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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR.

Dear Reader

God is still on the throne: Middle East, Baltic wars etc: Remember that the Lord's sovereign purposes are working out; as men's hearts fail them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, Luke 21V26. A basic flaw of human nature is not to trace the Divine outworking, and grant mortal man's power too much credit. Pope Francis (88 years), the Vatican pontiff, has gone the way of all finite mankind on Easter Monday. Note Hebrews 13V8.

"The Providence of God in His government of the world is a subject of the deepest interest to the Christian. By proper views of it he (she) will see God in the daily works of His Hands". The History of Providence by Alexander Carson LL. D. (1776 - 1844).

Instead of making us mere onlookers, trusting that our Heavenly Father is in control of events, it will rally us to take heart, be bold and faithful, and to live a noble life: knowing that of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things; to whom be glory forever. Amen. Roman's 11V36.

The things that concern us: Blood may be required of this generation for its tolerance of Abortion, the bizarre Woke child gender identity manipulation: doctrine of demons, timed with a decline in the Gospel witness. Added to this is the subtle antagonism of nations once open to the Faith, which has undermined public witness to Christ's exclusive claims, and left a void that other religions can fill, and do so without apology. Trying to uphold justice and truth without God, ultimately is vanity, and a slide toward heathenism, an unthinkable end! Militant Islam also, has become increasingly oppressive. The recent D.R.C. Christian beheadings, rape, slavery, and genocide, by ISIS linked forces, is a demonic trademark, and modern slavery based on fanatical hate! Contrast this with our Lord's tender command for us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Meanwhile back in South Africa, the hope of nation building fluctuates daily, with alliances, political and religious, proving costly; **but for God, the power and the glory. The violent man, the anarchists, incite, threaten, rant and rave; evil divisive forces are at play, with ethnic ritualism confronting Christian interests which honours, builds up, respects, prays, and loves the Lord.**

In Jesus, Craig. Always on the winning side.



"Again and again, it has thought that Christianity was dying, dying by persecutions from without and corruptions from within, by the rise of Mohammedanism (Islam), the rise of the physical sciences, the rise of great anti-Christian revolutionary movements. But every time the world has been disappointed. The first disappointment was over the Crucifixion. The Man came to life again". C. S. Lewis, (1898 - 1963). Oxford & Cambridge, a modern John Bunyan. Quote from Quest For The Highest, Medical Dr. J. E. Church, on the East African Revival.

BACK TO THE GARDEN.

Return To The Valley Of Grace, Genadendal; Our January 2025 hurried visit to Genadendal, required us to return in order to meet Dr. Isaac Balie, whose name is synonymous with this famous Moravian mission, to see the controversial church bell, the ringing of it "clashing" with the bell of the "established" Reformed Church, and also to view the garden, with a sense of awe. "We have got to get back to the garden", was my naive youthful idealism taken from the song, Woodstock. The "Garden", years later, happily, now being Genadendal and it's famous Pear Tree, "nurtured" by a 100 years of a Moravian uninterrupted prayer meeting at Herrnut, from 1727 on!

The Afrikaans language (centenary as official - 8th May 1925) Moravian Genadendal roots.

The formal "Nederlands" Dutch language was put into the everyday lingo of "kombuistaal", literally the kitchen language, that the people of Baviaanskloof, now Genadendal, used as far back as the 18th century (1700s), well before Afrikaans developed into the official language, replacing Dutch as one of the two official languages of the Union of South Africa. CJ. Langenhoven member of the Cape Provincial Council, had previously rooted this on 23rd April 1914. Genadendal's printing press had used the everyday language the locals used, to print Scripture selections, long before the Afrikaans Bible appeared in 1919, a translation of the Dutch Bible, which preceded the greatly loved standard 1933 Afrikaans Bible. Thus, Afrikaans was the early common lingo of ordinary people. "Genadendal kyk terug op 'rykste juweel' van Afrikaans" - Karla van Der Merwe The Burger. (Genadendal looks back on its richest Jewish of Afrikaans). By courtesy of Dr. Henrietta Klaasing. S.A. now has 11 official languages.



To follow, visuals of Genadendal's planter, Georg Schmidt (1709 - 1785), the Pear Tree, Church bell, Moravian Lamb symbol, and the portrait of Christ that "spoke" to the young Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf: Ecco Home (Behold The Man), and began the Moravian missions: South Africa's first mission, is Genadendal (1737/8). Other local Moravian missions followed, Mamre (1808), near modern Atlantis, Enon/Aenon (1818), Eastern Cape, and Elim (1824), Overberg:



Editor. Refer: Protestant Reville Easter 2025, Genadendal-Valley of Grace, Vision, and Hope.

"Who truly communes with God in secret, may be trusted in public."

Charles Spurgeon.

THE BETRAYAL OF CHRIST IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

"I was wounded in the house of My friends" Zechariah 13V6.

Christianity is fast losing its first love: In the current chaos, our Faith is not unaffected with many church denominations, now estimated at about 45,000! Each has its own branding, mission statement, legal protocol, in which the short statement of faith, "what we believe", is often swamped by lengthy church order procedures. It is a hope that in the middle of all these voices, claiming light as golden candlesticks, that one like unto the Son of Man, is prominent, but the particular organization can itself be the main feature. Revelation 1V13. Is it "miracles on tap", brand building, ego empire growing, in order to "make merchandise" of gullible souls, with tailor made user friendly "gospels"? Love for, or betrayal of Jesus, else a form of simony? Acts 8V18; 2 Peter 2V3. Thank the Lord for faithful Bible and Holy Spirit led fellowships today where He resides. Apathetic Christians, Jerusalem once did not know its time of visitation by Christ:

"may the blessed Lord be there - My Lord, since I have tasted the joy of Thy presence in something of its fulness, every meeting is a failure...if Thou art not there." E.J. Poole- Connor (1872 - 1962). David Fountain's biography of U.K. leader of church unity based on truth, FIEC.

The old main-stream Churches' lean towards pluralism:

In a rush to conform to modern trends, and to retain intellectual accreditation, institutions of learning that have Christian beginnings are talking of inclusiveness, rather than standing for an exclusive code of religious education, i.e. compromise in the face of pressure. Theological faculties at certain universities can be called School of Religions, plural. This is affirming polytheism, a concession that breaks the Holy Law of God, Exodus 20V1 F. The pattern has been ongoing from the times of Spurgeon's stand, the 19th century (1800s) U.K. "downgrade", and it means precisely that, a downward accelerating spiral. Closer to home a few of our old Reformed churches now sadly tow the line, and need to examine themselves to see who they are serving in their high calling:



"We have derived our authority to preach this unpopular Gospel not from any wisdom of our own, but from the blessed pages of God's Word. But from this Gospel that the Scriptures contain the world has gradually been drifting away. Countless colleges and universities and seminaries throughout the world, formerly Evangelical, have become hostile or indifferent to that which they formerly maintained". Dr. J Gresham Machen (1881 - 1937) U.S.A.

Our visit to the Moravian Genadendal mission, led me to ponder the Galilean simplicity of those Protestant forbears: Bible orientated, servant spirits, loyal trust sealed by a handclasp, signifying "oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another. The second handclasp signifies renewed dedication and unity in the service of Christ", even praying for the house of Judah to be restored, Jew & Gentile one. May this brotherly love be retained in the Moravians, praying for each other, never giving way to error, divisions, bitterness and the world's agenda.

Craig Hounsom.

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"Wherever these men came they brought a disturbing dividing force. Every city was shaken to its centre, and men driven into opposite camps...As we watch we remember the words of Jesus (Matthew 10V34), 'Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth; I came not to send peace but a sword'. Unless the Christian Evangel of today is a fiery, dividing, separating influence, flinging men into opposite camps, it is not the Evangel of the Apostles. It is always a disturbing element, because it makes no compromise". Dr. Campbell Morgan Westminster Chapel on the Acts of the Apostles.

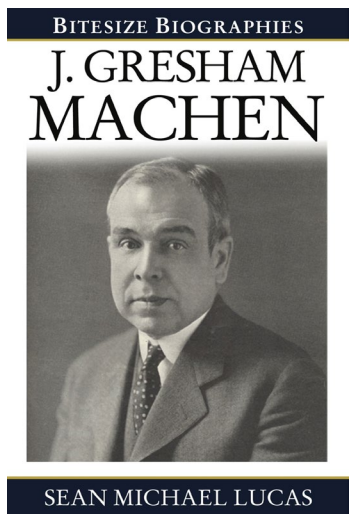
Quote from Quest For The Highest-East African Revival Dr. J.E. Church.

WHAT IS FAITH?

THE FAITHFUL MAN WHO STOOD TRIAL BEFORE HIS OWN CHURCH.

Dr. J. Gresham Machen's Advice For The Young at Heart: It is a great mistake, then, to suppose that we who are called "conservatives" hold desperately to certain beliefs merely because they are old, and are opposed to the discovery of new facts. On the contrary, we welcome new discoveries with all our hearts, and we believe that our cause will come to its rights again only when youth throws off its present intellectual lethargy, refuses to go thoughtlessly with the anti-intellectual current of the age, and recovers some genuine independence of mind.

Traditions: In one sense, indeed, we are traditionalists: we do maintain that any institution that is really great has its roots in the past; we do not therefore desire to substitute modern sects for the historic Christian Church. But on the whole, in view of the conditions that now exist, it would perhaps be more correct to call us "radicals" than to call us "conservatives".



We look not for a mere continuation of spiritual conditions that now exist, but for an outburst of new power; we are seeking to arouse youth from its present uncritical repetition of current phrases into some genuine examination of the basis of life; and we believe that Christianity flourishes not in the darkness but in the light.

A Revival of the Christian religion, we believe, will deliver mankind from its present bondage, and like the great Revival of the sixteenth century (1500s) will bring liberty to mankind. Such a Revival will not be the work of man, but the work of the Spirit of God...The new Reformation in other words, will be accompanied by a new Renaissance; and the last thing in the world that we desire to do is to discourage originality or independence of the mind. **WHAT IS FAITH (1925.)**

Editor's note: Dr. Machen (1881-1937) was condemned by the Presbytery of New Brunswick's Commission for his association with the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

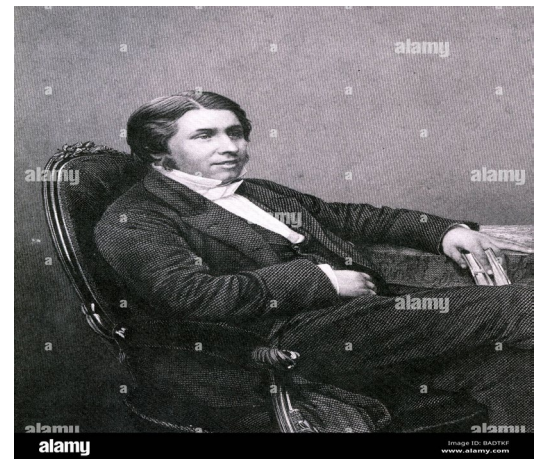
"In these times of danger, it is our duty, interest, and wisdom, to get integrity, and to determine never to part with it! May we not have a thought of sinful compliance!"
William Bagshawe (1628 - 1702). The "Apostle of the Peak",
Derby, U.K. comment on Psalm 25V21.

A SERVANT OF THE LORD VISITS YOUNG SPURGEON.

We entertain angels unawares Hebrews 13V2.

On the table, in the little sitting-room, lay a small parcel, which, when opened, proved to be a wedding present from Mr. W. Poole Balfern.

I think the circumstances under which my beloved and Mr. Balfern met, are worthy of a passing notice. On Saturday, the time for sermon-preparation had arrived, and the dear preacher had shut himself up in his study, when a ministerial visitor was announced. He would not give his name, but said, "Tell Mr. Spurgeon that a servant of the Lord wishes to see him". To this my husband replied, "Tell the gentleman that I am so busy with His Master, that I cannot attend to the servant". Then Word was sent that W. Poole Balfern was the visitor, and no sooner did Mr. Spurgeon hear the name, then he ran out to him, clasped his hand in both his own, and exclaimed, "W. Poole Balfern! The man who wrote **Glimpses of Jesus!** Come in, thou blessed of the Lord!" (Editor refer: Genesis 24V31).



Describing that interview, long afterwards. Mr. Balfern said, "I learned then the secret of Mr. Spurgeon's success was, that he was **cradled in the Holy Ghost.**" It was a very remarkable expression, which I do not remember to have met with anywhere else; but it was as true as it was striking. Mrs. Susanna Spurgeon (nee Thompson). **Early Wedded Life - The Early Years.**

"Oh, that I should hear Mr. Rowlands once more before I die...One true preacher of Jesus Christ is worth a thousand worlds".

On Welshman, Daniel Rowlands (1713 - 1790), Eifion Evans's book of a great Welsh preacher of the Evangelical Revival.

THE CALL TO ENGLAND; REVIVAL TEAM OF WITNESS.

Africa's Turn To Tell Others What Great Things God Has Done For It.

"The second important development (the first was Fellowship) was the use of teams to spread the challenging message of God's call for Revival...These 'missionary' journeys were a recovery on the part of the Uganda Church of a quality of spiritual initiative." M.A.C. Warren, Canon of Westminster. (Pic William Nagenda)



In his Diary of the East African Revival, Anglican Medical missionary Dr. "Joe" E. Church (1899 - 1989), a softly spoken man of great worth, had the honour of visiting his home country, England, and bringing Christian greetings from Africa in the form of two "trophies" of grace:

But post-war (WW II) financial stringency and other reasons made it impossible for the Mission to consider sponsoring the Africans' visit. Bill Butler and I were speaking at the headquarters of the World Evangelisation Crusade (WEC) in London when we were asked to share this sad news at the evening meeting. Before we went to bed 50 pound was put into my hands and a promise of free hospitality for the two Africans for their time in England. A telephone call late that night was enough to assure the General Secretary of the Mission that God was supplying the money, so he gave his permission for us to go ahead in faith. Within a few days 100 pound and then 500 pound came, and the two, William Nagenda and Yosiya Kinuka, were soon on a charter flight to England.

The first meeting was a garden party at Tyndale House for CICCUC undergraduates at Cambridge, arranged by Norman Anderson. We were apprehensive about how the Africans would 'go down' with the undergraduates. We had all been to the lunch hour Daily Prayer Meeting, and William and Yosiya had seen the roll of honour of past Cambridge missionaries inscribed around the panelled walls. At the garden party I told the story of how the African brothers had come, and then William stood up and said something like this: 'Today I saw the name of George Pilkington on the walls of Henry Martyn Hall, the man who brought the Gospel of the Lord Jesus to my country, Uganda, and who gave his life. Now I have come to thank you that we too have found the living Lord Jesus and we've come to talk about Him.'



This was the first of many appealing messages that so endeared William and Yosiya to the hearts of the people in England on this and more than a dozen future visits to this country. Quest For The Highest, J.E. Church.

Editor's note: WEC Worldwide Evangelism for Christ. Founder England cricketer, C.T. Studd. Henry Martyn a missionary martyr to the East, whose short devoted life inspires others today. Alexander Mackay and George Pilkington, the two pioneer missionaries of Uganda.

"We can't go on like this; the world is perishing and I hear his voice calling me to take responsibility not only for Uganda, but for Africa, and the whole world...'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live...' We can't work in this land full of darkness unless we are filled with the Holy Spirit...But if we let our eyes dwell too much on our troubles and problems, we will lose the vision of the world's need".

William Nagenda of Uganda (1912 – 1973).

"Christianity is a religion of content...It's truths are central to the life and practice of the Church...It is necessary in every generation for the church to clarify its beliefs against constant attacks and distortions of her body of truth..." R.C. Sproul. (Editor From Preface).

THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH.

Of The Holy Scripture.

"And the heavenliness of the matter.

C.S. Lewis, who immersed himself in the great literature of Western civilization, once observed that he could not read Scripture without recognizing a transcendent (higher) quality missing from all other literature. I was trained in philosophy to take nothing for granted and to analyze critically the affirmations and assertions in every document. But I found when reading Scripture that in a very real sense I, rather than the text, was the object of criticism. The Bible was criticizing me more than I was able to criticize it. One is confronted with heavenliness of the matter." R.C. Sproul. Truths We Confess. Vol. 1.

CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY - SING THE BELOVED COUNTRY.

PRESIDING BISHOP SIEGFRIED NGUBANE- THE MAN FROM IXOPO.

"There is a lovely road that runs from Ixopo into the hills...the hill climbs 7 miles (11 km) into Carisbrooke, and from there, if there is no mist, you look down on one of the fairest valleys of Africa". Alan Paton, Cry The Beloved Country.



Sing The Beloved Country:

On the 10th of February 2024, Rev. Dr. Siegfried John Ngubane became the new presiding Bishop of REACH-SA when Bishop Glenn Lyons handed over his mantle and role to him. In addition, he became the first Bishop to be installed as Archbishop of the newly formed Province of Reach-Southern Africa, as well as Chancellor of George Whitefield College. This means that Bishop Ngubane joined the Gafcon Primates Council, the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, which aims to offset the damaging effects of error.



Born in Ixopo (1961), Rev. Ngubane, my fellow KwaZulu-Natal man, is a person of sincere humility, his learning gracing his qualities and personal touch. His supportive wife is Maureen; together they are blessed with three children. Isaiah 54V13.

I first met Dr. Siegfried in Cape Town when he was S.A. director of S.I.M. one of the older missionary societies, founded sacrificially in 1893 by Canadians Walter Gowans, Rowland Bingham, and American Thomas Kent; only Bingham barely surviving the "white man's grave", the fever ridden West Coast of Africa. SIM, and SAGM/AEF founded 1889 by Martha Osborn, Spencer Walton, and Dr. Andrew Murray, are now joined as SIM, Serving In Mission.

The Challenge Ahead: Bishop Ngubane will need the wisdom of a greater than Solomon in serving his Lord Jesus Christ at REACH, the Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church, (formerly CESA), one of the two Anglican communities in South Africa, the other being ACSA (formerly CPSA). The Anglican Church's Southern African founding in the old "Cape Colony" goes back to the 24th April 1814, when St. George's Anglican Church began in Simonstown, now called St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, and St. George's Cathedral currently bears that name.

REACH is Evangelical and Reformed in its doctrinal stand, termed "low church", and upholds the Protestant "Sola Scriptura", the Bible alone as the standard of Truth, and the Church of England Reformation tradition. As with every church it greatly needs the Holy Spirit to quicken its light.

Bishop Siegfried Ngubane, holds the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, to march forward and onward as a Christian Soldier general, and fight the good fight of faith! 1 Timothy 6V12. Please pray for him to stay faithful, as godly leaders are so greatly needed now in the Beloved Country.

"The saint who advances on his knees never retreats". Jim Elliot (27 years old) martyr Ecuador.

The editor.

THE DIVERSION OF THE BIBLE SERIES CONTINUED.

"Finally, Dean Burgon assails the authority of B and Aleph on the ground of their sceptical character...there seems to be an alliance between them and the school of Origen. In the Gospel Text they omitt those words and phrases that emphasize the Divinity of our Lord." Prof.Samuel Zwemer, the "apostle to Islam", in the Evangelical Quarterly.

Editor's note: "B and Aleph", refers to the Codex Sinaiticus (Aleph) and Codex Vaticanus (B) MSS documents largely behind the Wescott and Hort text, which sadly most of the numerous modern Bible versions e.g. the overrated N.I.V. lean on, in preference to the Textus Receptus, i.e. Received/Majority Text that the King James Version's New Testament is based on. It is estimated that there are about 50 main English Bibles, with between 200 and 450 revisions!

The Christian Church has been naive in rightfully safeguarding Scripture against so called Higher Criticism in the undermining of the veracity of the Word of God, while leaving the door open to what is thought neutral, Lower Criticism, viz. textual criticism, and the responsibility of what constitutes the Word of God, i.e the identity of the New Testament text, placed in the hands of a couple of "experts," both fallible men, using 2 main older source documents, respectively found in a Mt. Sinai monastery and on a shelf in the great Vatican library!

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11V3.

"...the best Scriptural Interpreter is the man with the Scriptural mind."

Thomas Boston (1676 - 1732) of Scotland.

Quoted by biographer Andrew Thomson on hermeneutics.

TRIP TO URUNDI, 1937. (Now Ruanda & Burundi).

"The God of my mercy shall go before me". A.W. Baker on Psalm 59V10.

Joining the visit of the Free Methodist Church of America General

Secretary: Lake Tanganyika is romantically beautiful, and specially so as seen by me just before daybreak from the deck of our little ship. Shut right in by two towering mountain ranges which rise steeply from its very margin until they reach a height of 7,500 feet (2,286 metres), and are split into a hundred or more deep and yet not precipitous (steep) kloofs, it's width, between Kigoma and Usumbura, varies between 12 and 20 miles (+ - 19 and 32kms). It's length between two points is 80 miles (+ - 128kms). There are two motor roads out from Usumbura, the one by which we travelled being called the Barrier Road, because closed and opened every four hours from both ends to one way traffic. I thought I knew something about corkscrew bends along the South Coast of Natal (KZN), but this ascent (climb) for the first 25 miles (+ - 40 kms) was a continuous wriggle like the coils of a giant reptile with scarcely more than a foot of space on the right side between the wheel and death. At one point the driver had to get out and roll away a huge boulder which had crashed down from the



heights on the left. On reaching the 7,500 feet (2,286 metres) level at the second barrier, one is captivated by the enchanting view extending for some seventy or more miles (+ - 112kms) North and East and South over beautiful round-topped rolling ridges interjected with numberless rivulets (small streams), and covered with rich green pastures, and dotted with banana groves which conceal the numerous groups of local kraals.

This is Urundi, peopled by the Ba-Rundi, and composed of three distinctly separate tribes, with a caste system not so quite so severe as that in India. The Ba-Tutsi are the gentlemen, the Ba-Hutu, the middle class, and the Ba-Tswa, the menials, a tribe of tiny people, and formerly the slaves of the Ba-Tutsi. The country is rich in shrubs, flora, grasses, and birds, but trees and antelope, and wild animals, are all very scarce. The soil is very fertile, and the rainfall such that nearly every cereal and vegetable can be sown and reaped twice a year.

The Government local and abroad: The Government is very progressive and humane, striving in every way to suppress age-long superstitions, while perpetuating good tribal customs and authority. In the attempt to civilized the people, and raise them from heathen idleness and immorality, a certain amount of compulsion is enforced, in the matter of road-making and the planting of forests and patches of coffee, cotton, etc.

The Government of Belgium, being Roman Catholic in religion, naturally gave to the priests of that Church special favour's and exemptions, and restricted as far as possible the extension of Protestant evangelism, but as the country was mandated by the League of Nations (later the U.N) on the express condition of equality of opportunity for all religious bodies, an appeal to that body brought about a great measure of relief. The priests, however, who have lately been very largely reinforced, still exercise a very powerful constraint upon the chiefs, and forbid the people, under threat of excommunication, from attending any Protestant religious function. Under this teaching the adherents of that Church will not allow preaching in their villages, and treat

Protestant missionaries with the rudest of contempt. Most of them, down to the smallest children are adorned with medallions of the Virgin, crosses, Crucifixion, rosaries, etc.

Protestant religious liberty: The Protestant missionaries, however, with very few exceptions, have united in principle and practice, and do not brand their disciples with any special denominational badge. Nearly all these societies have a medical section as part of their programme for gaining a hearing for the Gospel by the sympathetic treatment of their prevalent diseases. The Government has established experimental farms in various parts of the country, and are teaching the people to improve their husbandry, and better the breeds of their stock. Grace Triumphant A. W. Baker. (born 1856 Pietermaritzburg).

Editors note: Rwandan genocide, 1994, of the Tutsi ethnic group in the Civil War over a span of 100 days, accounted for above 500,000 systematically killed by Hutu militias! Lest we forget!

"The man who only has God to look to, can do all things and never fail."

Ethiopian Proverb quoted by Haile Selassie I, Elect of God, Emperor of Ethiopia, to the Howells, exiled by Mussolini during WWII, at the Bible College Swansea, Wales. Rees Howells Intercessor by Norman Grubb.

ON A FARM OUTSIDE WORCESTER, CAPE PROVINCE.

More Excerpts from South Africa's forgotten Revival in Dr. Andrew Murray's time, by Olea Nel.

Unlike Montagu, where the coming of the Spirit was like a gentle whisper, in Worcester, it came like a firestorm. Nor did it come during an organized prayer meeting of church members in town but, according to Emma Murray (Andrew Murray's wife) to farming folk on David Naude's farm of Aan den Doorns (by De Doorns, Hex River Valley ?), in the Breede River ward of Worcester.

It was there that three individuals had faithfully been praying for Revival each week over a period of several months. They were Jan Naude - the son of David Naude, his cousin Miss van Blerk, and Saul Pieterse - an old farmhand known as Saul die Profeet (Saul the Prophet). It was said that Miss Van Blerk, who taught the workers' families on the farm, was particularly distressed by their needy state.

The God who answers by fire!

Just prior to the outbreak of revival, Miss Van Blerk had felt so burdened for her farm charges that she had prayed almost continuously for a week. Then one evening, without any prior indications, the Holy Spirit descended on a meeting she was holding for them. As these were by nature very emotional people, pandemonium broke loose.



The response so overwhelmed her that she was forced to run out of the building (probably the schoolroom) to seek help. The emotional strain of leading them to Christ in such a charged atmosphere soon overtaxed her to the extent that she retreated to Worcester for a week.

On her return journey, the farm workers came out singing to greet her. Liebenburg tells us that nearly everyone on the farm was saved. Meanwhile the people on neighbouring farms began to flock to the prayer meetings. "Young and old, parents and children, of different backgrounds all gathered together to cast themselves before God in cries of penitence from the depths of their souls". The Spirit of God had come in such great power that He could not be restrained or contained. (To be continued with final excerpt showing this sovereign work of the Spirit).

Editor's note: The lethargy, dullness, in doing the work of the Lord negligently, or with a slack hand, is inside and outside of the Church; surely we need the Lord to quicken it, Proverbs 10V4, Jeremiah 48V10: Can we please pray for a time of lasting spiritual refreshment? Why not?

**"When the Lord means a mercy to a people, He helps them beforehand to pray for it".
Thomas Boston (1676 - 1732), Ettrick, Scotland.**

A NEW GENERATION OF AFRICAN CONTENDERS FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

"The New Testament is latent in the Old: the Old is patent in the New".

St. Augustine (354 A.D. - 430 A.D), Bishop of Hippo, who delighted to speak of their combination as "a two-edged sword".

Wayward Genius by David Bentley-Taylor.

"Africa's Day is yet to come"

So aspired Dr. David Livingstone, the Apostle of Africa, and that act of Faith's desire in the "day of small things", may have occupied part of his dying prayer on his knees, on 1 May 1873, at Chipundu, present-day, Zambia. This hope has a precedent up north. The Early Church produced Christian eminent leaders out of Africa, great-hearts and minds such as Augustine of Hippo, in modern Algeria, preceded by Tertullian (160 A.D. - 240 A.D.), of Carthage in present-day Tunisia, and Athanasius (293 A.D.- 373 A.D.), of Alexandria, Egypt. These three wise men influenced the Church's theology by a systematic treatment of the Bible's teachings on the Godhead, the Tri-une God i.e. the Holy Trinity, including Christ's Deity.



New "kids" on the blog - fast forward to today.

There is a new generation of young African apologists standing up for Jesus, who veils Himself from the wise and prudent, and reveals Himself to babes eaten up with zeal for their Heavenly Father's House, and ready to rise to the challenge. As with the African Church Fathers, they contend earnestly for the Faith, and shame the timid timeservers. Yet, defensive apologetics must never upstage the bold, "Thus saith the Lord", when preachers rely on the Gospel and Holy Spirit primarily, and not their formal learning. A good argument is always at the mercy of a better argument, but Scripture truth is rocksure:

"These latter are not necessary, nor even beneficial, except at a time when the want of them is felt. Till that moment arrives, they may do our minds more harm than good, like remedies for bodily disorders administered before the malady exists". Dr. Louis Gaussen, who like the Dutch theologian and Prime Minister, Abraham Kuyper, designated a subordinate place to the task of apologetics, which he confined to the defense of dogma, differing from those who gave it the introductory place to all theological sciences, as did J. Gresham Machen etc.

A word of caution then:

A danger is to transfer the battle arena to the mind, and get off the sure ground of God's revelation, thinking that the intellect is the beginning and end of effectiveness. Knowledge puffs up, when not sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, and is a concession to the world's ways, in stooping to the natural man's carnal reason and proof system:

"Everyone who makes his doctrine of Scripture dependent upon the historical examination of its formation and structure, begins already with rejecting its testimony, and therefore does not stand any more in the attitude of faith to Scripture." Herman Bavinck, a Reformed theologian, quoted by Hywell Jones, who remarks: "It is impossible to try to salvage Biblical (Evangelical) conclusions from anti-Biblical presuppositions". The Doctrine of Scripture Today.

The Gospel Coalition (TGC Africa): However, in Africa there are particular issues facing the Church, unique to the verdant and mysterious continent, and to this our called and gifted servants of the Lord can respond in grace. TGC encourages such believers to fulfill a vital function. It ought to be noted that wherever the Gospel went in its early missionary proclamation to the Gentiles, including Asia Minor and Europe, it encountered the residue of pagan practices, idols, licentiousness etc, and these had to be confronted as inconsistent with the Faith. The temptation is to "baptize" into services certain old traditional elements, e.g. ancestors worship, claiming they are tribal customs, and that Western culture influenced Christianity ought not to apply here. That is a smokescreen for a reversion to a sub-Christian religion, as it goes directly against the commandments of a Holy God. The Gospel is not from Istanbul (old Constantinople of Eastern Orthodox), Alexandria, Rome, Prague, Wittenberg, Zurich, Geneva, or Canterbury, but from Jerusalem, Western Asia; and ultimately from Jerusalem above.



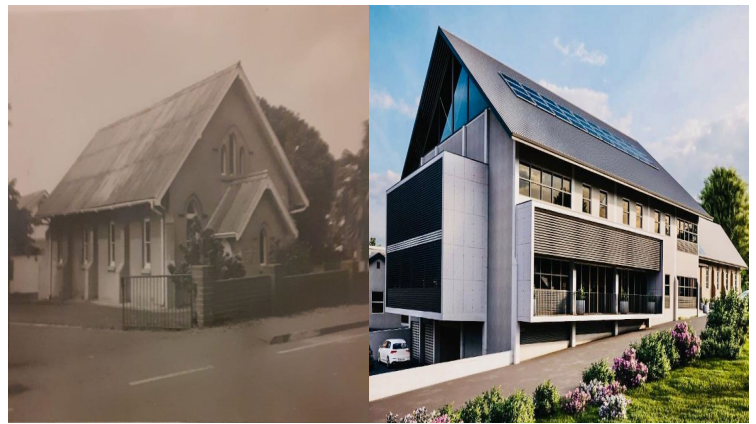
Protestant Reveille humbly aims to balance it's content with Spurgeon's modus operandi, sword & trowel. We ought always be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us. 1 Peter 3V15:

"How powerless are the best directed arguments till the Holy Ghost renders them effectual...All my clear arguments are good for nothing; unless the Lord stretch out His Hand, I speak to stones." Henry Martyn (1781 - 1812) Anglican missionary to the East, martyr.

The editor: Refer TGC Africa article of Lwandiso Dlokweni ["Shembe: Christianity or New Religion?"](#)

MAINSTREAM CONGREGATIONAL (UCCSA) CHURCH BUCKS THE TREND - DURBAN.

It is disheartening to see many of the mainstream Protestant Churches shrinking or closing, yet the "little church with the big heart" CCQ in Malvern, Queensburgh, Durban, has become a big church 2025, with a big heart still for Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Rev. Nkosi Khanyile, a former schoolteacher later received Evangelical training at ESSA, Pietermaritzburg. This institution was the vision of the late S.A. Church leader Hugh Wetmore and U.S.A.'s Philip Capp, and founded in 1980. I popped in there in 2005 and met this godly student then, now a faithful brother to me.



NGK NAMIBIA DESERTS GENERAL SYNOD OF THE NGK IN SOUTH AFRICA



On 20 March 2025, the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) in Namibia officially decided to break ties with the General Synod of the DRC in South Africa, marking a historic move driven by theological disagreements, particularly regarding same-sex marriage and biblical authority. The decision, passed by a two-thirds majority during a Synod meeting in Windhoek, followed a three-year disciplinary process rooted in Matthew 18, aimed at giving the General Synod time to reconsider its stance. The Namibian DRC now seeks new bilateral partnerships and broader cooperation within the Christian community. Moderator Ds Johannes Maritz emphasized a spirit of reconciliation, even with those who disagree. While the

DRC in Namibia will remain a Dutch Reformed Church, it enters "uncharted waters," according to executive member Ds Kenneth McKenzie. The General Synod expressed sadness over the split but acknowledged the careful consideration behind Namibia's decision. Meanwhile, the conservative Koinonia Synod, which shares Namibia's theological concerns but has remained within the General Synod, welcomed the move. Its chairman,

Dr Anton Knoetze, criticized the General Synod for ignoring years of warnings and praised the Namibian Synod's biblical approach. Koinonia hopes to strengthen ties with Namibia while respecting its need for time and internal reflection. (For full article see

<https://gatewaynews.co.za/dutch-reformed-church-in-namibia-cuts-ties-with-general-synod/>)

“The most tremendous judgement of God in this world is the hardening of the hearts of men.”

Dr John Owen (1616 – 1683) Puritan theologian and vice-chancellor of Oxford.



May 2025

Dear friends and partners,

We're thrilled to share what God is doing through Beyond Priceless in Beaufort West, Central Karoo and beyond! With hearts full of gratitude and eyes fixed on Jesus, we celebrate the breakthroughs, partnerships, and momentum building across the Karoo. Over the past few months, many of you have heard whispers of change—and we'd love to take a moment to share the journey with you. In July last year, Salome was approached by the director of Free To Fly with an opportunity that would spark incredible growth. None of us could have imagined how quickly the work would expand or how deeply the need would rise—especially in the Central Karoo, which the NPA has identified as a major hub for trafficking and where the first local task team in the country has been birthed.

As the work grew, it became clear: that exploitation is a result of broken foundations, we needed to go deeper with greater reach—to tackle the root causes of exploitation such as poverty. This meant to implore strategic community development, social innovation and empowerment. While Free To Fly continues in the fight against trafficking, however community development, deeper and greater reach goes beyond its long-term vision. Recognising this, the board encouraged a transition and the birth of a new, complementary partner organisation.

Registration of the new organisation commenced and the name Beyond Priceless was born founded by Salome and Chris. The name was inspired by a powerful movie we often use to raise awareness: *"Priceless."* The name reminds us that no child—and no person—should ever carry a label or price tag.

Beyond Priceless, we are excited to share is now officially registered as a non-profit company (NPC). Our website is currently being updated, our logo is ready, and our social media platforms are up and running! We are active through the Western Cape, however presently focused on building a strong work in Beaufort West and surrounding, and has already established a locally based team “Tanya Duimpies – Coordinator and Patrick Blouw- Community Practitioner.

We’re truly grateful for how far God has brought us in such a short time, and for every person who’s stood with us along the way.



**“If they must die,
let them not be afraid of death,
but let there be a meaning,
O God, in their dying.”**

Gladys Aylward (1902 -1970) self appointed missionary to China’s children during the Sino-Japanese War 1937, when the Communists targeted missionaries. The movie “Inn Of The Sixth Happiness, with Ingrid Bergman featured.

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