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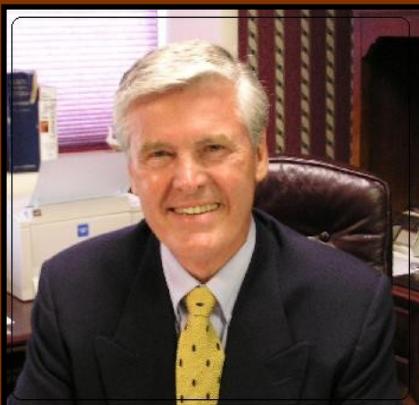
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Courage for the Journey

A view from the

SUMMIT

Where Vision Forms



by

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A summit is the soaring peak of a mountain from which a panoramic view stretches to the distant horizon. We are inspired toward greater vision when we see God's handiwork.

Great Commission Summits

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It was on Mount Sinai that Moses received the Ten Commandments. Elijah defeated 450 false prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Jesus was transformed on Mount Tabor, then later gave the Great Commission atop an unnamed mountain.

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This is the lofty value God is bringing to the **Great Commission Summits**.

Recently, we were in four countries for just this purpose: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Kenya.

Danisa, Amkela and I prayed that God would show us if the summits are moving us toward our vision of equipping one-million Christians worldwide to bring 100 million to salvation by the pure and simple Gospel.

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And show us, He did! In fact, He revealed so much that I can only give you a few brief stories of what has grown out of these efforts. Rev. William MacDonald challenged our faith, saying he believes God may bring one billion to salvation through this movement.

To you, our friends, who are praying and supporting these summits, rejoice, knowing you are partners in the most important work on earth—advancing the pure and simple Gospel worldwide.



LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

The **first summit** was held in Livingstone, a large city perched across the Zambezi River from Zimbabwe. The mist from Victoria Falls rises day and night between the two nations. The city's name is in honor of the famed missionary explorer, David Livingstone.

One year ago, Rev. William Dennis MacDonald was inspired to bring a summit to Livingstone, which began with thirty-five leaders, then overnight grew to near seventy. Among the attendees was a tall and lean young man in his late twenties. One day, he approached Danisa and said, "My name is Boyd Mushabati. I have written a song about the summit. Could I sing it before one of the sessions?"



Boyd Mushabati singing the song he wrote at the summit in Zambia

Permission was granted. Boyd sang his song as though lost in wonder. Everything was right about it, the words, the melody and the presentation. It rose from the depth of his being with clarity and purity. It was not a performance, but a genuine outpouring of his soul. He seemed to be expressing something new, a discovery that had altered his life.

Amazed, I wanted to get to know this man. Communication over a process of time has revealed the following facts, which I will give you in the form of questions and answers. (Zambian story cont'd. on p. 3)



Rev. William Dennis MacDonald

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RRS: How did you learn about the summit?

BOYD: On Monday, I was walking past the church and saw people gathering. I asked someone what was happening. He said it was a leadership summit. So I asked if an average member could attend. "Yes," he answered, "The summit is free, but there is a ten dollar fee for food." So, on Tuesday I paid my ten dollars and began attending.

RRS: What do you do for a living?

BOYD: I sell clothes in the villages, then sing, draw a group and preach to them.

RRS: What made you appreciate the summit so much?

BOYD: I was born again. I have a great love for God, and I did not know that I had been preaching false doctrines. I now see the truth of the pure and simple Gospel. I plan to return to the villages and apologize to the people and preach the truth.

RRS: What kind of false things did you teach?

BOYD: To help boost sales, the false apostles and prophets would use me to convince audiences that the oil they were selling had supernatural power. May God forgive me. Ron, will you be my mentor and help me be a useful servant in the hands of God?

RRS: Absolutely, yes!

And so, that relationship has developed. Following the summit, Boyd did return to the villages, apologizing to the people and preaching the Gospel in its purity. Respect for him has skyrocketed and he is receiving many invitations to preach in churches. The people are saying they never heard anything like the pure and simple Gospel before, and are pleading with him to return.

Boyd demonstrates wisdom by insisting that he is quite new in the faith and wants to study much more before getting too involved in ministry. He is a fast learner and could become one of Zambia's most effective evangelists. He continues to record songs about the truths he learned at the summit. Danisa, Amkela and I agree that Boyd is one of God's affirmations that the vision God placed in our hearts is spreading to other hearts as well, which is the only way it can be fulfilled.



Boyd's desire is to communicate the pure and simple gospel.



The gathering of leaders that attended the Zambian Great Commission Summit.

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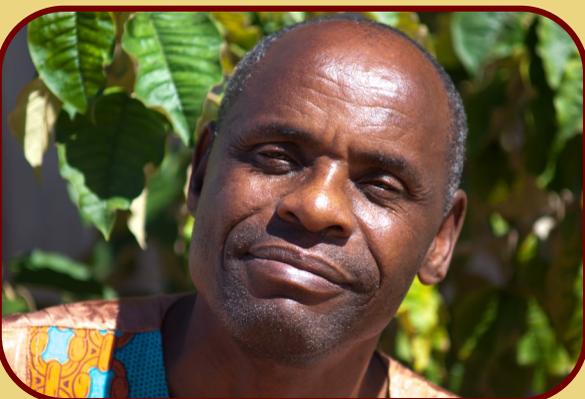
The **second summit** found us in the capital of Zimbabwe, Harare, with a population close to four million, all of whom seem to negotiate every intersection at the same time—honking, squeezing, and inching their way through the snarl without signal lights. It is a wonder that there is virtually no road rage, although there is hardly a vehicle without wrinkles and multi-colored stripes of paint from other cars.



HARARE, ZIMBABWE

The summit was initiated by Rev. Daylight Rogers Korombi, a Zimbabwe **FaithWalk** board member. He joined forces with Rev. Stewart Dhlwayo, who did most of the set-up work. Considering the summit of such importance, he wrote:

"I am writing to express my gratitude on the past FaithWalk Summit in Zimbabwe. It was so practical that my life was changed a lot. It not only impacted me but also the other



Rev. Daylight Rogers Korombi

pastors who attended the summit. Still wanting more, they are always asking me if you are coming back next year.

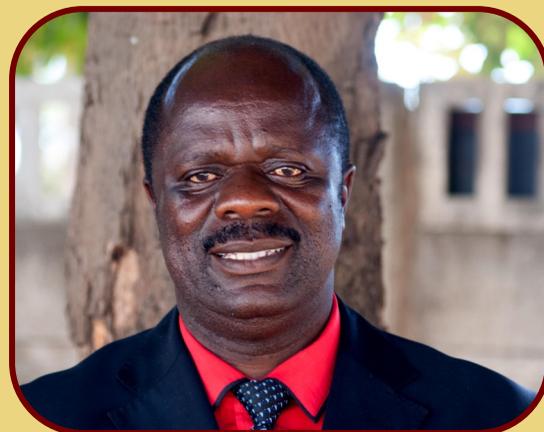
"The summit information was so important that I think we had too few hours. We need more time to allow you and your team to download what God has deposited in your hearts.

"I think and propose that we stay at a retreat center where we can spend more time without going back home each afternoon, as we did the last time. I pray and request, please do not forget us next year. We need you here in Harare, Zimbabwe. I am not speaking on my own but also as the chairperson of this region. I have pastors calling me to ask whether this program is coming back and, by faith, my answer is 'Yes, he is coming.'"

Rev. Dhlwayo ministers under the supervision of Rev. Daylight Rogers Korombi. Months after the summit he shared these thoughts:

"The summit was an eye opener, both to those who attended and to those with whom they have shared what they learned. What you taught was simple to understand and extremely practical for application. The facts show that everyone who attended has consistently referred to the truths that were taught by you and Danisa as they share with other ministers who did not attend.

"So the Great Commission Summit has brought permanent alteration in many ways and continues to spread!"



Rev. Stewart Dhlwayo

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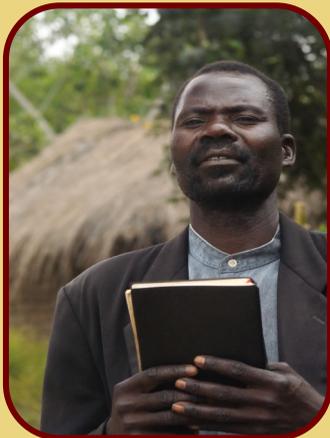


LILONGWE, MALAWI

Danisa, Amkela and I landed in Malawi for our **third summit** to be greeted by Rev. Lovemore Kachingwe; the pastor who first invited us to Malawi. He also labored hard to prepare for it.

Two years ago, Rev. Lovemore invited us to our first summit in Malawi. It was there that we met a man, Wisiko Majomeka, who awakened at 3:30 AM for five straight days to ride his rickety bike three and one-half hours to the summit. Then he reversed his long trek each afternoon.

I remember asking him, “Wisiko, what makes this summit so important that you would make such an effort to attend?”



“I have been to many conferences,” he replied, “but this one is different from all the rest. You are teaching the pure and simple Gospel, and it is moving me deeply.”

Now once again, two years later, Wisiko was standing by his bike waiting for the first session to start. “Wisiko,” I asked, “How far are you riding **this** year?”

“Only two hours each way,” he replied. Then he looked intently into my eyes and added in a firm voice, “I have been doing what you told me to do.”

“Tell me about it,” I said.

“I have brought dozens to salvation,” he continued. “Three are tribal chiefs and three are Muslims. Plus, I have started three churches that average sixty people each.”

“You did all that in two years?” I asked.

“Yes, I want you to come and see my work.”

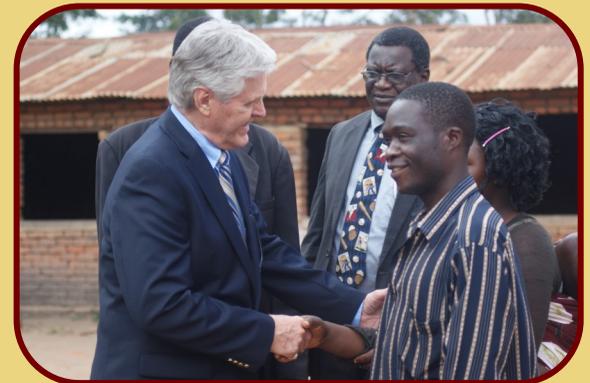
“I will be there this coming Sunday.”

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“Go ye into all the world . . .”



Ron addressing press conference with Rev. Lovemore (r) and Bishop Mposa (l)



Ron is meeting a young tribal chief whom Wisiko brought to salvation. Danisa (center) prepares to greet him as well.



Wisiko's wife precariously walks over the well on 3" poles to drop her water bucket into a ten foot deep well.



Children explaining their game to Danisa.

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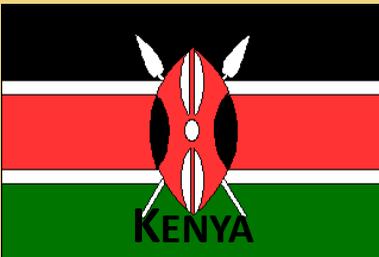


Wisiko proudly displays his supportive wife and family.

house was a cooking pit and four one-foot high wooden stools, all sitting on a dirt floor. His bedroom consisted of a bamboo mat, a mosquito net, and clothes hanging from the rafters above the bed. At the foot of the bed was a chicken nesting and laying eggs.

What spoke most deeply to my heart was Wisiko's (and his family's) commitment to give little thought to the comforts of this world in his effort to bring people to Jesus Christ.

Deep in my heart I resolved anew that as long as there are people like Wisiko desiring to obey the Great Commission, I must do all in my power to encourage and equip them.



ELDORET (SOY), KENYA Summit #4



Gideon Mudeny, the man who followed his father's example, travels to distant villages to preach the gospel. A motorbike has been provided for him by a concerned family and enables him to triple his outreach.

On July 11, 2013, Gideon sat in his small home in Eldoret, Kenya, staring into the gray glow of his computer, searching through hundreds of ministries, hoping to find one that could prepare him to reach thousands in Kenya with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Suddenly, when he came upon SEA's website, he felt prompted to stop scrolling. As he read about our commitment to evangelism, he felt that his search was over.

Our first summit with Gideon in Kenya was in 2015. We were now engaged in our second, and the attendance numbers blossomed larger than any summit to date.

It was at this summit that I came to understand the role of Gideon's close associate, Emmanuel Robin. Gideon goes to distant villages to preach the Gospel. Some of the villages harbor danger that does not permit him to ride his motorbike; thugs would kill him, then steal his bike.

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Emmanuel Robin teaches Discovering the Real You to a class.

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At the close of Gideon's efforts, Emmanuel Robin begins traveling to the villages to teach **Discovering the Real You**, a biblical course provided by our ministry. To do so, he quit his job as an educator to dedicate his entire life to Great Commission work.

One day at lunch, I asked Emmanuel how many people he has taken through the course since our first summit in Kenya two years earlier. He thought carefully, then replied, "Surely not less than 1,000 people."

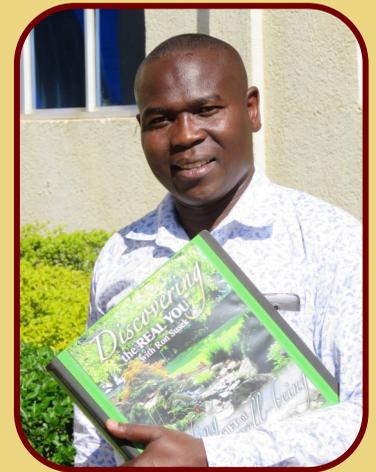
"How are you sustained?" I asked. "

"My family and I live by faith. We have passed through very difficult times since I left my career, but we persist believing this is more important than anything else in the world."

God has called and is sending the best of talent to the most remote corners of Africa. Both Gideon and Emmanuel possess great intellect and rich personalities. They are smart, articulate and effective communicators. They are reaching many people who virtually have no education.

To me, this is evidence of how deeply God loves people of low estate, people that many in the world have no time or interest in serving.

"and preach the gospel . . ."



Emmanuel Robin on his way to teach a DTRY class.



Emmanuel Robin has sacrificed his career to disciple converts.



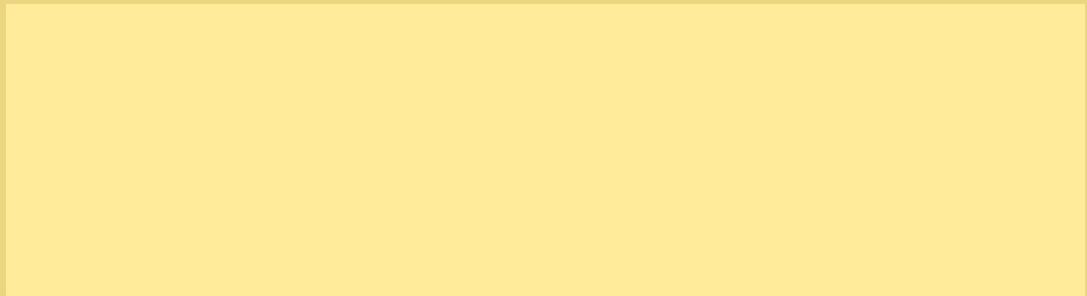
An outdoor gathering for a Discovering the Real You class



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A CLOSING THOUGHT . . .

As my flight carried me westward toward home, I was physically exhausted but exceedingly energized in spirit. Reflecting upon the efforts of the people I met, many of whom I lack the space to write about, I realized that this is a movement coming from the heart of God and that the team and I must fulfill our role in encouraging and equipping these foot soldiers of the cross.

I know you will join me in praying for them. Your support is the very lifeline that continues to enable us to serve this growing circle of committed evangelists.

Your Friend, Ron



**Pray for the upcoming
Youth Summit in Zimbabwe
December 11-15, 2017**

“Game time’s over . . . It’s time for action!”

Visit our new website at www.seaministries.org for up-to-date information on our schedule, books, and publications, Diane’s music; and learn how to receive Ron’s weekly e-mail devotional *FaithWalk: Courage for the Journey*.

We are here to serve you and we would love to hear from you.

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