are doing is phenomenal. With 400 students now serving right across Africa and around the world, our little College is doing the most amazing work. I love the writings of **James Packer**, and in his books on **"HOT TUB RELIGION"** he defined **GOOD THEOLOGY** in the following way.

"Good theology constantly calls for deliberate, responsible decisions about how we are going to live, and it never forgets that Christian decisions are commitments to action on principle (not out of mindless conformity), undertaken in freedom (not from external pressure or bullying), and motivated by love of God and of justice (not by fear). Good theology thus molds Christian character, neither demeaning nor diminishing us but rather enhancing our God-given dignity.



How I long to train up my students with **good theology**, who always carry out the PLAN of God which, **Packer** says means the following:



"There is a **plan** says the Bible. There is sense in circumstances, but you have missed it. Turn to Christ. Seek God. Give yourself to the fulfillment of his plan, and you will have found the elusive key to living. "He that follows me," Christ promises, "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). **You will have a motive:** God's glory. You will have a **rule:** God's law. You will have a friend in life and death: God's Son. You will have found the answer to the doubting and despair triggered by the apparent meaningless, even malice, of circumstances: you will **know that "the Lord reigns,"** and that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). And you will **have peace.**"

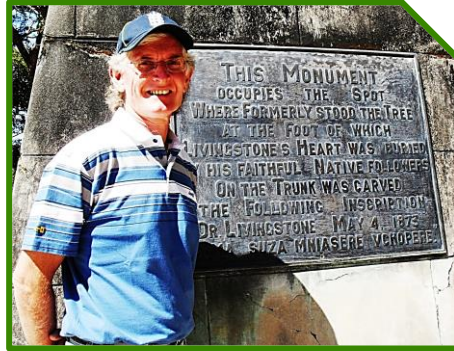
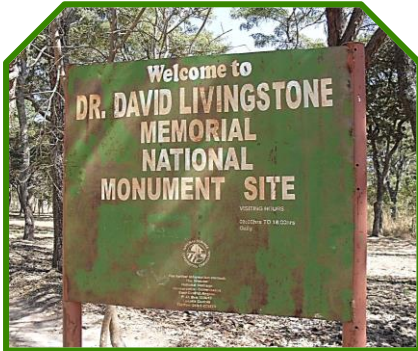
I now head up to Zambia for the 14th time, which is so very exciting. I will be preaching in Ndola, Kitwe, Mansa and Kasama, as well as spending time encouraging my past students. It is incredible to think that this will be my 76th mission trip into Africa, how gracious the Lord has been to me in opening the doors.

As **Jim Elliott** used to say:

"Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt in every situation you believe to be the will of God."



So, hold on , we are in for a wonderful ride across the Copperbelt. Then we will travel up to KASAMA, which is the area in which **David Livingstone died on 1 May 1873**. So, I hope to visit the place his heart is buried. Wow... can't wait to go there.



I am asked so often why I go back? Here is the answer from **Helen Blakeslee**, a missionary to Africa"

"I go to Africa, not for fame and prominence, but because I am attached to Jesus Christ in a love that honours no sacrifice too great to be made, that men and women everywhere throughout Africa may know of and come to possess the wonderful inheritance he has won for them on the cross. I go to Africa because I believe her people to be worthy of the most heroic effort that can be put forth to save them. I believe this because Jesus Christ believed and proved to the world that it was true."



So, I follow in the footsteps of C.T Studd, David Livingstone, Alfred Buxton, Paul Carlson, Helen Roseveare, Margaret Hayes, George Grenfell... my heroes. It promises to be another thrilling mission trip into Africa. Remember what **Lord Donald Coggan**, a previous Archbishop of Canterbury wrote:



"Don't say take care, say take risks."

MY DIARY

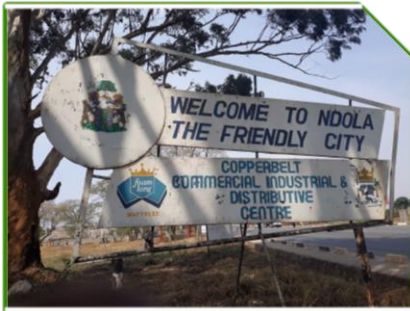
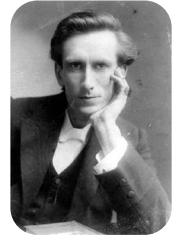
MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

These last Sunday's I have preached at Christ Church Waterfall and St. Olav's Durban. Now, as a new day dawns, I am about to head back into Mama Africa. The College has enjoyed a lovely term and what a thrill it is for me to lecture 5 times a day and give 27 talks a week teaching the Bible and training pastors and missionaries for Africa. But, before anything else, I need to go into the **Missionary Workshop** and have my devotional. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians, always following the calendar of Robert Murray McCheyne, and listening to God the Father preaching about God the Son by God the Holy Spirit which makes Bible reading so very exciting. Then in my prayer time, not only was I able to

pray for this trip with all the preaching and travelling, but especially I was able to pray for the BUSHI people, an unreached people group living in Mayotte.

Oswald Chambers always closes off my devotion from his book **"My Utmost for His Highest"** and this was his challenge this morning:

"The main idea in the region of religion is – your eyes open God, not open men. Do not have as your motive the desire to be known as a praying man. Have no other motive than to know your Father in heaven. It is impossible to conduct your life as a disciple without definite times of secret prayer."



Ready for the day I flew up to Johannesburg and from there on to Ndola airport in Zambia where my dear past students and brothers were waiting for me. The bond between us is amazing, we really are blood brothers in Africa. So, with Humphrey and Christopher we are all together again, so thrilled to be with each other. Over some African tea, we caught up with all that has happened since we were last together. As the sun began to set, we parted, to get a good night rest because a busy week lay ahead of us, with lots of preaching and many hours on the road travelling all the

way to Mansa and Kasama. But, if you love what you do, it becomes your life and can't be divided into weekend and work time, it's all consuming.



Christopher meeting me at the airport together with my faithful brothers, Humphrey & Christopher our driver Elias

On this trip I will share from **Norval Geldenhuys'** marvelous commentary on Luke. For the past 6 months, I have been studying Luke with this commentary. It has been one of the most wonderful books I have ever read on the life and ministry of Jesus, a perfect blend of sound doctrine, learning and scholarship, and a truly devotional spirit – truly strengthening the faith and stimulating to worship. This is how he introduces the book of Luke:



"Luke is the most literary author in the N.T. The idyllic charm, homely earnestness, simplicity and purity, and the deep devotional spirit characterizing the stories concerning the birth of John and that of Jesus, are unsurpassed. He wrote with the object of convincing, converting, saving and spiritually edifying his fellow men."

Now to fall asleep, so very privileged to be a missionary to Africa and I look forward to being in **Mansa** for the first time.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER

As a new day dawns across the northern province of Zambia, let me go into the **Missionary Workshop** and there begin the new day with my devotions. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and in 2 Corinthians wanting to soak in the precious Word of God. Having listened to the Word of God, I was then able to respond in prayer. I prayed not only for the preaching today, but also for the hundreds of kms which we will be covering on the roads, which as you know are riddled with potholes. But then especially I remember the KIMA people, and unreached people group living in Tanzania. It was then time for **Oswald Chambers** to close off my devotions, and this is what he wrote based on 1 Corinthians Chapter 10 verse 13:



"A person's disposition of the inside, that is what he possesses in his personality determines what he is tempted by on the outside. The temptation fits the nature of the one tempted, and reveals the possibilities of the nature. Every man has the setting of his own temptation, and the temptation will come along the line of the ruling disposition."

Spiritually refreshed and challenged, I could now enjoy a wash and a breakfast and get ready for Mansa. This will be my first visit to Mansa so I am looking forward to it very much. One of our past students, Kelvin Mulofwa is a pastor in the Evangelical Church of Zambia and he is doing a marvelous job. Sadly, however, earlier this year he lost his 20-year-old son to Malaria.



With Humphrey & Christopher



Christopher & Kelvin



Our guest house

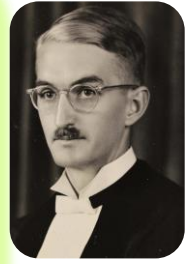


We left Ndola and after a very long journey of 10 hours we finally arrived in Mansa at midnight, and there standing on the side of the road was Kelvin with his torch. The love that is shown to me by the past students is very moving. We found a little room for R150 and I could hit the pillow after a long journey. But today would be a very special day with Kelvin, Humphrey, Christopher and my driver Elias. We laughed and laughed together at all the memories of KMBC, sang all the old favourite songs and then Kelvin took us on a tour of Mansa. Not only, is he the pastor

of a church but he is also working in 27 high schools in the area and he was telling me over this past year, there have been about 20,000 decisions for Christ. I was so incredibly proud to be introduced as his principal. We ended off the day with a wonderful supper which his wife cooked for us, of bream and phutu. I became so conscious of what a beautiful family the Lord has created from all our KMBC students.

As the day slowly draws to a close, I want to quote again from **Norval Geldenhuys** and this is what he wrote on the baptism of Jesus. It makes fantastic reading:

"Because the baptism of Jesus meant to him the final acceptance of the work of redemption which would have to be completed through suffering and death, it was a most momentous occurrence. After Jesus had now offered himself so completely, and voluntarily, as the substitute and redeemer, God gave to his human consciousness, a perfect revelation of the glory and the majesty of the Father, and of the fact that he was the son of God. Then the spirit came upon him, merely indicating that he now been equipped by the Holy Spirit with all official gifts to appear openly as the Messiah and redeemer."



This is a most magnificent picture of the trinity at work:

- The son making his commitment to go to the Cross
- The Holy Spirit equipping Jesus for His work
- The Father giving His approval.

This reminded me so clearly of what Dr. Broughton-Knox once said:

"The doctrine of the trinity is the foundation of the Christian religion. Unless this doctrine is held firmly and truly, it is not possible to be a Christian."

I can now fall asleep in Mansa so very privileged to be serving our triune God across Africa, carrying out the challenge issued at Cambridge University by David Livingstone.

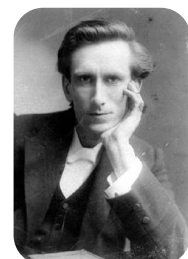


"I go back to Africa to try and open a path for commerce and for Christianity. Do you carry out the work which I have begun – I leave it with you."

Wednesday, 18 September

It is always very special to be living in an African town for the very first time, so I am enjoying my stay MANSA with 3 of my past students, Kelvin Christopher and Humphrey. But always I must go into the **Missionary Workshop** and there spend time with our triune God listening to God the Father preaching about God the Son, by God the Holy Spirit. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians, after which time I could then pray. This morning, I brought before the Lord all our meetings, but I especially prayed for the MAKONDE people, another unreached people living in Mozambique. As you know **Oswald Chambers** always closes off my devotions, and this is what he said:

Temptation means the test of the possessions held within the inner spiritual part of our being by a power outside of us and foreign to us."





Our driver, Elias



Kelvin & the school Principal



Kelvin & his youngest son

I then could enjoy a cold bucket of water to have a wash, and a breakfast of some black tea and two pieces of bread, and then we headed back to Kelvin's church. He belongs to a wonderful denomination called the Evangelical Church of Zambia and it was absolutely wonderful to be in an African church singing the old glorious hymns. I was privileged to give 2 talks:

1. How to stay spiritually fit for a lifetime of ministry from Hebrews 12 v 1-3.
2. How to prepare for ministry, plus I was able to promote KMBC.

By the grace of God, there was a wonderful response and after saying goodbye to all the church members we were on our way again, this time heading up to the town of KASAMA, which we hope we will reach by midnight tonight. This is sheer madness carrying out all this traveling mainly at night on these roads, but as Arch Bishop **Lord Donald Coggan**, said

“don't say take care – say take risks!”

I am listening to him totally....

Again, I want us to listen to Geldenhuys close off a long day with some thoughts on THE METHODS THAT JESUS CHOSE TO USE FOR HIS MINISTRY. This is how Geldenhuys describes the TEMPATIONS of Jesus:



“With his deceitful half-truths and cunning offer, Satan hazarded the assault against Jesus, especially in connection with the method and the way by which he has to establish his kingdom, namely by attempting to lead Jesus to compromise and to bid farewell to the path of suffering. But Jesus refused and He chooses to establish and build up the eternal kingdom of God along the road of self-denying love, struggling with spiritual weapons, suffering, and at last a sacrificial death, in complete devotion and obedience to His father. In this way Jesus rejects all self-will, self-seeking, self-display as being incompatible with Gods' will and God's Word.”

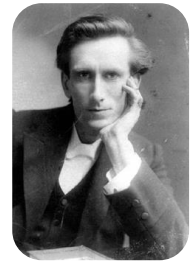
With the very challenging thoughts on the methods chosen by Jesus, I could now fall asleep in the heart of Africa, desperately trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus along the road of sacrifice, self-denial and complete devotion to the Lord.

Thursday, 19 September

There is nothing else in all the world to compare with a beautiful sunrise in Africa. After seeing another day ushered in, I went into the **Missionary Workshop** to spend time with my Lord. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians, again loving to hear from God the Father preaching about God the Son, by the Holy Spirit. In my time of prayer, I brought all the travelling and preaching before God and

then prayed especially for the YAO, people, another unreached people living in Malawi. **Oswald Chambers** always closes my devotions and this is what he wrote this morning in "My Utmost for His Highest".

Satan does not tempt us to do wrong things: he tempts us in order to make us LOSE what God has put into us by regeneration - i.e. the possibility of being of value to God.



Wow ... I do not want to lose that!!! Spending this time in the **Missionary Workshop** means that I stay "spiritually fit" for a lifetime of ministry. After a warm shower, shave and breakfast with my dear brothers, we were ready for a full day of ministry in KASAMA right up here in the northern province of Zambia. This is also a first time for me, so I am exploring new territories in Zambia.



With the bishop of Kasama



outside the "God bless you" barbershop



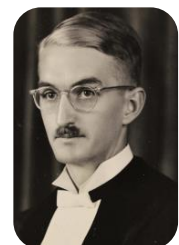
bishop Christie & Christopher

I gave 4 talks from 2 Timothy at the Bishop's church:

1. **How God prepares us for ministry (Chapter 1)**
2. **The tasks of Church leaders (Chapter 2)**
3. **The need to be a Bible man (Chapter 3)**
4. **The picture of a preacher (Chapter 4)**

There was a lovely response to the messages and a lot of interest in the KMBC programmes. In this oppressive heat of 42 degrees, we returned to our room for a cold shower. After a full day of teaching, exhausted but so very blessed in KASAMA and such a wonderful response to the messages, it was time to sleep, so let **Norval Geldenhuys** again close off the day for us, reminding us of our **SUPREME FUNCTION**.

"The HIGHEST vocation of the Church of Christ always remains to call sinners to repentance to the glory of God. The church must never be satisfied to preach to respectable people only, but should continually be engaged in evangelising those who have fallen into sin or who are religious outsiders. If Jesus came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, this also should be the SUPREME FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH".

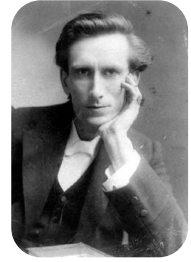


Friday, 20 September

I am loving being up in Zambia for the 14th visit and spending time with my past students. I loved reading what Geldenhuys wrote when the disciples were in their fishing boat when a huge storm came up. He told us we must never forget that Jesus, our Omnipotent Pilot, is on board as we face our storms. So let me go into the **Missionary Workshop** and learn more about my "Omnipotent Pilot". My bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and in 2 Corinthians. Then in my time of prayer, not only did I pray for our meetings

this morning, but especially for the BIHARI people, another unreached people living in Bangladesh. My mentor, **Oswald Chambers** then closed off my devotions with this reminder from Matthew 5:48:

"The secret of a Christian is that the supernatural is made natural in him by the grace of God, and the experience of this works out in the practical details of life, not in times of communion with God. When we come in contact with things that create a buzz, we find to our amazement that we have power to keep wonderfully poised in the centre of it all."



After my wash and some breakfast, I was ready for the day and by the grace of God to "keep wonderfully poised in the centre of it all". It is so very special to be with Andrew, Anderson, Humphrey, Christopher, Kelvin, and Justin, my past students, I love them and admire the work they are doing.



Waiting for extra passengers



Mkushi market



sunset coming into

We were up at 04:00am because it is a 14-hour drive to Kitwe, so we wanted to get an early start. This travelling so extensively has been tiring and taxing with many hours on the road. We first arrived in MFIKA where we tried to pick up some extra passengers to help with the fuel costs ... see photo above, then on to **SERENGE** and then on to **MKUSHI** where Christopher went to pray at a local farm which delayed us for 2 hours.



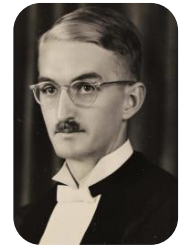
This incredible bridge constructed by the Chinese

We crossed the magnificent **LUAPULA river**, went to the local market to look for some bargains (see photo) and then headed for Kitwe. Sadly, some car trouble hindered our journey, so when we arrived in **NDOLA**, we decided to spend the night there and leave early in the morning for **KITWE**.

Wow ... with the plans constantly changing, and travelling so many hours, it has been a challenge ... BUT ... then at our accommodation we found no water and no electricity ... so as a good boy scout I found some rain water to have a wash with and my trusty candle to give a little bit of light....Africa at her worst!! It has been a tiring 15 hours on the road and this was the limit ...

After another full day of travelling, **Geldenhuys** closes with some thoughts on Jesus's teaching on the SABBATH, and then I was ready to collapse, but so wonderfully blessed to be in Africa teaching the Bible.

"Here Jesus expressly declares that as the Messiah, the Son of Man, He has plenary power to appoint in what and in what manner the Sabbath should be kept. In later days, the church - guided, we may well believe, by the Spirit of Jesus - changed the day on which the weekly rest was observed (the seventh day) to the first day (the day of His resurrection from the dead), as a symbol of the fact that the Old Covenant of Works had given place to the New Covenant of Mercy and Liberty. In place of the old rigid Sabbath observance, He introduced the new spiritual Sabbath rest. Thus, the deepest purpose of the original Sabbath commandment was realized by Him. For this reason, it is fit and proper that Christians should dedicate the first day of every new week to Him in a special sense; while it remains true that the Christian has not one holy day in the week, but seven."



SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

With Mansa and Kasama now covered and after that long 15-hour trip behind us, we reached **KITWE** fresh from a sleep. What amazing memories Kitwe holds for me.



Way back in 2010 I first went there and stayed in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Mwila**. It was there where I learned how to live in an African culture, and what amazing times we shared together with Anderson and his parents. They still call the room I slept in "the bishop's room. I remembered being in a very basic room where I left my apple next to my bed, only to find in the morning, that a rat had visited me and enjoyed my apple!!

But to be back in Kitwe is wonderful. We have a number of students here, so I am looking forward to meeting up with them again.

But before anything else I must get into the **Missionary Workshop**. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians.

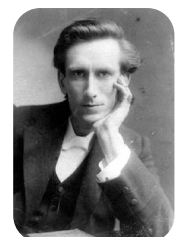
Diedrich Bonhoeffer was so right when he wrote:



"Every day in which I do not penetrate more deeply into the knowledge of God's Word is a lost day for me"

In my time of prayer, I remembered all my preaching sessions that have been organized for me by the students, but especially for the LAKI people who live in Iran. My mentor **Oswald Chambers** then closed off my devotions with his thoughts on **missionary predestinations** from Isaiah 55v5.

"The first thing that happens after we have realized our election to God in Christ Jesus is the destruction of our prejudices and our parochial notions and our patriotisms; we are turned into servants of God's own purpose."



That is my goal, to be a servant of God's own purpose. After a small breakfast we were ready for our ministry in Kitwe so very thrilled to be back after many years. My students have all arrived and there they were Humphrey, Christopher, Tionge, Andrew, Elias and Mwansa But deep down I wanted to find Anderson.



With Tionge



the welcome singers



with Humphrey, Andrew, Tionge, Elias

I preached on:

1. Ezra our model Ezra 7v10
2. Call of Jesus from Matthew 11v28

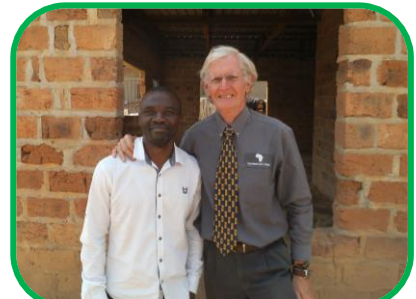
After preaching my heart out I was able to explain the 7 options of study which we offer at KMBC to the 39 pastors who had come from the area. There was a huge response and all my leaflets were given out, and then I saw my brother Anderson enter into the meeting. I have not seen him for some time, so I left the pulpit and went to greet him. I must admit we were both emotional, we cried and hugged each other, to the amazement of the congregation, but they did not know that we are blood brothers. While he was at KMBC we even ran the Comrades Marathon together. It was wonderful to be with him. After the meetings the ladies very kindly provided lunch for us all.



Our past KMBC students



ladies cooking lunch



Anderson & I

It has been a glorious day of ministry in Kitwe so before we go to sleep, **Norval Geldenhuys** will close and this is what he wrote on Luke 9:23-27, on the theme **take up your cross**.



"Everyone who tries selfishly to secure for himself pleasure and happiness in this life will in fact doom his life to failure, he will never find real joy or full life. He commits spiritual suicide, but he who lays down his life on the altar in the service of Jesus, and who strives for His honour and for the extension of His Kingdom, while always keeping himself in the background, will spontaneously find true joy and life."

Tonight, we are sleeping in the township of CHIMWEMWE which is just outside of Kitwe and is the little home of Tionge's parents. Having been there years previously at Tionge's graduation it was very special to be back with his mother and father.

Here are some photographs of their home.

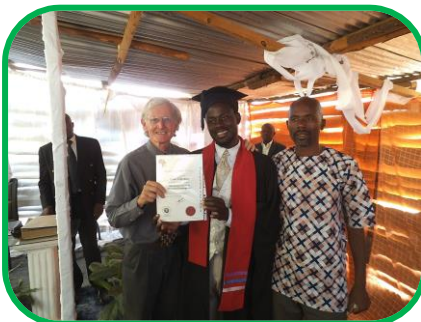
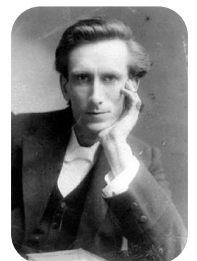


SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

After sharing a bedroom with Tionge I got very little sleep as he snored his head off the entire night.

But let me go early into the **Missionary Workshop** and there keep spiritually fit for a lifetime of ministry. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and in 2 Corinthians, after which time I could pray. Today will be a special day for my college, it will be the graduation of Elias Chitambo and it will be our very first ACIM graduate, a very special occasion for us. I also remembered the MON people who are living in Myanmar, but as always **Oswald Chambers** writes on the missionary master from John 13v3.

"To have a master and to be mastered is not the same thing. To have a master means that there is one who knows me better than I know myself, one who is closer than a friend, one who fathoms the remotest abyss of my heart and satisfies it, one who has brought me into the secure sense that he has met and solved every perplexity and problem of my mind. To have a master is this and nothing less - "One is your Master, even Christ."



Elias graduation



with Anderson, Tionge, Elias, Christopher

Item	Amount	Total
TRAVEL TO MANSA	1200	1200
TRAVEL TO KASIMA	700	
TRAVEL TO KITWE	1200	1500
TRAVEL TO NJOCA	800	
TRAVEL TO NJOCA	400	1900
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TOTAL	6600	7300

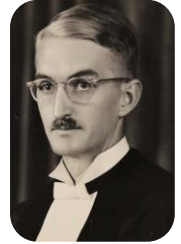
trying to budget for everything

Tionge's mother brought me a bucket of warm water to wash in and then she brought me a large plate of Yambalala porridge, it really was fantastic, and then I was ready to go and preach at Tionge's church. I preached from Luke Chapter 16, the story of the rich man and Lazarus, showing how they lived and how they died and where they are now. By the grace of God there was a wonderful response to the Gospel with many surrendering their lives to Christ, always for me such a very wonderful thing to see. The passion to bring souls to Christ must never leave me as I seek to train up pastors and missionaries for Africa. I became welled up with emotion, seeing 7 of my past students now serving as pastors here in Kitwe. Glory be to our triune God. To be with Anderson was out of this world and to see Elias so very happy at his graduation were both very special for me.

It has been a wonderful day of ministry here in Kitwe, souls have been saved, the Bible has been taught and my past students have been loved and encouraged. Slowly we all made our way back to enjoy a last supper together.

As the day draws to a close, I want you again to listen to **Norval Geldenhuys** explaining Luke Chapter 10:21-24.

"However great the privilege of those early disciples was, we who possess the New Testament, the completed revelation of God in Christ, have a still greater privilege. They saw him in the flesh but we see him in the New Testament, not merely as in incarnate Son of God, but also as the crucified one, the risen redeemer and the glorified king of his church. Because our privilege is so great, a great responsibility now rests upon us."



So very privileged, I could fall asleep in the heart of Africa remembering what **James Stewart** always used to say:

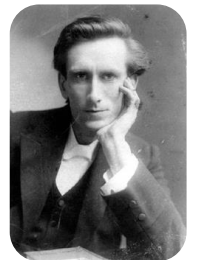
"I will never be satisfied until I am in Africa with my Bible in my pocket."

MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

All the preaching and travelling is almost over, so let me go into the **Missionary Workshop**, and there pour out my heart in thanksgiving. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and 2 Corinthians. In my time of prayer, it was a time for praise and thanksgiving for all the journey mercies across Africa, for all the preaching opportunities and for the souls which have been saved, and then especially for the AFGAN people living in Austria.

Oswald Chambers then closed my devotions from that amazing book, "**My Utmost for His Highest**" and this is what he said from Luke 18:31, the missionaries goal:

In the natural life our ambitions alter as we develop; in the Christian life the goal is given at the beginning, the beginning and the end are the same, viz., Our Lord Himself. We start with Christ and we end with Him - "until we all attain to the stature of the manhood of Christ Jesus," not to our idea of what the Christian life should be. The aim of the missionary is to do God's will, not to be useful, not to win the heathen; he is useful and he does win the heathen, but that is not his aim. His aim is to do the will of his Lord.



Not only was that a wonderful reminder to me, but what stirred me even more, was his reminder that while doing missionary work this is often what I will experience:



"One or two will show gratitude, but all the rest will show ingratitude, but nothing must deflect us from going up to our Jerusalem."

After that reminder I could enjoy my wash and some Yambalala and then we were back in the car for our last trip all the way back to Ndola for the last night. Chambers continues to shape my life. Sometimes

we may pour out our lives for others, only to receive ingratitude, but we keep going forward out of a deep love for Jesus and a deep love for the people we are serving.

And so, after nearly 35 hours in the car, driving the length and breadth of Zambia, 10 sermons preached, we found a little room in Ndola for my last night ... and it even had water! As I was enjoying my supper what a wonderful surprise to see another of my past students, Lewis just coming to say hello ... wow ... these are special moments.



Our accommodation



our past student, Lewis



our amazing driver, Elias & his wife

Tonight, as I close there is a long, but phenomenal, word from **Geldenhuys** on:

JESUS AND THE CROSS

The most sacred and solemn hour of crisis in the history of mankind arrived when Jesus as the Lamb of God had to suffer and die on the cross, and above all to bear the wrath of the Holy and Almighty One against the sin of the world. Already by His incarnation the Saviour had proved His willingness to be sacrificed for the sake of fallen mankind. When He voluntarily underwent the baptism of John the Baptist, He confessed openly that He was identifying Himself with a sinful people. In Gethsemane He chose finally to bear the punishment for the sin of mankind. And because this punishment is everlasting death, Jesus had on the cross to experience absolute forsakenness of God, and the pangs of hell itself. It was a time of utter spiritual darkness that the Son of God had to pass through, as the Substitute for the guilty world. Therefore, it was also inevitable that the world of nature, the creation of God through the Son (John 1. 3), should on that day be radically affected. And so, darkness came over the whole earth from twelve to three o'clock and an earthquake rent the rocks in the vicinity (Matt 27:51). At the same time the veil in the temple, which separated the 'holy place' from the 'holy of holies' (where under the Old Order God specially revealed Himself), was rent in the midst. This was the sign that through the perfect offering of the Lamb of God the way was opened for every repentant and believing sinner to enter into the most intimate communion with the Holy God without any further offerings for sin. In addition, it was the sign that the temple and the old form of ceremonial religion were no longer necessary – the Old Dispensation, which had been of merely preparatory significance, had finally made room for the New Dispensation founded upon the all-sufficient work of redemption of the Son of God."

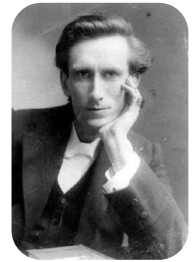


TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

All the preaching and 35 hours of travelling along bad Zambian roads is over, so let me go into the **Missionary Workshop** and begin this new day with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in 2 Samuel, Ezekiel, Psalms and in 2 Corinthians where I was able to soak in the precious Word of God. In my time of prayer, I was able to bring my thanksgiving before the Lord for all that He has done on this trip, and then ended off by praying

for another unreached people, the MANDAEAN people who living in Australia. **Oswald Chambers** then closed off my devotions with a HUGE challenge this morning, but I must confess it brought me to tears:

"The summing up of Our Lord's teaching is that the relationship which He demands is an impossible one unless He has done a supernatural work in us. Jesus Christ demands that there be not the slightest trace of resentment even suppressed in the heart of a disciple when he meets with tyranny and injustice. No enthusiasm will ever stand the strain that Jesus Christ will put upon His worker, only one thing will, and that is a personal relationship to Himself which has gone through the mill of His spring-cleaning until there is only one purpose left - I am here for God to send me where He will. Every other thing may get fogged, but this relationship to Jesus Christ must never be."



That was the very reading that I read the day before my son Jon died on the 25 September 2013. That quote from Chambers "no enthusiasm will ever stand the strain". **I was reminded so very clearly that I would never get through Jon's death with mere enthusiasm**, "every other thing may get fogged up, but this relationship to Jesus Christ must never be." *Amazing how that reading from Chambers was just what I needed at the time.*



After breakfast, Christopher and our driver, Elias very kindly took me to the airport, where we sadly had to say goodbye to each other, after this world wind trip. Elias particularly has been incredible, driving us all these hundreds of kilometres across Zambia. Lots of photographs were taken and I flew home the most blessed missionary on the planet. But Zambia will always hold a very special place in my heart and it was so good to be back for the 14th time. Looking back at this trip, which at times was sheer madness, precious souls were saved by the grace of God.

All my past students were loved and greatly encouraged, and being with them made me realize what a wonderful family God has created at KMBC, it was very moving to see.

- ✓ **New students have already started applying for next year**
- ✓ **The joy of being with Anderson again was beyond words**
- ✓ **My book "Back to Jerusalem" is read and summarized for the website**
- ✓ **The travelling across Zambia was not easy, but it showed me a part of Zambia that I had never been to before**
- ✓ **The 10 sermons I preached all seemed to have God's blessing on them**
- ✓ **My money is now gone, my pens are dry, my books are read, I will leave everything in Zambia**



So now I am on my way home and **Ernest Hemingway** was so right when he said:

"I never woke up in Africa without being happy."

As you all know, I love **“Africa’s Warm Heart”**.

It was amazing, that over these days that I have been in Zambia, **we only had electricity for 3 hours** - I don't know how the country can sustain this, but in spite of that and in spite of all the travelling, I loved being back with my students travelling across Zambia. **Bishop Maples** who sadly drowned in Lake Malawi while on his way to Likomo island, once said:

“It would be nothing to offer one's life if there were no sacrifice.”



Over these years the Lord has enabled me to complete 76 mission trips into mama Africa, and sometimes people say to me, that you have made so many sacrifices. **Let me tell you never, not even once**, it has been the greatest privilege that any man could have given to serve Africa and the students which God has sent out from our college

BUT

My amazing friends, you make the work at my college and all these trips into Africa possible through your love, prayers and your generous giving. Please know that I am so very grateful to you all. My trips for 2024 are now over, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda and now Zambia are all done.



I could not think of anyone better to close off this trip than **Henry Martyn**, who was my son Jon's hero, listen to what he said:

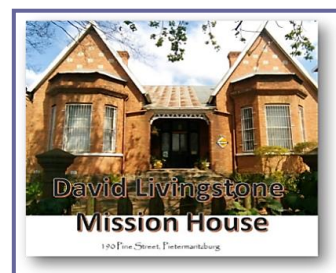


“I do not know that anything would be a heaven to me, but the service of Christ and the enjoyment of His presence. Oh, how sweet is life when spent in His service.”

God willing next year I have been invited to go to **Malawi** where we are busy erecting a church in Tengani, then to **Mozambique, Uganda, Rwanda** and for the very first time to **South Sudan**.



You are invited



Please save the date of our final MMM of 2024

FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA, MISSIONS MOTIVATION MORNING

Saturday, 16 November @ 190 Pine Street from 9:30 – 12:00

Don't miss it, and bring a friend!



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:

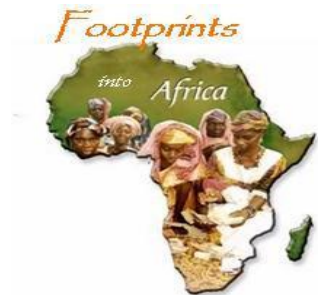
- ☑ Pray for one of the countries and the past students who are working there
- ☑ Sponsor one of these men to come and train
- ☑ Contribute to supply the pastors with resources for their work
- ☑ Contribute towards my missionary trips into Africa
- ☑ General support

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

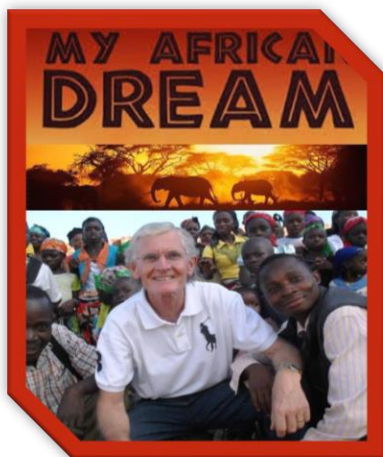
I am the most blessed man in Africa, thank you my friends for standing with me.

With much love in Christ

Warwick



"If I have ever seen magic,
it has been in Africa".



MY HEART BEATS TO AN AFRICAN DRUM



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