

MY 11th MISSION TRIP TO RWANDA



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According to the most recent demographic data, religious affiliation in Rwanda is broken down as follows:

- Roman Catholic: 40%
- Pentecostal: 21%
- Protestant (Anglican, Baptist, etc.): 15%
- Seventh-day Adventist: 12%
- Muslim (mostly Sunni): 2%
- Jehovah's Witnesses: 0.7%
- Traditional/Indigenous, Baha'i, & Others: 3.3%
- No religious affiliation: 3%

DID YOU KNOW ?

Rwanda's population in mid-2026 is estimated to be approximately 14,889,693.

Despite being one of Africa's smallest countries, Rwanda is one of the continent's most densely populated with approximately 604 people per square kilometer.

The capital of Kigali is the largest city in the country, but most Rwandans live in rural areas.

Rwanda is one whose name is often mostly associated with the horrific genocide that happened here in 1994. It was one of the most tragic events in the history, not only of Rwanda, but the world. **However, it was also a turning point in the country's history. It has since then embarked on a new path of social, economic and ecological development and deserves to be known for more than the events from 1994.**

The 31st annual Rwanda National Prayer Breakfast was held on February 1, 2026, at the Kigali Convention Centre, coinciding with Rwanda's Heroes' Day. Organized by the Rwanda Leaders Fellowship, the event focused on the theme **"Building Resilient Families: A Leadership Call for National Transformation,"** with President Paul Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame in attendance.

Focus Areas: Discussions highlighted the need for instilling godly values in leadership, fostering unity, and mentoring the youth to ensure a sustainable future for Rwanda

Key Prayer Points & Updates (2026)

Pray for national economic growth to benefit the most vulnerable Rwandans, including subsistence farmers.

Pray for Christ-centered forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation in communities torn apart by genocide.

Pray for believers to fully embrace their identity as God's beloved.

- **The closure of thousands of churches in 2024** brought attention to the relationship of the government to religion. This was not persecution, so much as the move of the state to exercise regulations upon places of worship.
- These requirements included matters of **safety and hygiene**, along with **registration, doctrinal statements**, and **qualifications for pastors**. The policy will have both positive and negative impacts, but smaller, poorer, and more rural congregations suffered the most.

NB - Pray that every congregation might have a place to gather, and every Christian ample opportunity for fellowship and worship. May the churches with more resources be a blessing to those with few.

As of June 2026, Rwanda's spiritual landscape focuses on national unity, trauma healing, and strengthening leadership with integrity, highlighted by the annual National Prayer Breakfast

INTRODUCTION

At the time of my first visit to Rwanda, Jean-Marie Hakuzimana , was our head student at KMBC, when together with his pastor Mirium Rakata, they invited me up to Rwanda to lead 2 pastor's conferences in Kigali and Nyagatare. By the grace of God, we had an amazing time and a deep bond developed between Rwanda and myself. Now I head back for my 11th visit, speaking at another pastor's conference, organized by one of our other students, **Fred Kiiza** and the ABC training team (*All the Bible in Community*). This trip is also another milestone for me, making it my 80th trip into Africa. As that amazing missionary to Sudan, **Donald McClure** once wrote:



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

As you know, 2026 also marks the 40th anniversary of my Bible College, the KwaZulu-Natal Missionary and Bible College. We have just had our celebration at the College last weekend, where many worked so hard to make it very, very special. What an incredible statistic that over these 40 years, more than 500 pastors, missionaries and Christian workers have been sent out trained, equipped and deeply loved.

[It has been an amazing journey!](#)



Cameos from our celebration dinner, our fully stocked Book Shop and MMM



TO GOD BE THE GLORY

So, come now with me as I head back to Rwanda, the land of 1000 hills.

SATURDAY, 23rd 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 John 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 MARATI 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 past year a truly blessed time of fellowship.



Last month when I was in Malawi, I ended off every day with a cameo of some great men. On this trip I will share a few more with you, enjoy them. Here is **JOHN WESLEY** in summary:



"Before John Wesley was a believer, he was a clergyman and a missionary who worked with all he had. He memorized most of the Greek New Testament. He has a disciplined devotional life. As a missionary to the American Indians, he slept on the dirt to increase his merit and hopefully be accepted by God. But then came that celebrated day when he trusted in Christ alone for his salvation. It was then that he began a works-filled life ... He preached in Saint Mary's in Oxford; he preached in the churches, he preached in the mines, he preached in the streets, he preached on horseback. He even preached on his father's tombstone. John Wesley preached 42,000 sermons. He averaged 4,500 miles a year. He rode sixty to seventy miles a day and preached three sermons a day on average. When he was eighty-three, he wrote in his diary, 'I am a wonder to myself. I am never tired, either with preaching, writing or travelling.'"

WOW ... what a man, what passion. What zeal, a man of self-discipline, a passion for souls and prayer. So tonight, I will fall asleep in Kigali, in a comfortable bed, but so incredibly blessed to be back in Africa, celebrating our 40th anniversary in Rwanda, in this clean Roman Catholic retreat house.

SUNDAY, 24 MAY

A BEAUTIFUL morning greeted us here in Kigali. As always, I begin the day in the "Missionary Workshop" and this morning my bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John, 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."

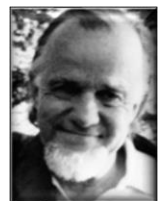
What a glorious reminder that was, and how true this has been throughout my life. John and Andrew then came to fetch me and the 3 of us set out on the long journey to the eastern province of Rwanda. We arrived at about 10:00 in the morning and there the church was waiting for me.



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 hungry, 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". I am enjoying **"the letters of FRANCIS SCHAEFFER"**. It is in his letters that we see the real heart of a man.

A wonderful day preaching the Word in Rwanda draws to a close. s

Today I want to close off the day with another of Packer's heroes:



"Francis Schaeffer embodied to an outstanding degree qualities of which English-speaking evangelicalism at the time was very short.

But Schaeffer was felt to be original because he did seven things (at least) that other evangelicals, by and large, were not doing.

First, with his flair for didactic communication he coined some new and pointed ways of expressing old thoughts (the true truth of revelation, the "mannishness" of human beings, the "upper story" and "lower story" of the divided Western mind.)

Second, with his gift of empathy he listened to and dialogued with the modern secular world as it expressed itself in literature and art, which most evangelicals were too cocooned in their own subculture to do.

Third, he threw light on the things that today's secularists take for granted by tracing them, however sketchily, to their source in the history of thought, a task for which few evangelicals outside the seminaries had the skill.

Fourth, he cherished a vivid sense of the ongoing historical process of which we are all part and offered shrewd analysis concerning the likely effect of current Christian and secular developments.

Fifth, he felt, focused, and dwelt on the dignity and tragedy of sinful human beings rather than their grossness and nastiness.

Sixth, he linked the passion for orthodoxy with a life of love to others as the necessary expression of gospel truth, and censured the all-too-common unlovingness of front-line fighters for that truth.

Seventh, he celebrated the wholeness of created reality under God and stressed that the Christian life must be a corresponding whole- that is, a life in which truth, goodness, and beauty are valued together and sought with equal zeal. Having these emphases institutionally incarnated at L'Abri, his ministry understandably attracted attention. For it was intrinsically masterful, and it was also badly needed.

MONDAY, 25 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 1 John. 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."

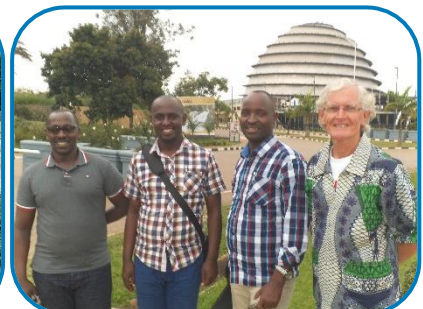
After my devotions I went for a long walk just to see these lovely people walking to their farms with their hoes over their shoulders and the children going to school. After a warm shower and a good breakfast, we headed off to the Conference. This is the 6th time I have assisted **ABC training**, so it was wonderful to meet up with old friends, and especially at the same Conference centre, amazingly they seemed so very happy to see me again... home from home.



Conference Centre



John & Andrew



brothers

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

1. THE BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF A PASTOR

2. THE BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR



Handing out Bibles



the Pastors



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.

After lecturing for 4 hours, it was wonderful to enjoy some local Rwandan lunch and I loved meeting up with old friends. In the afternoons there is group work so I could go back to my little room and spend time with “my lovers”. Over the years my books have been so inspirational, following the example of **J.O Fraser** and **Oswald Chambers**. Enjoy what they wrote about their 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.”

As a magnificent day draws to a close, this is a summary of the life of **J.O. FRASER** – what a man in Christ ... a model for me.

"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"



TUESDAY, 26 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 1 John, always listening to the voice of God in the Word of God. In my time of prayer I remembered 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:

3. **THE PRIORITIES OF THE PASTOR**
4. **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 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.”



Another beautiful day draws to a close up here in Rwanda. As you know I love reading **J.I. Packer** and this is what he wrote concerning **ZEAL** ... something I need so very much today

“Nehemiah is a model of personal zeal for the honour and glory of God. As he says in one of his prayers, he is among those ‘who delight to fear your name’ (Nehemiah 1:11), and the strength of his passion to magnify the Lord is great. Such zeal, though matched by Jesus and the psalmists and Paul (to look no further), is rarer today than it should be; most of us are more like the lukewarm Laodiceans, drifting along very cheerfully to becalmed churches, feeling confident everything is all right, and thereby disgusting our Lord Jesus, who sees that spiritually speaking, nothing is right (see Revelation 3:14-22). The rough language of our Lord’s threat to spit out the Laodicean church – to repudiate and reject it – shows that zeal for God’s house still constrains him in his glory, just as it did on earth when he cleansed the temple (John 2:17).

Back in the days when God used his own people as his executioners, not only in holy war with pagans but also in the discipling of the church. Phinehas the priest had speared an Israelite and his Midianite whore together, and God through Moses had commended him for a zeal that matched God’s own. ‘He was as zealous as I am for my honour among them ... therefore tell him I am making my Covenant of peace with him ...because he was zealous for the honour of his God’ (Numbers 25:11-13, NIV). As God himself is zealous, so must his servants be.

Are you clear what zeal is? It is not fanaticism; it is not wildness; it is not irresponsible enthusiasm; it is not any form of push egoism. It is, rather, a humble, reverent, businesslike, single-minded commitment to the hallowing of God’s name and the doing of his will.”

Such a privilege to have clean sheets, a warm shower and a comfortable bed ... and teaching the Word of God for 4 hours each day here in Rwanda ... wow can't get better...

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY

As another beautiful morning up here in Rwanda dawns, and after a walk down the road, I was able to go with joy into the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John. How wonderful it is to hear God the Father preaching about God the Son, through God the Holy Spirit ... our glorious triune God. Afterwards in my prayer time I remembered my lectures today and another unreached people group. The SIDI people who live in Algeria in North Africa. **Oswald Chambers** always closes off my devotions, and this is what he said today:



"The things we are going through are either making us sweeter and better, or making us more critical and fault finding than ever. The things that happen either makes us evil or more saintly, it all depends on my relationship with Jesus."

Over these past 59 years, since my conversion, no other book, with the exception of the Bible has had such a profound impact on my life as "**MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST**". Still today it continues to mould my life.

So, after a lovely breakfast I headed off to the conference for another 4 hours of preaching.

Today I spoke on:

5. THE PASTOR AS A PREACHER

6. 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. 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."

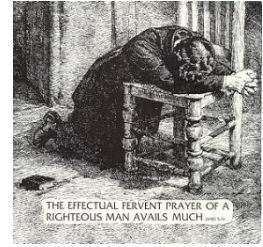


After lunch I was able to go back to my room and spend the afternoon reading my books and writing up this Journal. I am really enjoying "**The Sufficiency of Scripture by Noel Weeks** - perhaps the most critical doctrine for today.

It is always very special to meet together for supper and then head off to enjoy another good sleep in Rwanda, so very blessed and privileged to be teaching the Word up here.



To close off the day, **PACKER** will explain why the **PURITANS** meant so much to him and why we should be reading them today. Men like John Bunyan, John Flavel, Thomas Brooks, John Owen, making many modern books look like Pygmies ...



“As I see it, the **PURITANS** are giants compared with us, giants whose help we need if ever we are to grow. Learning from the heroes of the Christian past is in any case an important dimension of that edifying fellowship for which the proper name is the communion of saints. The great Puritans, though dead, still speak to us through their writings, and say things to us that we badly need to hear at this present time.

The Puritans have taught me to see and feel transitoriness of this life, to think of it, with all its richness, as essentially gymnasium and dressing room where we are prepared for heaven and to regard readiness to die as the first step in learning to live.

The Puritans’ awareness that in the midst of life we are in death, just one step from eternity, gave them a deep seriousness, calm yet passionate, with regard to the business of living that Christians in today’s opulent, mollicoddled, earthbound Western world rarely manage to match. Few of us, I think, live daily on the edge of eternity in the conscious way that the Puritans did, and we lose out as a result. For the extraordinary vivacity, even hilarity, with which the Puritans lived stemmed directly, I believe, from the unflinching, matter-of-fact realism with which they prepared themselves for death, so as always to be found, as it were, packed up and ready to go. Reckoning with death brought appreciation of each day’s continued life, and the knowledge that God would eventually decide, without consulting them, when their work on earth was done brought energy for the work itself while they were still being given time to get on with it.”

THURSDAY, 28 MAY

Wesley and Schaffer were steeped in prayer and in the Bible so let me follow their 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. 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 speaking on:

7. THE PASTOR AS A MINISTER

8. THE PASTOR AS A COUNSELLOR

After another 4 hours of lecturing, we were able to share a lovely lunch together which meant I could go back to my room and to spend the afternoon reading.



John and I



The Pastors



We then came together for supper, but tonight I want **PETE FLEMING**, that young missionary of only 27 who was martyred by the Aucas, to close off with 2 challenges from his letters. What a man he was ...



Our Commission To Train Men

"I am more convinced than ever that our commission here is to train men and that nothing must block that goal. In the lives of some missionaries here everything seems so. And as a result, I have heard that there are very few really strong Christians in Ecuador. The thing is we are not training disciples."

To Ease Up Is To Invite Trouble

"I am convinced that healthiness in spiritual things demands action and service, and laying down our life, a complete committal. To ease up means to invite trouble from inside, and to find ourselves a long way down the road of useless criticism. Oh, how we need thankfulness. It solves a multitude of problems instantaneously, and is the only way of overcoming that insidious sin, self-pity (one of the most ruinous things to all life in the Spirit)."

FRIDAY, 29 MAY

The conference will close today and what a joy and privilege it has been to lecture these dear pastors for over 20 hours on Pastoral Theology. But I must first go into the "Missionary Workshop" and have my devotions. Today my Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John. After the Word speaking to me, I could pray, especially for another unreached people, the RIZEIGAT people living in the Sudan. **Oswald Chambers** closed off my devotions in this way about prayer:



"The danger we have is that we want to water down what Jesus said to make it mean something that aligns with our common sense. But if it were only common sense, what He said would not even be worthwhile."

After a scrumptious breakfast we headed back to the pastors for the last day of the conference, never watering down what Jesus said.



The Pastors



Teaching



Fred & I

My final 2 sessions were on:

9. THE PASTOR AS A LEADER

10. THE PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY

As you all know I love the African way of doing things. We could never leave and go 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 getting on their knees, recommitting their lives 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".

After lunch, we then had the long drive back to Kigali. As I fall asleep for the last time in Kigali, this is my longing and prayer – for **REVIVAL**.

I hope you enjoyed the cameos of **FRASER, SCHAFFER** and the articles on **ZEAL**, the **PURITANS** and now **REVIVAL**.

J.I. Packer defined revival as: the extra ordinary, sovereign work of God the Holy Spirit, which reinvigorates the church and propagates Christian piety, often resulting in profound social impact.

1. When the church experiences revival *God comes down*, in the sense that He gives a deepened awareness of His inescapable presence as the Holy One, mighty and majestic, dwelling among His people. Revival experience begins with being forced to realize, like Isaiah in the temple, the intimacy of the supernatural and the closeness of the living God.
2. s, in the sense that the Bible, its message, and it's Christ reestablish the formative and corrective control over faith and life that is theirs by right. In revival the divine authority of the Bible is realized afresh.
3. God's purity comes through, as God used His Word to quicken consciences. The perverseness, ugliness, and guiltiness of sin are seen and felt with new clarity, and depth of one's own sinfulness is realized as never before, so that the forgiveness of sins becomes the most precious truth.
4. God's people come alive. Joyful assurance of salvation, conscious communion with a living Saviour, a spirit of prayer and praise, a readiness to share with other believers, and a love that reaches out to all in need, are the characteristic marks of revived Christian. Inhibitions dissolve, and a new forthrightness in utterance and initiative in action take their place.

5. *Outsiders come in*, drawn by the moral and spiritual magnetism of what goes on in the church.

Scripture shows, and history confirms, that revival is a distinctive and recurring work of God whereby He has again and again revitalized flagging churches and through the consequent evangelistic outflow vastly extended the kingdom of Christ. Revival, therefore, is the highest hope for the church on earth until the Lord comes to take us home.

SATURDAY, 30 MAY

Today I will fly out of Rwanda, so I need to be up earlier and make sure I get into the "Missionary Workshop". My Bible readings continued in Numbers, Psalms, Isaiah and 1 John, seeking to become like:

Jeremiah who wrote: "Thy Word was in my heart as a burning fire..." or ...

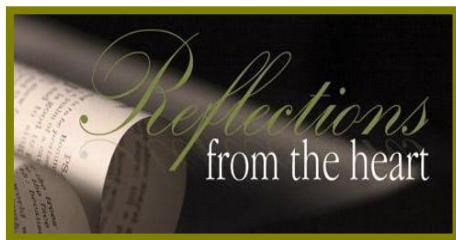
David wrote: "Thy Word have I hid in my heart"

In my time of prayer, I remembered the LIMBU people who live in Nepal. Then, as always, Oswald Chambers closes off for me and this is what he wrote, such encouraging words:

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



John very kindly came to fetch me and took me to the airport where I flew on to Johannesburg and then on to Durban, from where John Thompson kindly fetched me.



LOOKING BACK

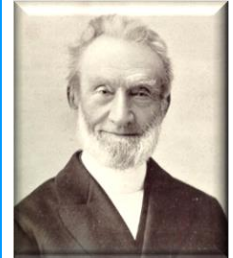


1. I am so grateful for the privilege of teaching 20 hours up here on Pastoralia, it was a huge privilege for me, a great honour
2. I am so grateful for all the journey mercies across Rwanda
3. I am so grateful for my 2 books read and summarized;
 - a. The Letters of Francis Schaeffer
 - b. The Sufficiency of Scripture
4. I am so grateful for the 40 years of KMBC and to see the great work our students are doing up here in Rwanda, it is thrilling to witness ... overwhelming in fact ... beyond my wildest dreams.

So, I head back to my office on Monday morning carrying on with my lecturing to prepare pastors and missionaries for Africa and trying to follow the example of **GEORGE MUËLLER** ... till the end... for Mueller it was at 87. An incredible example to follow.

"After retiring from running his orphanages, George Mueller (1805-1898) launched into an itinerant evangelistic ministry at the age of seventy and continued until he was eighty-seven years old. During those seventeen years he travelled 200,00 miles, ministered in forty-two countries, and preached to about three million people. These figures are amazing, considering that this was before the time of airplanes and sound systems.

Someone asked Mueller the secret of his long life. He gave three reasons. The second was the joy he felt in God and his work. The third was the refreshment he received from the Scriptures and the constant recuperative power they exercised upon his being. The first reason is a pertinent to this discussion – "the exercising of himself to have always a conscience, void of offence both towards God and toward men." He was alluding to Paul's statement to Felix (Acts 24:16). The word (askēōs) translated "exercise" (KJV) or "take pains" (ESV) mean "to apply oneself with commitment to some activity." This practice is something we do with great dedication. It is a huge burden to go through life with unsettled spiritual business. The burden of guilt drains us of our energies and leaves us debilitated and devoid of the fullness of the Spirit.



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You all, my very dear friends make this possible through your amazing love, prayers and generous financial support. I hope this 80th trip was an encouragement to you all and please know I am so grateful to you each one of you.

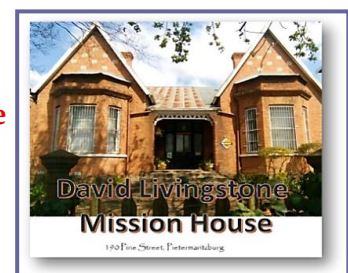
P.S.

Now Volume 3 of all my 80 trips into Mama Africa and some of my writings will be collated and put into a beautiful binding, which you may want to get a copy of.

Then ... Don't forget the next MMM ... these are fantastic times ...



DATE: 22 August
VENUE: David Livingstone Mission House
(back home)
TOPIC: Robert Moffatt





My 80th footprint has been
planted in Africa... what an
incredible journey



TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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 at KMBC
- Contribute to supply the pastors with resources for their work
- Contribute towards my missionary trips into Africa
- General support



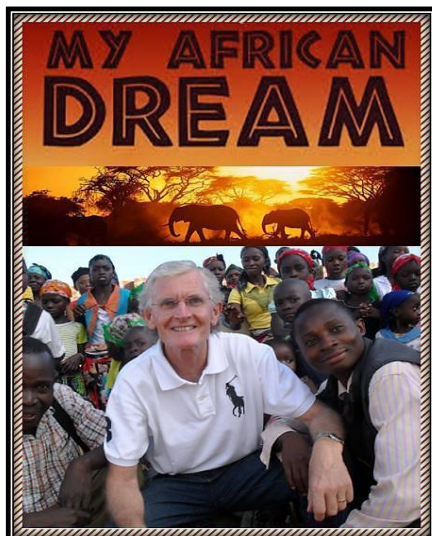
I always so enjoy and look forward to your comments and feedback on my Journals.

As we have celebrated this incredible milestone in my work and my journey together, I want to close off with this quote from William Borden

“Obedience, absolute and unqualified, which is made a daily principle of living, carried even into little things, this is the price of power... only as filled with His Spirit can we hope to win men from darkness to light and to faith in Christ” (Borden of Yale, Kindle location 1675).



*Yours for Africa
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