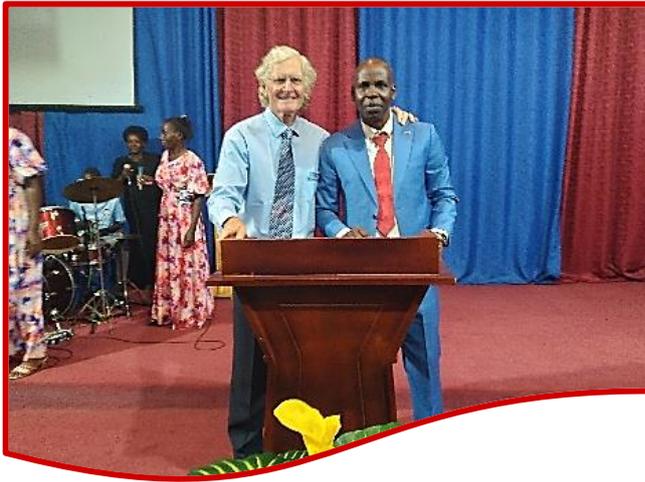
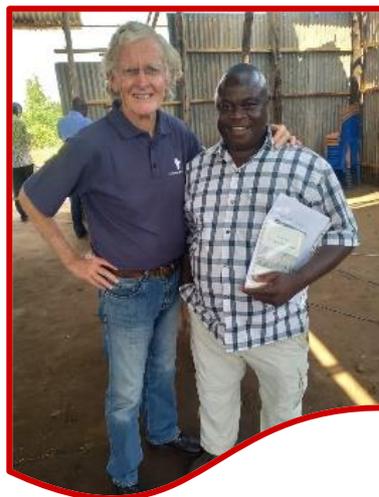


MY 9th MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA



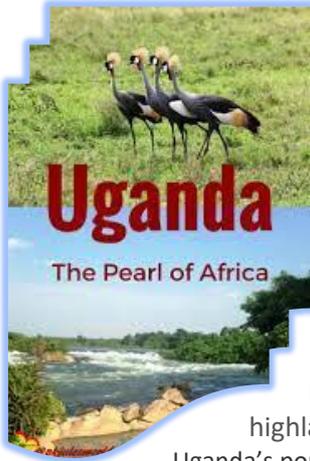
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Trip 78

UPDATE ON UGANDA



Geography

Much of the land is fertile and well-watered. The climate is temperate in the highlands. **Capital:** Kampala

Uganda's population has hit the 40 million mark, according to government statistics agency Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS).

Peoples

66 (9%unreached)

Official language: English, Swahili **Languages:** 45

- **Dominant Religion:**

Christianity is the majority religion in Uganda, with approximately 82% of the population identifying as Christian, according to a report from the U.S. Department of State (.gov).

- **Major Denominations:**

The Catholic Church and the Church of Uganda (Anglican) are the two largest Christian denominations .

Other Religious Groups:

Other significant religious groups include Muslims, who constitute the largest minority religion, and Seventh-day Adventists.

Recent Developments:

- **Environmental Commitment:** Ugandan Catholic institutions and faith-based organizations have committed to eliminating single-use plastics, demonstrating a growing faith-led environmental movement.
- **Church-Government Relations:** Various news reports highlight ongoing interactions between religious groups, particularly the Church of Uganda, and the government on issues ranging from education to social development.

- **Historical Context:**

Indigenous religions, Islam, and Christianity form the tripartite religious heritage of Uganda, with indigenous beliefs and practices still influencing cultural norms.

Prayer Points

For restoration, peace and healing after years of war and conflict.

For the 800,000 displaced people who are forced to live in camps.

For the dissolution of all rebel armies.

That God will preserve and protect the innocent children and that He will teach them His ways.

For the reintegration of former child soldiers into their families and communities.

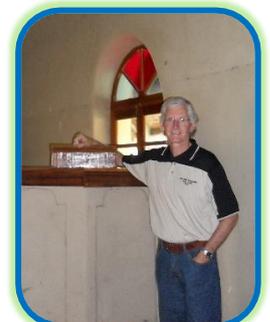
That God will restore unity among the Ugandan church.

That the Church and its leaders will be rooted in truth and unswayed by false teachings and cultural sins.

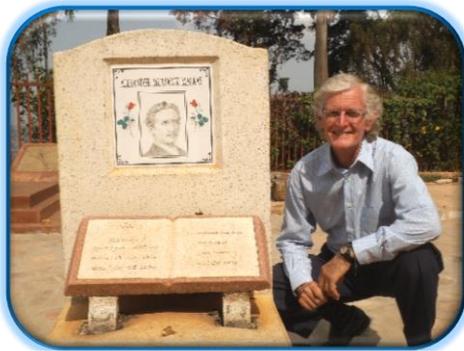


INTRODUCTION

I am soon to embark on my 78th trip into Africa. It is amazing for me to look back to my 1st trip in 1980 when Bishop Stephen Bradley sent me up to Ondangwa and Oshakati in Ovamboland, Namibia. (See photos). Now 40 years later I am on my way up to Uganda, the country where



Bishop Hannington was murdered soon after arriving from England. But this is the country of **ALEXANDER MACKAY**, the man Henry Morton Stanley called “the best missionary since Livingstone”.



Alexander MacKay's grave



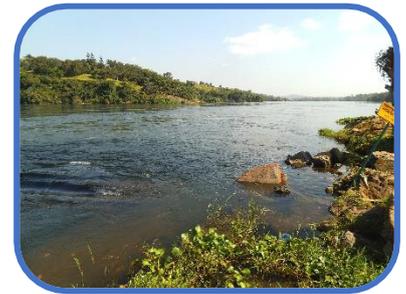
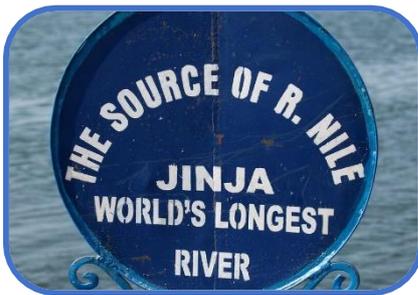
Mackay



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Bishop Hannington's grave



Me at the source of the Nile

Said to be the longest river in the world, it flows through northeastern Africa for 6,800 kilometres (4,000 miles) before emptying into the Mediterranean Sea.

Following on SPECKE'S discovery in 1862 of the source of the Nile, **Henry Morton Stanley** went up to Uganda and called for missionaries to come.



MACKAY volunteered to go and this is what he said:



“My heart burns for the deliverance of Africa, and if you can send me to any of those regions where Livingstone and Stanley have found to be groaning under the curse of the slave-hunter, I shall be very glad.”

So, he arrived and for his great undertaking he had the help of **SUSI**, one of Livingstone's faithful servants. I follow in the footsteps of this great missionary, who gave 15 years of his life to bring the Gospel to Uganda. We have a number of students now serving across Uganda, and it will be wonderful to meet up with them again.



George & Alex



Jacob



Sylvia



Christina

So, fasten your seatbelts ... we are in for a hectic ride as Alex Mukwabi has a very busy programme arranged for me, and I will be preaching in Tororo, Bukiri, Baale and ending off in Kampala.

MY DIARY

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE

As a new day dawns, I am so excited about the prospect of going back to Uganda for the 9th time, but I must admit to being a little apprehensive because of the political situation. So let me first go into the *Missionary Workshop* and listen to God the Father, speaking of God the Son by God the Holy Spirit, in the



Word of God. My Bible readings following **Robert Murray McCheyne**, continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, seeking to saturate my mind and heart with the precious Word of God. In my time of prayer, I remembered especially the KABARDIAN people living in Jordan, one of the many unreached tribes on our planet. Then **OSWALD CHAMBERS** closed my devotions from his book, **MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST**, and this is what he wrote:

“We are not acquainted with grief in the way in which Our Lord was acquainted with it; we endure it, we get through it, but we do not become intimate with it. At the beginning of life, we do not reconcile ourselves to the fact of sin. We take a rational view of life and say that a man by controlling his instincts, and by educating himself, can produce a life which will slowly evolve into the life of God. But as we go on, we find the presence of something which we have not taken into consideration, viz., sin, and it upsets all our calculations. Sin has made the basis of things wild and not rational. We have to recognize that sin is a fact, not a defect; sin is red-handed mutiny against God. Either God or sin must die in my life. The New Testament brings us right down to this one issue. If sin rules in me, God's life in me will be killed; if God rules in me, sin in me will be killed. There is no possible ultimate but that. The climax of sin is that it crucified Jesus Christ, and what was true in the history of God on earth will be true in your history and in mine. In our mental outlook we have to reconcile ourselves to the fact of sin as the only explanation as to why Jesus Christ came, and as the explanation of the grief and sorrow in life.

I caught the flight up to Johannesburg and from there flew up to Entebbe Airport, arriving at the unearthly hour of 01:00am in the morning!



New Entebbe Airport

There waiting for me was my dear friend **Alex Mukwabi** with his warm African hug and big smile. It felt wonderful to be back in **Uganda, the Pearl of Africa**.



The drive from Entebbe to Kampala was quicker than normal because there were no cars on the roads, so we arrived safely at Alex's home for a little nap, because early in the morning we need to drive up to TORORO for our meeting.



Now let **STANLEY** again close off the day with these moving words which he spoke soon after learning of the death of **Alexander MacKay** – what a man MacKay must have been!



God knows (he wrote) if ever man had reason to be doleful and lonely and sad, MacKay had, when, after murdering his Bishop, and burning his pupils, and strangling his converts, and clubbing to death his dark friends, Mwanga turned his eye of death on him. And yet the little man met it with calm blue eyes that never winked. To see one man of this kind, working day after day for 12 years bravely, and without a syllable of complaint or moan amid the wilderness, and to hear him lead his little flock to show forth God's loving kindness in the morning and His faithfulness every night, is worth going a long journey, for the moral courage that one derives from it.

How I long to follow Mackay's amazing example while up here in Uganda. Now a quick nap ... before commencing with this bone-breaking itinerary.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE

A beautiful morning greeted us up here in Uganda, so let me dive into the *Missionary Workshop* and start my day with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, after which I could pray. I remembered all the meetings today, the travelling and especially another unreached people group, the OROCHI people who live in UKRAINE.



OSWALD CHAMBERS was outstanding this morning when he spoke about "receiving yourself in the fires of sorrow"

"What shall I say? Father, save me, from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name." John 12:27-29 (R.V.) My attitude as a saint to sorrow and difficulty is not to ask that they may be prevented, but to ask that I may preserve the self-God created me to be through every fire of sorrow. Our Lord received Himself in the fire of sorrow, He was saved not from the hour, but out of the hour. We say that there ought to be no sorrow, but there is sorrow, and we have to receive ourselves in its fires. If we try and evade sorrow, refuse to lay our account with it, we are foolish. Sorrow is one of the biggest facts in life; it is no use saying sorrow ought not to be. Sin and sorrow and suffering are, and it is not for us to say that God has made a mistake in allowing them. Sorrow burns up a great amount of shallowness, but it does not always make a man better. Suffering either gives me myself or it destroys myself. You cannot receive yourself in success, you lose your head; you cannot receive yourself in monotony, you grieve. The way to find yourself is in the fires of sorrow. Why it should be so is another matter, but that it is so is true in the Scriptures and in human experience. You always know the man who has been through the fires of sorrow and received himself, you are certain you can go to him in trouble and find that he has ample leisure for you. If a man has not been through the fires of sorrow, he is apt to be contemptuous, he has no time for you. If you receive yourself in the fires of sorrow, God will make you nourishment for other people.

After breakfast, Alex and I headed off to our meetings in Buwenge, where our past student GEORGE BUGAGA is doing such a magnificent work.

It is not easy working in Africa, especially among the less advantaged. We set out to visit George Bugage in Buwenge in Alex's car. After 2 hours the car broke down. We found a "bush mechanic" who fixed our bushes and shock absorbers, but we were delayed for 4 hours. On our way we went ... for another hour on these horrendous roads when the car again broke down, this time the water pump. We again managed to get it repaired but were delayed a further 2 hours, which meant we would not make it to Buwenge, so we branched off at Joggo.



In spite of everything, it is wonderful to spend time with my past students, the bond between us is incredibly close. I was asked to then preach on 'RUNNING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, from Hebrews 12:1-2. There was a huge response to the message and we managed to get back to my little room at just after 10:00 pm. **James Packer** reminded me of **PERSEVERANCE** just before I fell asleep in the heart of Africa.

"Perseverance requires a single minded, wholehearted, self-denying, flat-out commitment to praising and pleasing the Father through the Son as long as life lasts."



With all the frustrations of today what a great word from Packer on perseverance. K.O.K.O. as we say at the College – "keep on keeping on ...

I am ready to fall asleep in Uganda and **SAMUEL ZWEMER** will close off for us with a massive challenge. Read it slowly as it describes what it means to live under the **SHADOW OF THE CROSS**:



"Who is there tonight who can always see the shadow of the Cross falling upon his banking account? Who is there who has the mark of the nails and the print of the spear in his plans and life, his love and devotion and daily program of intercession? Who is there who has heard the word of Jesus and is quietly, obediently, every day, as He has told you and me, taking up his cross to follow Him."

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE

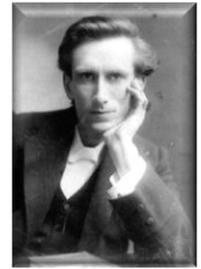
I felt so much like **JAMES STEWART** that amazing missionary who not only worked alongside David Livingstone but who did such a marvelous work at Lovedale in Alice, South Africa. He once wrote:

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



Time to enjoy a wash, some breakfast, then we headed off to our meetings in TORORO.

I went into the *Missionary Workshop* and spent the opening hours of a new day with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, seeking to make my life as Martin Luther used to say, "captive to the Word." Then following Joshua Project, I prayed for the SAN THAI people who live in Iceland. **OSWALD CHAMBERS** closed off my devotions with these words: - **THE GRACE OF GOD**



The grace you had yesterday will not do for to-day. Grace is the overflowing favour of God; you can always reckon it is there to draw upon. "In much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses" - that is where the test for patience comes. Are you failing the grace of God there? Are you saying - Oh, well, I won't count this time? It is not a question of praying and asking God to help you; it is taking the grace of God now. We make prayer the preparation for work, it is never that in the Bible. Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God. Don't say - I will endure this until I can get away and pray. Pray now; draw on the grace of God in the moment of need. Prayer is the most practical and useful thing; it is not simply a reflex action of devotion. We are very slow to learn to draw on God's grace for prayer.

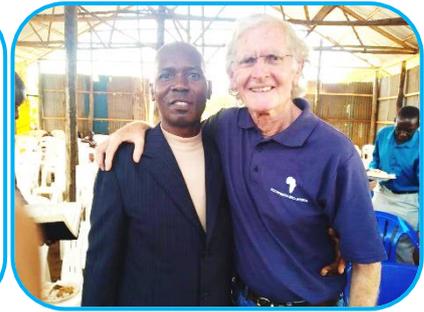
"In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours" - in all these things manifest a drawing upon the grace of God, which will make you a marvel to yourself and to others. Draw now, not presently. The one word in the spiritual vocabulary is Now. Let circumstances bring you where they will, keep drawing on the grace of God now, not later.



With Sylvia & Jacob



Ladies cooking lunch



With Fred

With Joshua now "stone dead" we found a mini bus taxi heading for Tororo, a very long, arduous journey crammed with 22 other people in a ram shackled taxi. It should take 4 hours so we left at 06:00 am to make sure I was there by 10:00 am. One of my past students Jacob Mberere has organized a 2-day conference for the area, so it should be exciting. Also, Bishop Julius and 2 of their elders want to come and study at KMBC which is great ... BUT ... Africa always has a twist. When we finally arrived in Tororo, Alex found that his case had been left on the early taxi we boarded and this meant we had to go all the way back to MBALE to fetch his case!!! I went immediately into my first talk on **THE CALL OF DAVID** from 1 Samuel 16. By the grace of God there was a phenomenal response as many of the pastors and leaders stood to their feet to rededicate their lives to Christ. I then went into the second talk on **PAUL – THE PASTOR** from Acts 20:19-20 and then enjoyed lunch which I had the privilege of sponsoring. After lunch I gave my third talk on **STAYING ON FIRE FOR LIFE** from Hebrews 12. Giving 3 talks after a long journey in the taxi was exhausting, so they took me back to my little room to recover. I was overwhelmed at the privilege God has given me to train up a new generation of Gospel preachers who are Bible saturated, Spirit-filled, and missions passionate men, for **MAMA AFRICA**.

I hit the pillow and fell fast asleep in Tororo which is right on the border with Kenya ... a boda-boda will take me there.

After another brilliant day of teaching the Bible and travelling across Uganda, I want Zwemer to again close with what he wrote about **WILLIAM BORDEN**. Like MacKay, Borden is one of my heroes. Wow I have such a long way to go ...to catch up to these men!



“Borden had not been in Cairo two weeks before he organized the students of the theological seminary to attempt a house-to-house canvass with Christian literature for the whole city with its eight hundred thousand people.

Here was a man with the frame of an athlete, the mind of a scholar, the grasp of a theologian as regards God’s truth, and the heart of a little child, full of faith and love; a man who was so tender in the relations of homelife that our children used to nestle upon his knee as if they had known him for years.”

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE

What a privilege it is for me to wake up so very blessed, happy and fulfilled here in Uganda. Before anything else I must get into the *Missionary Workshop* and begin a new day with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah, and Matthew , after which I could pray. I soaked the meetings and all the travelling in prayer, but especially for another unreached people, the SANROO people living in TAIWAN. Oswald Chambers was magnificent this morning, a word right for me at this time. Recently my office and my home have been broken into, things stolen, but listen to this – it puts everything into the right perspective. We need to hold on to these things very loosely, otherwise we have a life of panic and distress. **OSWALD CHAMBERS** said this:



God promised Jeremiah that He would deliver him personal y - "Thy life will I give unto thee for a prey." That is al God promises His children. Wherever God sends us, He will guard our lives. Our personal property and possessions are a matter of indifference, we have to sit loosely to all those things; if we do not, there will be panic and heartbreak and distress. That is the inwardness of the overshadowing of personal deliverance

After a wash, and some breakfast we were on our way again, in old “Joshua”, travelling on these horrendous roads, avoiding the corrupt traffic officials ... but so incredibly blessed to be here.



With the Bishop’s from Tororo



Alex, Jacob & Fred



2 new prospective students

These dear elders and leaders are starved of any good expository preaching so they have soaked up the talks. On this the second day of the conference I spoke on:

- 1. A MAN APPROVED BY GOD** **2 Timothy 2:15**
- 2. A JESUS DRIVEN MINISTRY** **Matthew 9:15-17**
- 3. NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY** **Matthew 7**

I was so humbled by the response. To see Bishops, pastors, leaders all standing to their feet singing "All to Jesus I surrender" was something I won't forget. All glory to God, but I confess to feeling all the travelling and speaking all day has pushed me to my limit ... I am finished.

All I now wanted was to go to my little room, but Pastor Alex wanted us to visit an elderly couple in the next village. So off we went to enjoy some mangos together under a tree, pray with the couple and then slowly hit the road for the return to my little room. Again, **PACKER** sorted me out. Read this



"A person of zeal is one who only sees one thing ... cares for one thing ... lives for one thing ... is swallowed up in one thing ... burns for one thing and that one thing is to please God and to advance God's glory. He is made to burn ..."

That is my dream ... to burn out ... as Packer and Burns said ...

After another day teaching the Bible in Uganda, listen to **ALEXANDER DUFF**. He was once described as the greatest missionary after the Apostle Paul, with MacKay and Borden another hero. These were incredible men of whom the world is not worthy!



"Having set my hand to the plough, my resolution was ... never to look back anymore, and never to make a half-hearted work of it. Having chosen missionary work in India, I have myself wholly to it ... I (committed myself to it in a covenant ... which should be severed only by death."

SATURDAY, 28 JUNE

Kampala never rests, there are millions of people, thousands of BODA BODAS darting here, there and everywhere, and the pavements are packed with stalls where you can buy literally anything – it is chaos.



"Boda boda" in Uganda refers to motorcycle taxis, an abundant mode of transport, especially in urban areas. The term originated from drivers shouting "border border" to attract customers, particularly those needing transport across Uganda.

Before we head off on another day of ministry, let me go into the *Missionary Workshop* and there begin the day with the Lord. My Bible readings continued in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew, after which time I could pray. This morning, I again remembered all the preaching, and the travelling, but especially another unreached people, the LAIBARITTA people living in Bangladesh.

Afterwards **OSWALD CHAMBERS** wrote the following in **"My Utmost for His Highest"**, another word for me at this time. He always challenges me, never lets me feel I have arrived ... which is great!



Never choose to be a worker; but when once God has put His call on you, woe be to you if you turn to the right hand or to the left. We are not here to work for God because we have chosen to do so, but because God has apprehended us. There is never any thought of - "Oh, well , I am not fitted for this." What you are to preach is determined by God, not by your own natural inclinations. Keep your soul steadfastly related to God, and remember that you are called not to bear testimony only, but to preach the gospel. Every Christian must testify, but when it comes to the call to preach, there must be the agonizing grip of God's hand on you, your life is in the grip of God for that one thing. How many of us are held like that? Never water down the word of God, preach it in its undiluted sternness; there must be unflinching loyalty to the word of God; but when you come to personal dealing with your fellow men, remember who you are - not a special being made up in heaven, but a sinner saved by grace."

After a good wash, and some breakfast we were ready for another day of ministry in Uganda, Alex and I, blood brothers in Africa. As we go, I want to follow what **PACKER** wrote:-

"So, the Christian will practice CURLING UP, small as it were, so that in and through him the Lord Jesus might show Himself great."

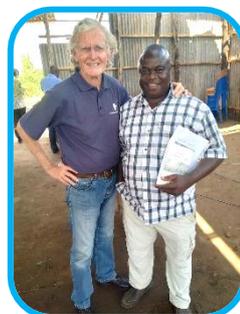


We got up early to catch a mini bus to BUGIRI where another one of my students, Sylvia Elaasit has arranged a conference. It has been wonderful seeing all my past students again, Alex Mukwabi, Jacob Mbere, Julius Omoit, Christina Nabwire, and Sylvia Elaasit, but I was given such a lovely surprise when Fred Mwase suddenly appeared. He had come all the way from JINGA just to greet me! I must admit to getting a huge lump in my throat. The church was packed and Sylvia asked me to give the same talks as I had given in Tororo. So, for 4 hours I preached on:

1. **THE CALL OF DAVID**
2. **HOW TO STAY ON FIRE FOR CHRIST**
3. **PAUL ... THE PASTOR**
4. **DEVELOPING A JESUS DRIVEN MINISTRY**



Sylvia



Bishop Julius



Sylvia's Church

Phew ... I poured out everything and by the sheer mercy of God the response was overwhelming. To see a packed church all standing to their feet was wonderful to witness. We then went into lunch and ... yes you guessed ... Alex put us on a Boda-boda who took us to the taxi rank and we boarded a taxi bound for

Kampala, a long trip in a crammed taxi, eventually arriving in Kampala at 11:00 pm. This was crazy; pushed to the limit, but so very happy and blessed to be a missionary to Africa. My tired body and mind fell asleep so blessed to be here in Africa, and fell asleep before my head hit the pillow.

After another full day, I want **SPURGEON** to close off for us with a huge challenge **ESPECIALLY** for ministers and churches today. "We must send out missionaries from this Church."



" We have already seen the breadth of Spurgeon's love and concern for other sin the institutions he founded: orphanage, almshouses, mission stations. His love of spreading the Gospel went further afield. He supported in every way possible the foreign missions. In the Missionaries' Charge and Charta, he publically testified:

I prayed to God, and it is a prayer I shall repeat till I die – I have prayed that out of this Church there may go many missionaries. I will never be content with a congregation, or with a church, or even with ministers, many of whom have already gone out of our midst. We must have missionaries from this Church." (1861)

A question ... when did your Church last send out a missionary? Sadly, I cannot even remember when I last was at a missionary sending service.

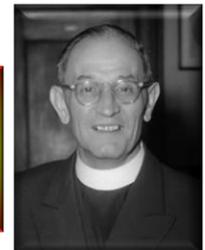
SUNDAY, 29 JUNE

What a hectic few days we have had, preaching the Word of God, spending hours on these gridlocked, pot-holed roads, meeting up with my precious students, now here we are on our last day.

I went into the *Missionary Workshop* to have my devotions and my Bible readings continued in Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew.

MARTIN NIEMOLLER, a pastor who was held in Dachau concentration camp was once asked what the Bible meant to him during those dark days. This is how he replied:

" The Word of God was simply everything to me – comfort and strength, guidance and hope, master of my days and companion of my nights, the bread which kept me from starvation and the water of life that refreshed my soul."



The traffic is horrendous!

After my Bible reading, I could spend time in prayer. At our 1st MMM meeting this year I spoke on **JONATHAN EDWARDS**. This is what he once wrote in his diary about his devotions and prayer time.



" I felt an ardency of soul to be, what I know not otherwise how to express, emptied and annihilated, to be in the dust, and to be full of Christ alone, to love Him with a holy and pure love, to trust in Him, to live upon Him, to serve and follow Him ..."

Not only did I pray for the services today, but especially for another unreached people group, the KINNARD people living in Sri Lanka. **OSWALD CHAMBERS** closed off my devotions with another challenge. Each day this week he has challenged me deeply ... **"CUT IT OFF"**, he says:

THE STRICTIST DISCIPLINE

"And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." Matthew 5:30.



Jesus did not say that everyone must cut off the right hand, but - If your right hand offends you in your walk with Me, cut it off. **There are many things that are perfectly legitimate, but if you are going to concentrate on God, you cannot do them.** Your right hand is one of the best things you have, but, says Jesus, if it hinders you in following His precepts, cut it off. This line of discipline is the sternest one that ever-struck mankind.

Wow ... he has mentored me for the past 58 years, every day, showing me how to live my **"utmost for His highest."** After a wash, and a small breakfast, Alex arrived and we were off to our services. Could not fit in another meeting!!! I must admit being pushed to the limit at this stage of my life ...

The 2 conferences both were blessed by the Lord. Not only were there these moving responses to the messages but the interest in KMBC was incredible. All my leaflets have been given out, now we will have to wait and see who will eventually arrive. Today on this last day I will preach at the 2 morning services in JOGGO at Pastor Alex's church.



Left, Pastor Alex's Church



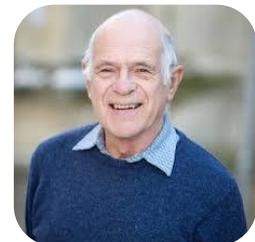
Right, A lovely man who will hopefully be coming in January

1. THE ALMOST CHRISTIAN FROM ACTS 26
2. THE 4 CERTAINTIES FROM HEBREWS 9

The Lord touched my heart, and then after lunch I closed off the conference geared to families with:

3. THE SECRET TO A HAPPY MARRIAGE FROM 1 PETER 3

There were lots of questions afterwards so I shared with them what **MICHAEL GREEN** wrote in his commentary on Matthew.



"For the ideal of marriage was embodied in Genesis 2 between Adam and Eve. Divorce was not just inadvisable or regrettable. It was impossible, there was no possibility of dissolving the marriage bond. And that is Jesus' point when he takes the case back to the beginning. He is showing God's ideal for marriage; an indissoluble and exclusive union between two people for life. Divorce simply does not enter into the divine plan at all.

One of the most powerful Christian witness possible these days is the eloquent example of a warm, forgiving, hospitable, united and happy Christian home."

I am so very grateful for the privilege of serving Africa like this. It's been another very full day of ministry here in Kampala and eventually I got back to my little room to pack up and prepare to fly home in the morning, Thank you Jesus.

Tonight, I want to share with you one of the most moving accounts from the diary of **JOHN PATON**. This is how he described saying goodbye to his beloved father as he left to prepare for his missionary work to the NEW HEBRIDES. Phew ... brought me to tears, read it slowly ... have tissues available. John Piper quoted this at length in his book of missionary sermons.



"My dear father walked with me for the first six miles of the way. His counsels and tears and heavenly conversation on that parting journey are fresh in my heart as if it had been but yesterday; and tears are on my cheeks as freely now as then, whenever memory steals me away to the scene. For the last half-mile or so we talked on together in almost unbroken silence,— my father, as was often his custom, carrying hat in hand, while his long, flowing yellow hair (then yellow, but in later years white as snow), streamed like a girls' down his shoulders. His lips kept moving in silent prayers for me; and his tears fell fast when our eyes met each other in looks for which all speech was vain! We halted on reaching the appointed parting place; he grasped my hand firmly for a minute in silence, and then solemnly and affectionately said: 'God bless you, son! Your father's God prosper you, and keep you from all evil!'

Unable to say more, his lips kept moving in silent prayer; in tears we embraced, and parted. I ran off as fast as I could; and, when about to turn a corner in the road where he would lose sight of me, I looked back and saw him still standing with head uncovered where I left him—gazing after me. Waving my hat in adieu, I was around the corner in an instant. But my heart was too full and sore to carry me further, so I darted into the side of the road and wept for a time. Then, rising up cautiously, I climbed the dyke to see if he yet stood where I had left him; and just at that moment I caught a glimpse of him climbing the dyke and looking out for me!

Now to fall asleep the happiest man on the planet ... but "finished..."

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Sadly, this trip is all over, the travelling across Uganda on these atrocious roads in "old Joshua", the conferences, the preaching are all done.

So now let me go into the *Missionary Workshop* and pour out my heart to God in praise and thanksgiving. But first, I must read from the Bible and listen to the Word of God. My readings continued in Joshua, Psalms, Isaiah and Matthew. As I read the Bible, I remember what **JAMES PACKER** wrote on this issue:



"We should first soak ourselves in the Bible, so that our minds are awash with it – or as C.H. Spurgeon put it, till our blood is "bibline."

Second (and this goes with the first), traverse the Bible in terms of overall images of its nature as God's communication to us, and of our due response as recipients of his messages. Images affect our imagination, and imagination is the midwife, if not the mother, of insight. See the Bible as a library of sixty-six books of very different kinds, written over something like a millennium and a half, yet meshing with each other to tell a single story. Explore the Bible as a landscape of human life in all its many modes and relationships, both with and without God. Read the Bible as a letter from its divine Author to every reader. Value the Bible as your listening posts in enemy-occupied territory, which is what the world is. Rate all that Scripture says about living in faith and obedience as law, in the sense of the Hebrew word toral – the kind of instruction, authoritative, yet affectionate, that children in a good family receive from a parent. Reckon the Bible to be your light in a world of darkness surrounding you. And cling to your Bible as a lifeline, hold on like grim death to its promises and its assurance that almighty God always knows what he is doing on all occasions.

Such magnificent writing from that great man. In my time of prayer, I was so filled with thanksgiving to the Lord for all He has done on this trip. Then especially I remembered another of the unreached people in our world, the SAHRAWI people who live in France. It was then time for my teacher, my mentor, my discipler, and my example to close off my devotions and this is what he wrote, in "My Utmost for His Highest".

DO IT QUICKLY



Jesus Christ is laying down this principle - Do what you know you must do, now, and do it quickly; if you do not, the inevitable process will begin to work and you will have to pay to the last farthing in pain and agony and distress. God's laws are unchangeable and there is no escape from them. The teachings of Jesus always penetrate right to the heart of our being.

This bone breaking trip has come to an end. I was up at 03:00 because both Alex and Jose will come and fetch me at 04:00 and my flight leaves at 07:00. However, ... another challenge arrives ... Alex came 45 minutes late because he could not find his car keys!!! I was stressed because we had still an hours' drive to Entebbe. By the grace of God, I just made the flight home and fell asleep in the seat before the plane even took off!! It has been a very demanding trip, but **PACKER** put it all into perspective for me when he wrote:

"This shows why thoughtful Christians have always seen missionary ministry as the Church's top priority in this world. Since it is only as individuals become Christians that the ruins of their loves get rebuilt, evangelism is SERVICE of each person's deepest need, and is therefore the TRUEST LOVE OF ONE'S NEIGHBOURS."

Uganda, Alex, Fred, Jacob, George, Sylvia and Julius all know how much I love them and tried to give them everything I have. The KMBC flag is flying across Uganda and Africa from Entebbe to Cape Town. "My little baby" as my friends call KMBC is now turning 40 next year and she continues to do the most amazing work across Africa, giving MAMA AFRICA trained pastors and missionaries.

I then had a long wait in Johannesburg before my flight back to Pietermaritzburg, so I was able to finish reading my books, write up this journal and then tomorrow head back to my office at KMBC, and mark the exams that the students have written while I was away. As I said, at this stage of my life, I have never

been busier, but I love my work, every day is a gift from God. **CAMPBELL WHITE** put it perfectly when he wrote these magnificent words:

Most men are not satisfied with the permanent output of their lives. Nothing can wholly satisfy the life of Christ within his followers, except adoption of Christ's purpose toward the world he came to redeem. Fame, pleasure and riches are but husks and ashes in contract with the boundless and abiding joy of working with God for the fulfillment of his eternal plans. The men who are putting everything into Christ's undertaking are getting out of life its sweetest and most priceless rewards. (J. Campbell White, "Layman's Missionary Movement."



So, my 78th mission trip into Africa is over, it has been another glorious time but now I must get ready for Mozambique, Rwanda and Malawi. I never want to settle down to a quiet, comfortable and happy lifestyle, but longing to be a field worker and content dispatcher.



In his book "**A HOLY AMBITION**", which is a collection of **JOHN PIPER'S** missionary sermons, he wrote the following:



Jesus calls us to engage in the global cause both a field worker and as content dispatchers.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him to bring good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns".

In the last century the demographic center of global Christianity has shifted south in a big way. Huge numbers of people are being added to the church daily in Africa, Asia, and South America. But the supply of biblically trained shepherds to lead these churches is in no way keeping pace. In Europe, on the other hand, the church is in decline, struggling just to stay in existence in some places. In many of these world regions there is a theological dearth, a famine of sound resources, making the church susceptible to false teaching of all kinds.

PIPER reminded us that the 2 biggest challenges facing the Church in Africa are:

1. Biblically trained pastors – remembering 85% of all pastors in Africa have had NO Biblical training.
2. Resources

He is calling for "field workers" and content dispatchers. How we need to provide more resources for AFRICA ...as Piper said, there is a famine of sound resources.

My dear friends, our little work at the College and at Footprints could not be more strategic or critical for Africa. By the grace of God, KMBC has now sent out 400+ Biblically trained pastors and missionaries right across Africa, and even as far as Paraguay, Cambodia and Indonesia. With no money or fancy buildings or paid lecturers, it's been an unbelievable 39 years of training workers for Africa. Footprints on the other hand, is providing Bibles and free resources – all this is on our website, thanks to Gerhard.

Please pray for us, in the words of **DONALD MCCLURE**

I am filled with an undying ambition to do something worthwhile in the great land of Africa.



As I return from this 78th trip into



1. I am so very grateful for souls which were wonderfully saved
2. Our past students have been loved and encouraged
3. Some promising students may come to study with us
4. My books are read and especially John Piper's book of sermons was fantastic. I also loved 6 Great Missionaries by P. Garlick
5. Travelling across Uganda, in and out of many gridlocks was hair-raising with no fines!!! Alex managed to dodge the traffic officers this time.

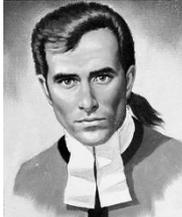
C.S. LEWIS reminded me regarding **PRAISE**

He observed that cranks, misfits and malcontents praised least, while the humblest and at the same time most balanced and capacious minds, praised most.



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If you are free to come to our next **MMM** meeting, please reserve this date; a meeting not to be missed!

<p><u>Saturday, 23 August</u> 09:30 - 12:00pm</p>	<p>Welcome Tea and Coffee @ David Livingstone Mission House @ 190 Pine Street, Pietermaritzburg Moving over to the Chapel for the talk</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Our theme for 2025 GOD'S MISSIONARY GENERALS This quarter we will cover David Brainerd</p>

Remember it was Brainerd who motivated Morrison, Henry Martyn, William Burns, William Carey and our own Andrew Murray to go into missions. Yet he was only a missionary for 5 years ... it was the impact of his deep devotional life that impacted others ... and us today ... come and be motivated by Brainerd's story.

BUT

You my dear friends make all this possible through your love, prayers and generous financial support. Please know I am so very grateful to you all ... **SIYABONGA**

A lovely prayer from IGNATIUS LOYALA to close off this journal.

Teach us dear Lord to SERVE Thee as Thou deserves
To GIVE and not to count the cost
To FIGHT and not heed to wounds
To TOIL and not to seek for rest
To LABOUR and not to ask for a reward
Save the JOY of knowing that we do Thy will.



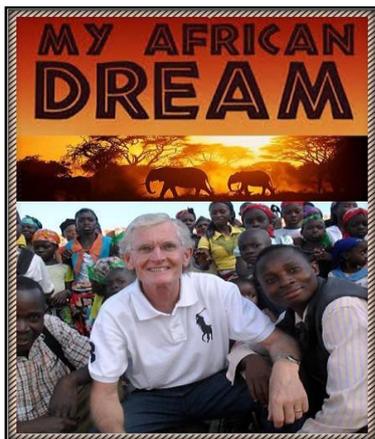
If you would like to share in, or support my work into Africa, I would value your partnership. Perhaps you may like to consider one the following avenues:

- ☑ 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,

Warwick



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

The Irresistible Pull of Africa

Don't let the media or the thoughts of others influence your view and impressions of Africa. It is a **wild, beautiful, raw, dynamic** place.

You have to see and experience it for yourself.