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"In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity". The Evangelical Principle.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR:

Dear Reader, may the mid-year's edition reach you in good health all round. In making our stand for the Bible's old paths, the aim in our weakness is to convey it with the Lord Jesus' grace. We need a visitation of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to kindle a flame in us with the everlasting Gospel's love, and to be part of its spread to unsaved peoples; specifically in unreached "regions beyond", missions being "the chief end of the Church". Dr. Andrew Murray (1828 - 1917), Matthew 28V18 - 20. Christian ministries use modern communications to defy national borders.

The "goings on" around us can sound familiar and repetitive, but here they are again: The Christian Church in South Africa, a nominal "Christian nation", is still being undermined by the State's C.R.L. Commission's threat to regulate preachers* in Erastianism, the error that the State is superior to the Church in ecclesiastical matters, its "ammunition" being the user-friendly profit "prophets". With compromise of truth in the "Downgrade" of denominations, lobbying by anti-Semitic Islamic militants having the ears of certain politicians impose their hate; and tertiary institutions confer honorary doctorates on such! With our rampant crime, greed and corruption, it looks rather hopeless. But God! We hope on against hope, at the Cape of Good Hope.

We live in momentous times, and are not insulated against war, terror, elsewhere, but directly effected, as we now witness in the Africa, Ukraine and Middle East conflicts. The Iranian state media claims that the Vatican's award to its ambassador there relates to its diplomatic quest for peace, while Rome says it's customary ? The Biblical Book of Revelation is unfolding before us: our Heavenly Father will bring glory and honour to His Name, the One righteous Judge.

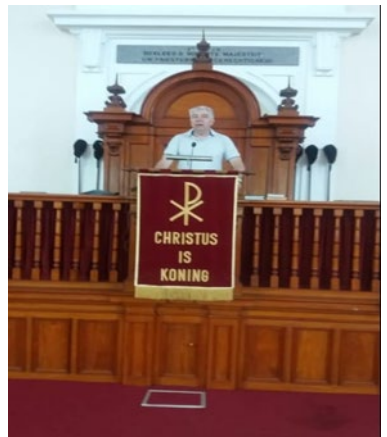
Confusion reigns in some congregations' divisions; church "hijackings" in the name of "unity and love" become a takeover, property title deeds a bonus. Just another day at the church office! With an estimated 40,000 plus denominations, and more popping up daily, the saints go marching on to a different drum, each claiming a slice of truth's cake. "Follow us," a Protestant variation of all roads to Heaven lead via Rome's Vatican tollgate! Can it be old "simony", viz. materialism, making merchandise of God's promises in Holy Scripture? Acts 8V18; 2 Peter 2V3.

"We must not mind insulting men, if by respecting them we offend God". Chrysostom (about A.D. 347 - 407), Archbishop of Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey. Yet, there are faithful ministries, which avoid confusing worship with grandstanding's hype. In this materialistic age the Lord has His children who bring sanity; often in poor churches and rural communities, a widow/gogo sits quietly alone, with no one and nothing, but God!

Your's In Jesus,

Craig Hounsom, always on the winning side.

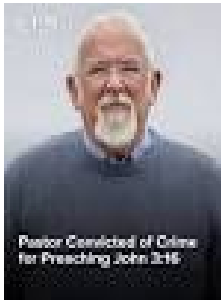
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"This was a specimen of the hardships that they were to expect...the Church is often like a ship at sea, tossed with tempest."

Matthew Henry (1662 - 1714), about Sea of Galilee, Mark 6V45 – 52.

A DARK DAY FOR CHRISTIAN FREEDOM.



Pastor Clive Johnston (78 years) Convicted For Preaching Near Hospital.

"Whom resist steadfast in the Faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished (experienced) in your brethren that are in the world", 1 Peter 5V8 - 9 on the devil's fury.

Northern Ireland - Dark Day And Night: Lest South Africans think that we are the only land which faces potential persecution (of preachers who do not register if the C.R.L. Commission has its way), our brethren elsewhere are experiencing other restrictions, aptly called a "Buffer zone", a neutral area. The nation, part of the U.K., certainly belies the idiom of "British fair play", which is fast disappearing. What was the "crime" of retired Pastor Johnston in a "Protestant" land?

"Pastor Convicted For Preaching John 3V16 in public: 'Dark Day For Christian Freedom'" Christian Post.

The petty conviction relates to, "two charges under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act, after he held an open-air service on the fringes of the buffer zone outside Causeway Hospital in Coleraine in July 2024." Christian Post. Buffer zone needed against the Gospel?

Pastor Johnston, a gracious and gentle spirit, and former President of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, made no mention of abortion, nor caused disturbance. Such intimidation of the state reminds one of the "immortal dreamer", U.K.'s Independent/Baptist, jailed John Bunyan of Pilgrim's Progress, in particular, and non-Conformity in general. James 1V27 encapsulates the Johnston's purity of religion and steadfastness in proclamation. The ascended Christ's faithful old disciple, Clive Johnston's treatment, is like the martyr (witness) Antipas, recorded in Holy Writ to strengthen others who speak words of eternal life at a cost, Revelation 2V13:

"For GOD so loved the world that He gave His only BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". John 3V16, is a confession of faith, not of guilt!

The Editor. P.A.S.A. council member, Ivan James, brought this "case" to my attention.

"...a judge is condemned when he condemns the guiltless ".

Concerning Chief Justice George Jeffrey's notorious handling of Puritan preacher, Richard Baxter. Quote by Prof. G.N.M. Collins.

ORTHODOXY'S HOT AND COLD TRAPS!

"By their fruits you shall know them" Matthew 7V16. "The peaceable fruit..." Hebrews 12V11.

Christianity Graces Its Disciples: Compare the Sermon On The Mount's Beatitudes' "Blessed are the poor in spirit...", grace of our Lord, to the hate, invective, and violence of certain religions and ideologies; Christ's words are as apples of gold in pictures & settings of silver. Indeed, never man spoke like this Man, such words as "cold water is to a weary soul", are not of this world, but are from a "far country", viz. our Heavenly Father's love in the Gospel, Proverbs 25V11 & V25.

"Love is the only final distinction between the sons of God and the sons of the devil". St. Augustine on 1 John, Wayward Genius by D. Bentley-Taylor, on the mark of true believers.

In order to know this love, we go to the Word of God, the Holy Bible, and drink of the river of living water that flows from it, which the formal study of Theology may not convey in its pristine beauty. Love and hate are opposites, but what about true love which warms the heart, and a cold "love" which is only academic, imparted on a blackboard or screen? A friend based in London mentioned to me that certain of our mainstream churches need some Lutheran Moravian peity. Following his observation, a widow of a former South African diplomat in Europe, remarked similarly, having attended martyr John Huss' Bethlehem Chapel in Prague.



I have been concerned with the preoccupation of ministerial training with learning in itself, and that from first-hand experience in my own life. Unsanctified knowledge "puffs up", and can be a substitute for the fear and love of God. In the Book of Revelation, the first church mentioned of the seven, Ephesus, had a show of Orthodoxy in personal suffering and its hating of the heresy of the Nicolaitans, thought to be Christianity compromised with paganism's immorality and customs; but the church had left its first love. Revelation 2V1 - 7. The following touches on this:

"What did our sainted Luther seek more ardently that to induce the people to a diligent reading of the Scriptures? He even had some misgivings about allowing his books to be published, lest the people be made more slothful in the reading of the Scriptures". Spener, who quotes Luther:

'I should gladly have seen all my books forgotten and destroyed, if only for the reason that I am afraid of the example I may give. For I see what benefit it has brought to the Church that men have begun to collect many books and great libraries outside and alongside of the Holy Scriptures, and especially have begun to scramble together without any distinction, all sorts of 'fathers', 'councils', and 'doctors'. Not only has good time been wasted and the study of the Scriptures neglected, but the pure understanding of God's Word is lost...It was our intention and our hope when we began to put the Bible into German that there would be less writing and more studying and reading of the Scriptures. For all other writings should point to the Scriptures...Neither fathers nor councils nor we ourselves will do so well, even when our very best is done, as the Holy Scriptures have done - that is to say, as God Himself has done...I only ask in all kindness that the man who at this time wishes to have my books will by no means let them be a hindrance to His own study of the Scriptures, etc.'" **Luther in PIA DESIDERIA = "Heartfelt Desire for a God-pleasing Reform." by Philip Jacob Spener, German Peitist.**

Editor: Spener's influence on others, including August Francke and Count Nicholas van Zinzendorf, shaped the Peitistic Lutherans and Moravians. He was on track to return to the simple worship of the early Church, yet naive in avoiding controversy; while servants of the ministry are urged to contend for the Faith once delivered to the saints, fight the good fight of Faith, and to take heed to themselves, and doctrine. Refer the following article on Al Martin.

A MAN WHO TREMBLED FOR THE ARK OF GOD!



Albert "Al" N. Martin (11th April 1934 - 7th April 2026).

"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you." 1 Timothy 4V16. A watchword text of Pastor Al Martin.

Mighty in the Scriptures: The Lord brings those alongside us who like Aquila and Priscilla's influence on Apollos, lead one into a more fuller understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts 18V26. In Al Martin's ministry, it was primarily Ernest Reisinger, U.S.A., and then Scots, formerly of Princeton and Westminster Theological Seminaries, veteran Prof. John Murray and Banner of Truth's, Iain Murray, who rounded off the American's acceptance of, and love for, the Doctrines of Grace. At the age of 34 years he was invited to speak at the "Banner's" Leicester Conference, U.K. which some South African pastors attended, including the N.G.K. Cape Study Group's Ds. Danie du Plessis, when the respected Prof. Murray gave up his three night slots:

"If Al Martin is to be there I really thinks he should be asked to take the three evening services you propose for me. He is one of the ablest and moving preachers I have ever heard. In recent years I have not heard his equal. My memory of preachers goes back sixty years. So, when I say he is one of the ablest, this is an assessment that includes very memorable preachers of the past and present." John Murray of Albert Martin.

Meanwhile back in South Africa some years later, sound ministry cassette tapes such as Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, A.N. Martin, and John MacArthur, made their way around Bible Colleges and Seminaries. It was rare to hear such solid Biblical sermons from abroad, boldly proclaiming the Evangel with anointing; this led some students to study hard, while guarding both the Truth and their hearts, Proverbs 4V23. A safe exercise; it is a tonic to the soul to offset the lag between profession and practice, and a tried and tested way of bringing one down to earth. After B.I. (S.A.), Kalk Bay, studies, 1980, we spent a year in Pretoria, and I heard Al Martin preach when the Reformed Baptist visited the N.G.K. Brooklyn meeting for pastors, Though the American had flu, one local Dominee (minister), said to me that he had never heard such powerful preaching. I responded that he was not at his best. We salute Al Martin's ministry to marry truth with life. Editor.

Suggested Reading: Pastor Albert N. Martin (11 April 1934 - 7 April 2026). **Banner of Truth Tribute.**

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

Thomas Boston (1676 - 1732), of Ettrick, Scotland. Quoted by Andrew Thomson.

WHY DID GOD PERMIT SIN?

Life Of Brownlow North (1810 - 1875)..

Remarkable Cases Of Impression And Conversion: At the close of one of His services in Edinburgh, a young man asked to speak with him, and was admitted to the sideroom, where he was meeting with anxious inquirers. Addressing Mr. North, he said: "I have heard your sermon, sir, and I have heard you preach often, now; and I neither care for you or your preaching, unless you can tell me, why did God permit sin in the world?"



The Divine Enigma: "Then I'll tell you," the preacher at once replied; "God permitted sin, because He chose to do so." The man was taken aback by the ready retort, which threw no light on the subject of his question, and yet expressed all the conclusion which the deepest thinkers on that mysterious subject have been able to arrive at, referring it as an unsolved enigma to the Divine good pleasure, which permitted it for reasons altogether wise, but not revealed to us, and to a large extent inscrutable.

The Inscrutable Dealings of God: "Because He chose it," he repeated, as the objector stood speechless, and added, "If you continue to question and cavil (trivial objection) at God's dealings, and vainly puffed up by your carnal mind strive to be wise above what is written, I will tell you something more that God will choose to do. He will some day choose to put you into hell. It is vain, sir, for man to strive with his Maker; you cannot resist Him; and neither your opinion of His dealings, nor your blasphemous expression of them, will in the least lessen the pain of your everlasting damnation, which will most certainly be your portion if you go on in your present spirit. There were such questioners as you in Paul's time, and what the Apostle said to them, I say to you, 'Nay, but, O man, who art thou that replies against God.'"

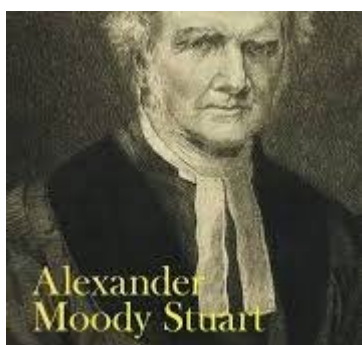
The young man interrupted him, and asked, "Is there such a text, sir, as that in the Bible?"

Go home and Read: "Yes, there is in the ninth chapter of Romans (verse 20), and I recommend you to go home and read that chapter, and after you have read it, and learned from His own Word that God claims for Himself the right to do whatever He chooses, and does not permit the thing formed to say to Him that formed it, Why hast Thou made me thus? - to remember that, besides permitting sin, there is another thing that God chose to do - God chose to send Jesus".

He then in a few words pointed out to him the way of salvation both from sin and wrath which God hath prepared of His own free and and sovereign will, and urged him to embrace it.

A Visitor at Rev. Alexander Moody-Stuart's Manse: The following Friday, when sitting in my father's drawing (a place to relax) room, the servant announced that a young man wanted to speak to him. On being shown upstairs, he asked Mr. North if he remembered him, but he could not recall who he was. "Do you remember the young man who on Sunday night asked you to tell him why God permitted sin?"

"Yes, perfectly".



A Debtor to Grace: "Well, sir, I am that young man, and you said that God permitted sin because He chose it, and you told me to go and read the ninth chapter of Romans, and you also told me that God chose Jesus to die for such sinners as I was, and I went home and did, sir, what you told me to." He said he had gone home, and after reading that chapter, which so many find a stumbling block, he had pleaded for pardon in the name of Jesus, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be his teacher, and was afterwards enabled to believe that he had been heard and forgiven, and now he said, "I am happy, oh, so

happy, sir and though the devil comes some times to tempt me with my old thoughts, and to ask me what reason I have to think God has forgiven me, I have always managed to get him away by telling him that I do not want to judge things any longer by my own reason but by God's Word, and that the only reason why I know I am forgiven is that, for Christ's sake, God chooses to pardon me."

Mr. North added that the changed expression of the young man's countenance was enough to account for his not knowing him again, as it was radiant with joy and peace. K. Moody-Stuart, Life of Brownlow North. Banner Of Truth. N.B. A side-room for anxious inquirers, is not to be confused with revivalist Charles Finney's "anxious bench". **Re Banner of Truth 9th July 2006.**

"God permits evil in order to transform it into greater good".

Readers Digest quote of "Deliver Us From Evil", article on the Blackburn family Haiti trials; a nation tainted by physician, "Papa Doc", viz. Voodoo President, Francois Duvalier, and his undercover death squad, Tonton Macoute.

RICH GOD - POOR MAN!

The Cheque Book Of Faith. (Spurgeon's expression).

"For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills."

Psalm 50V10.

The Richest Of All: Where is the money? Not with King Solomon in all his glory, nearly 1,000 B.C., as he has gone the way of all flesh; neither is it found in King Midas, 800 B.C. with his mythical ability to "turn everything he touched into pure gold". Wikipedia. In our day, South African born Elon Musk is reputed to be one of the richest persons alive. However, like all men, he is mortal, and when he dies he will not take 1 cent with him. No person then is enduring in legacy.



The Long Arm Of The Flesh: Nor will other human props, particularly false religious' alliances, stand the test of time, as they will come back to bite us! Christian charities, ministries, seniors' residences, and medical care N.G.O.s and P.B.O.s, are looking for aid from those with vested interests. Dangerous, as it begins the slow slide down, and signals the beginning of the end, due to spiritual adultery. For what has Christ to do with Belial, a believer with an unbeliever who denies Him? 2 Corinthians 6V15 & 16. Test the spirits, and resist that fallacy of courting open-ended "Faith", allied with contradictory religions, and thus grieve the blessed Holy Spirit!

"I fear the Greeks even when bearing gifts." Kressman Taylor in Until That Day, on Nazi subtleties. The phrase is from the epic poem of Virgil; it refers to the Trojan Horse stealth.

Therefore, in whatever calling the Lord places us in, follow His commandments. The starting point is to love and honour Him first. If any approach arises, particularly in funding, touch not the unclean thing. A gift may not overly be a bribe, but if it undermines the Kingdom of God, it will destroy one's heart. Ecclesiastes 7V7. No selling a soul for a "mess of pottage" (stew), as did Esau! Genesis 25V34. All from below is little, but

what is from above is unlimited. Psalm 78V41. Our Heavenly Father knows what we have need of, and owns the cattle on the "Valley Of A Thousand Hills", KZN, and elsewhere, and will glorify His Name on earth. Wait for Him alone.

"God asks little, but He gives much." St. Chrysostom "Golden Mouth" (died A.D. 407.) Editor.

"A Look Forward - ...You have studied the history of the Christian Church. But you must do more. You must help make that history from now on, be your part ever so small. In the bitter warfare that lies ahead, and as the battle mounts, you must prove yourselves loyal and valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ. Help to make the future history of the Church even more glorious than its past". B.K. Kuiper The Church In History. Barend Klaas Kuiper (1877 - 1961), was a Dutch born Protestant Church Historian, and a brother of R.B. Kuiper. Eminent men in their adopted U.S.A.



A HEAP OF RUBBISH.

A Parable Told By A Gold Mine Employee.

Simone Nkomo was a Shangaan convert from Gazaland. Our mission, being specially evangelistic, rather than educational, had for its motto, "Saved to serve", as it was plainly understood every convert was expected to take part in the open-air services held every Lord's Day morning in the mine compounds. I visited different sections of the Reef (Rand/Ridge), every Sunday to encourage the little groups (of miners) who stood up amid the noise and banter of their fellows to testify as to what the Lord had done for them.

One Sunday morning at the Henry Nourse (now the Nourse Mines) Compound, whilst I was speaking to a fairly large audience of miners in the centre of the compound, I saw Simone picking up pieces of mealie cobs (corn), bones, rags, bits of coal, and other odds and ends, and depositing them in a pile at his place in our circle. This action of his aroused a lot of curiosity among the inhabitants of the rooms, and considerably increased the number of our auditors (attenders/onlookers).



When I finished my address, and asked if anyone had a testimony, Simone immediately stooped down, picked up his precious collection, and having deposited it in the middle of the circle, began:

"Friends, there was a youth from Gazaland (Gaza region mainly in Mozambique), when during three years of service in these mines, collected a splendid assortment of specimens just like these (pointing to the pile at his feet). When his term of service ended he went to a Jewish owned trading store, and purchased two fine large trunks. These he filled to the brim with his precious collection, locked the trunks, and hung the keys by a chain to the belt round his waist. Hiring a trolley, he conveyed them to the station, put them on the train and started off for home.



"Arriving at Delagoa Bay (Maputo Bay), he paid two women to carry the trunks upon their heads to the steamer. On arrival at Chai Chai (Xai-Xai), he disembarked, and again hired two women to carry the trunks to his home. Some of his fellow passengers by the steamer, having gone on ahead, called in at his home and announced to His parents: 'Your son is not far off and there are two women

carrying two huge trunks containing his belongings.' Excitement is soon at fever heat. His friends and relatives gather up, and sure enough, there in the distance he comes in sight, and there are actually two women carrying great trunks on their heads. Eventually, he arrives, the trunks are placed on the ground, the women are paid off, and the customary greetings are gone through.

"By and by the crucial moment arrives, everybody crowds round as he unbuckles his belt, takes off the key, turns the lock and throws back the lid of the trunk. Surprise, amazement and consternation on every face, as he lifts out carefully an old rag, a bone, a mealie cobs, a piece of coal, interjecting with each specimen, 'Don't you like this, and this, or that?' The crowd looks on dumbfounded until the bottom of the box is reached, then somebody laughingly says, 'He has just been playing a joke upon us, all the precious things are in the other trunk'.

"When, however, the lid of second trunk is thrown back, and another lot of promiscuous (odd items) rubbish come into view, his father's exasperation (frustration) gets beyond control, and jumping up with an imprecation (a curse), he hits his son with a mighty whack upon the head, and shouts out, 'Get out of this, you idiot! Is that all you have to show for three years' hard labour in the Mines? I disown you for ever. Never show your face in my kraal (hut) again!' And with two tremendous kicks he overturned the trunks and scatters the contents in all directions".

(Then came the application, for which I had been waiting and wondering)

."My dear friends, you have another Father, Who is in Heaven. He sent you into the world to work for Him. If you spend your life in accumulating earthly treasures, when you get up there into the presence of God, and your boxes are opened, God will say to you 'You idiot! Have you spent all those years in collecting this corruptible rubbish? Get out of this, and never dare to show your face.' And He will bundle you and your rubbish out into the outer darkness. You had better begin to find out what kind of things pass current (accepted) in Heaven, and lay up treasure where the moth and the rust cannot corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal".

A.W. Baker (born 1856 Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.) **Grace Triumphant.** Benefactor of the Protestant Association, schooled at Maritzburg College and Hilton College (first intake), trained as a carpenter, attorney, and became a missionary, an associate of the N.G.K. patriarch, Dr. Andrew Murray.

He was a multi-linguist, and led the way in caring for his fellow man, which brought him into contact with Z.A.R. President Paul Kruger, Mahatma Gandhi (India and South Africa), Sammy Marks, and Booker Washington (U.S.A.), and heard Charles Spurgeon preach, but returned to S.A. unconverted. His business acumen and largeness of heart bears fruit not only in this world, but for eternity, and is featured in various Protestant Reveille publications.

"All the simplicity in the world can do no good, unless you preach the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ so fully and clearly that everybody can understand it".

Bishop J.C. Ryle whom Charles Spurgeon rated the bravest man in the Church of England. A wise leader. Protestant Reveille is not a Theological Journal, but is meant for ordinary Christians to digest. Words not in common use have a synonym in parenthesis (brackets), English is a second language to many in S.A.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

"I love music. Its censure by fanatics does not please me, for (music) is a gift of God and not of (humans).

Martin Luther (1483 - 1546), How Luther Changed His Mind about Music praytellblog.



JOHN TUNGAY (29th March 1936 - 22nd March 2026) DRAKENSBERG BOYS CHOIR.

Musical Visionary: The recent passing on of John Tungay, who founded the Drakensberg Boys Choir together with Mrs. Wendy Clarke, seems like the end of an era. However, the music lives on at that ambitious Central Berg, Catkin Valley vision turned into reality, and in the Drakondale Girls Choir, with his gifted widow Paula Tungay at the helm.

The enigmatic Mr. Tungay was larger than life, who, together with Paula presented a formidable team in music, education, media, and salting society here in S.A. and in the U.K. As there have been various news reports and tributes following his death, I will just add my bit.

A Personal Insight: Church music has permeated life, and that is where as a child my path crossed with John Tungay, at St. John The Divine Anglican Church, Glenwood, Durban, recently damaged by fire, suspected arson involved. Under him as choirmaster, I became lead choirboy, with the late *Syd Kitchin (folk singer) and his brother Peter. We sang Christmas Carols outside hotels, including a memorable Christmas Eve at the Oyster Box Hotel, Umhlanga Rocks, when the owner, probably Mrs. Hill of the O'Connor family, invited us inside, and we, feasting like "urchins", were fed with Christmas "goodies"!

Fast forward over fifty years, to when I served at St. John's United, Pietermaritzburg; I was able to make contact with him, and my wife "Meisie" (Esme), and I had tea at his and Paula's Howick, KZN Midlands home. He did not remember me, so I took a Daily News photo of the Durban choirboys. In a way my singing, combined with acting as a schoolboy, may have played a part in my standing up in a church pulpit, after my teenage rebellion and conversion; later serving the Lord, announcing:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2V14 and Psalm 96V1.

Editor. * "Africa is not for sissies (fainthearted)"! Quote of Syd Kitchin and the Utensils.

CHRIST: PROTECTOR OF CHILDREN - HIS LAMBS.

TRUCKERS Against Trafficking

In 2024, the Department of Justice and the National Prosecuting Authority identified the Karoo region, particularly Beaufort West, as one of the major hubs of child trafficking and exploitation in South Africa. This is influenced not only by the busy transport corridor, with a high volume of trucks passing through the town daily, but also by the severe poverty and high unemployment affecting the area, which increase the vulnerability of children and families.

Under the leadership of the **Department of Justice** and the **National Prosecuting Authority**, the first local task team has been established. While led by these departments, numerous other government stakeholders are actively involved. As part of this initiative, we, as **Beyond Priceless** have been appointed as one of the specialized role players, actively engaging on the ground.

After conducting a large survey among truck drivers in Beaufort West, we began to see the complexity of life on the road. Traveling routes where exploitation and trafficking occur, truckers are uniquely positioned on the frontlines—sometimes as witnesses, and at times unknowingly contributing to a much larger issue. With this understanding, we felt a deep and urgent conviction: **we had to step in.**

The loneliness... The long hours... Time away from loved ones..... And the heartbreaking reality of children and young women along the highways.



What if truckers could be part of a major solution?

What if they could become a voice to help stop child trafficking and exploitation?

Today, we stand amazed at what God has done.

In September, we opened a **TRUCKERS HUB** — a safe, welcoming space where drivers can relax, recharge, and build meaningful connections.

More than that, it empowers them to become **whistleblowers in the fight against child trafficking.**

Open Monday to Friday evenings, the hub now even includes a nurse, who provides medical care, health and wellness, awareness and counselling for drivers.

Since opening, we have gained valuable information - becoming important data, impacted lives and seen truckers begin to find their voice.

This is just the beginning — there is so much more to come.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter...

Editor: Young Salome Geiger is a missionary from Germany.

"You may choose to look the other way,

but you can never say again that you did not know."

William Wilberforce (1759 - 1833), English slave abolitionist, reflecting Jesus' love of the oppressed slaves. In South Africa's Cape Colony the strongman, Scot Dr. John Philip and his wife Jane, helped end slavery, and also influenced the missionary explorer Dr. David Livingstone to fight human trafficking in Africa, as the "open-sore of the world." Matthew 18V6. Protestants aim to be true Christians, the salt and light of this world, by reflecting Christ's compassion.

BAPTISM IN THE CONGO 1920 - THE BURDEN AND HEAT OF THE DAY.

Mary Mozley's pure love for the people of Africa. Aba, 8th August 1920.

"Yesterday, Sunday, was a great day. The first Logo (tribe in North-East Congo) were baptised here, the first fruits of the Logo unto Christ! How it stirs our hearts and makes all worth while, that we should have a share in bringing the Gospel to these. Mr. Hurlburt (Charles A.I.M. leader and friend of President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt) said that their testimonies at the baptismal pool were humble and good, as one by one they spoke to the people, giving them the reason why they were baptized. I think we must have written much of Kangi and Wanji, for they have been with us so long; I expect you have helped to pray for them. Please still keep doing so, that they may stand true and serve the Master Whom they love and Whom they seek to follow,



"When they were being questioned finally for baptism, all the candidates were together, and other local Christians and as many missionaries as could come and asked questions of them. Someone asked Wanji what it was to be baptized. He said something like this, 'It is like a soldier putting his uniform on. A person may be a soldier, but it is when he puts on his uniform that he is recognized as such'. I think that is as good a definition as I have ever heard, don't you?" Mary Mozley (1887 - 1923), who was ill at that time with Blackwater Fever. The Obedience Of Faith, by Catherine S. Miller, her sister. Many in Africa range themselves under the Banner of Christ's love as Christian "soldiers", Evangelical by conviction and deed, e.g. Gafcon. Song of Solomon 2V4.

"Christianity is not a scheme for self-righteousness; it is for making holiness the effects, not the cause of being justified and reconciled". E.J. Poole-Connor from William Wilberforce's A Practical View Of Christianity. Justification by faith alone, humbles the proud, and exalts God.

Rev. Poole-Connor (1872 - 1962), the saintly U.K. Protestant church leader of the 20th Century, behind the F.I.E.C. and associate of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones and Rev. Murdo Gordon of the Isle of Skye and Kalk B.I.(S.A.), saw the danger of merging Justification and Sanctification, as Roman Catholicism does in practice, a common feature of heresy. 1 Corinthians 1V30 and 6V11.

"Cornelius was the first-born of the Gentiles to Christ...He was a great man and a good man - two characters that seldom meet." Matthew Henry Commentary on Acts 10. Henry, Puritan son of Philip Henry, passed on prior to completing his great Bible Commentary; and a team made up of godly men took over his labour of love from the Book of Acts to Revelation.

"The Lord gave the Word: great was the company that published it." Psalm 68V11

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