

You shall therefore **impress** these words of Mine on your heart and on your soul..." – Deut. 11:18



IMPRESSIONS

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"Alma's life was redolent with the aroma of Christ. Perfume never raises its voice, but unassumingly spreads its fragrance on those around. It's what happens when you get down and use your own glory as a towel in anointing the Master's feet."

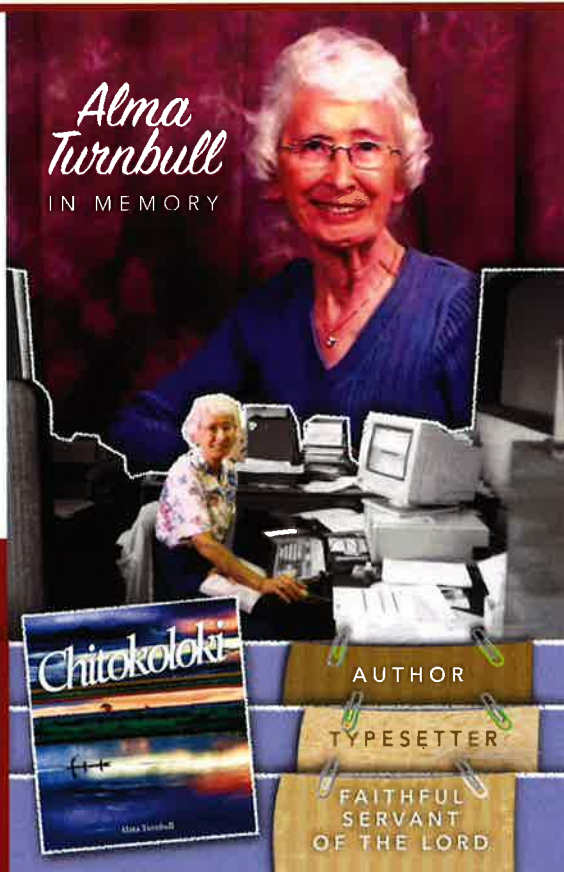
— *Jabe Nicholson*

SPECIAL EDITION

Remembering — Alma —

In her biography of Pearl Winterburn's life (DR Congo), Alma wrote these words in the Preface: "How revealing and instructive it is to dig deeply into the events of a life and to thus discover distinctive character threads lacing their way through the diverse adventures of that life."

In a similar – albeit abbreviated – exercise, we have devoted this current issue of **Impressions** to help us appreciate anew just a few of the "distinctive character threads" that were woven throughout the tapestry of Alma's humble, yet, remarkable life for God.



After being commended by Grace Bible Chapel in Parkhill, Ontario, Alma joined the EPI team comprised of Dr and Mrs. Harlow, and Bill and Della Letkeman in August 1981 – all were long-term workers. Joan McCreedy and Agnes MacDonald also joined the team in 1981 but only stayed for a couple of years.

Alma brought with her a state-of-the-art typesetter that greatly improved the system EPI was using at the time. To typesetting, Alma added her skills of bookkeeping/accounting, year-end reporting, and editing a bi-monthly publication for EPI. These responsibilities she carried out faithfully and beautifully, often adding "whatever needs to be done" to her day, but never at the expense of loving and serving people.

As computer technology advanced, Alma courageously met the challenge again and again of staying current in order to further the work of providing gospel literature and Bible commentaries to "hungry people" around the world.

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In her spare time, Alma wrote three books. The first, entitled, **Send Me to a Hard Place**, told the life story of her dear friend Agnes MacDonald, a missionary to Zambia and then to Pakistan. Her second book, **In the Heart of a Pearl**, is the biography of another friend, Pearl Winterburn, missionary to NE Congo. The third book, **Chitokoloki**, required her to travel to Chitokoloki Mission, Zambia, to research the 100 years of medical and evangelistic work, and the people who served there.

Alma was a loyal and conscientious team worker. Her part seldom attracted widespread attention, but she kept the foundations of EPI strong and the ministry going steadily and faithfully forward. To all who visited EPI, Alma was a gentle, gracious, welcoming voice and face. Each of us who worked with her considers ourselves blessed to have known her and to have served alongside her.

At the memorial for Dr Harlow, Alma was heard to comment that the Lord's prayer for Dr Harlow had been answered – for Jesus prayed, "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, that they may see my glory..." John 17:24. Alma too has joined the company of worshippers who enjoy the presence of their beloved Lord and Saviour, and see His glory!

— *Marilyn MacMullen*

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PRAISE

THE LORD!

—Compiled by
Gail Beach

"Thank you so much. These [books] are very much appreciated and will be of tremendous help for the work at the hospital. In His precious name."

— Julie-Rachel

"From your friends, we send our prayers for God's blessings for every project EPI is undertaking this year. We pray that God's Word would be read and studied and that hearts will be touched and given to Him. We pray that practical needs will be met to show His mighty and saving love. We pray especially for the distribution of His Word, for packages and containers sent to all the corners of the world. We pray for safe arrival of these books and messages and that they would be distributed and read so that the Good News of the Gospel will reach more people! May the LORD bless every small act that contributes the building of His kingdom."

— Mt Albert Bible Fellowship

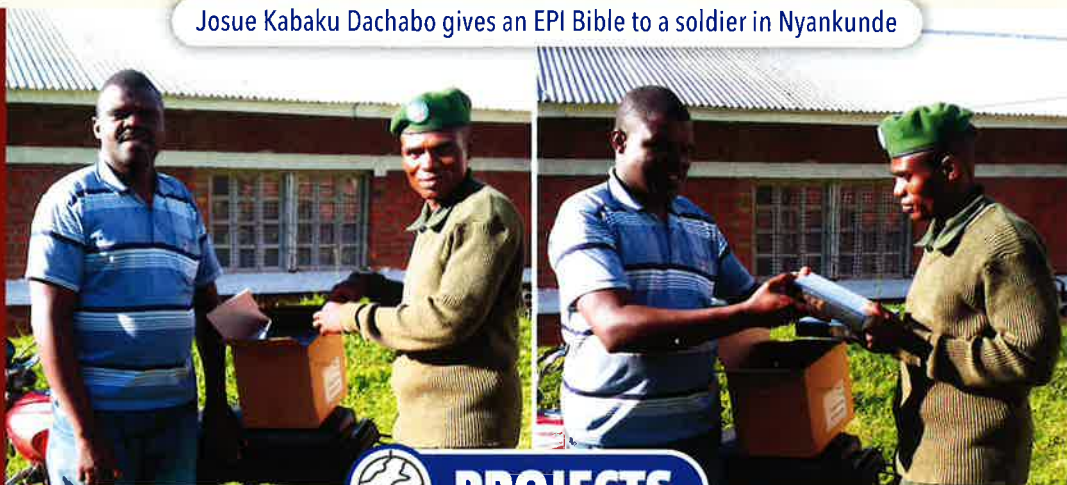
"[A gift] for the need as you see them. For the work of the LORD. You do His so important. God bless you all."

— C.E.S.

"Thank you so much - I look forward to receiving [the books sent], and I know they will also appreciate receiving them in Bukavu (Congo)!"

— Anon

Josue Kabaku Dachabo gives an EPI Bible to a soldier in Nyankunde



PROJECTS

1. CONGO SWAHILI TRANSLATION PROJECTS. The Lord's wisdom and help are urgently needed as we seek to manage and encourage two teams of translators working in the Congo. **Team # 1** is completing the third and final volume of the Believers Bible Commentary: New Testament. **Team # 2** is working on the translation the children's Bibletime Curriculum.

2. INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY BOOKS. Pray for this project team at EPI as they seek to develop and define the template that will be used to produce inductive Bible studies for every book in the Bible, designed to use the only the Word of God, as illuminated by the Holy Spirit, as a study resource.



THE WORK CARRIES ON

I was thankful for the sale price we received on the QuarkXpress Software. This year, I bought one copy less as our sister Alma went home to glory. Pray for Eunice Free who has stepped up to the plate to typeset several English EPI titles. Eunice will be travelling to Port Colborne in February to have the new QuarkXpress installed and to receive some training.

The tower of boxes in the warehouse get ever higher

as I box for the pallet projects to Kenya, Zimbabwe and Nigeria. Thank you for your prayers for strength to prepare each box.

— Noel Bondt

TECH CORNER

Alma has served the Lord faithfully at EPI for many years. Alma's part in the production of books was doing the typesetting/formatting of most of the

Bible Study Series. She typeset many other titles previously as well.

Alma would often travel down to EPI to get Noel to look at her computer or to bring finished work that needed some final touches or to ask a Quark question. She was always so apologetic in a cheery way. Her warm smile was always followed by kind actions.

May the seeds Alma has planted continue to produce fruit long after she's gone.

— Harold MacDougall



PRAYER

PRaise:

1. Praise the Lord for the sweet tribute given to our Alma Turnbull at the Memorial Service on Feb 1st. The Lord was honored by her servant heart and work for her Savior.

2. Praise the Lord for the new colour printer He has provide, "adding no invoice with it"!

PRAYER:

May this be our prayer at EPI: "I do not pray for a lighter load, but for a stronger back" Phillips Brooks.

*—Compiled by
Barb MacDougall*



PRACTICAL

OUR LATEST ADDITION



Praise the Lord with us for the latest addition to the EPI family: Say "Hello" to our new **Canon ImagePress 750 color printer**. This printer will greatly increase our capacity to produce covers for EPI books and will do so with a marked increase in print quality. What do we mean by a "marked increase in quality"? See for yourself! This issue of Impressions you hold in your hand was produced on that new printer!

WISE WORDS

— Dr. R. E. Harlow —
CO-FOUNDER OF EPI



"Lay aside every sin and weight..."

"Mount up with wings as eagles..."

(Heb 12:1;
Isa 40:31)

Some things hold us **down** or hold us **back**. All such should be jettisoned. By laying aside every weight, we could mount up with wings as an eagle. The eagle can **fly high and swiftly, travel far, and see a great way off**. It **cares** for its young and seems to have **perpetual youth**. Today, let us lay aside and mount up.

"An eagle has a mountain top experience every day."

She set her own schedule, accomplished her work on time and when it came to meetings, reports, deadlines, Alma was punctual and her work was done correctly.



"WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE..."

A HIDDEN TREASURE

— BY DON MACMULLEN —

My first meeting with Alma was very pleasant. She was welcoming, friendly and always smiling, with her shy welcoming smile and she never changed!

Every time I saw Alma she was happy, encouraging and busy, doing "whatever needed to be done." Harold and Barb MacDougall scoured the records of EPI and wrote this list of work Alma undertook over the years. Here's a snapshot:

1. Accounting
2. Reports for annual meetings
3. Primary typesetter for hundreds of books
4. Digital printing and mylar plates
5. Layout and formatting for digital printing
6. Using computer graphics to create book covers
7. Editing the EPI newsletter
8. Training other people on typesetting and manuscript preparation
9. She travelled to Africa and authored 3 missionary books.
10. Alma provided hospitality to the EPI team and...
11. Preparing her famous "Skor Trifle" for EPI gatherings

But her missions work reached beyond EPI:

- Alma was involved in various good works at Markham Bible Chapel
- Alma spoke at ladies' conferences and retreats
- She travelled on missions' trips to Mexico and Ecuador
- And she did manuscript research in Zambia

Alma was busy in service for her the Lord. As with most literature ministries, **Alma's work was done in the back room, mostly hidden from view but her work touched literally millions of lives.**

We at EPI thank God for the years we were able to serve alongside Alma Turnbull.

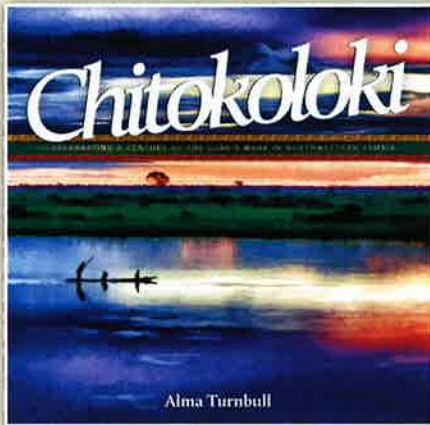
Do we know where Alma is now? We sure do! The Son of God has now taken her into the very presence of the glory of God the Father and with 'exceeding joy' said: "Father, let Me present to you Alma Turnbull – blameless, above reproach, faultless and Holy!"

Do we know what Alma is now doing? We sure do! "Whatever needs to be done!"

"And His servants shall serve Him" (Revelation 22:3).

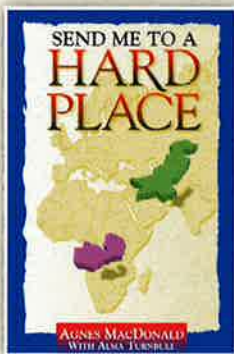
FROM ALMA'S PEN...

*"My heart is overflowing with a good theme:
I recite my composition concerning the King;
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer." - Psalm 45:1*



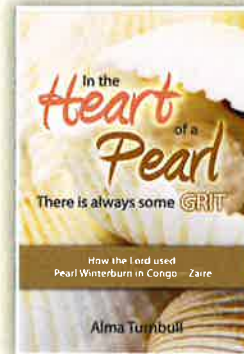
AVAILABLE FROM GFP: It started a century ago as a deep desire to bring the Christian gospel to a people who had never heard about Jesus. It has turned into a renowned mission station that provides for the practical and spiritual needs of thousands in Northwestern Zambia and the surrounding area. Chitokoloki Mission Station.

In addition to documenting the exciting ways God has established and grown the ministry at Chitokoloki, missionary author Alma Turnbull weaves inspiring stories of dedicated workers with touching testimonies of lives that have been eternally impacted. Fully illustrated pages create an engaging experience for the reader who is both informed and confronted with the challenge of frontline missions and the reality of God's faithfulness.



SEND ME TO A HARD PLACE: This tells the story of Agnes MacDonald who was a missionary Zambia until she had to return to Canada due to health reasons. But it was the desire of her heart to bring the gospel to a hard place. So the Lord sent her to Pakistan and learned the truly arduous Urdu Language. Then north to the Balti tribe in the Himalayan mountains! Another speech, another culture, in an extreme climate! But many were saved!

IN THE HEART OF A PEARL: In this biography, Alma tells the story of intrepid missionary, Pearl Winterburn. Pearl first arrived in Africa in 1953 after spending time in Belgium for language study and medical certification. The next 49 years were fruitful, with many coming to know the Lord as their Saviour. This recounting will inspire you to "make full proof of your ministry."



Chitokoloki: Available from GFP; **the other books** available from EPI

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ON ALMA'S HEART

Chitokoloki Mission Station, Zambia held an exceptional place in the heart of Alma Turnbull. Since 1914, numerous missionaries from different countries have had opportunities to present the Gospel in word and deed through evangelism, medical work, education which includes the freedom to teach the Bible in almost any government school, printing press, orphanages, prison ministry. Everyday Publications is honoured to be a part of the work in Chitokoloki, freely providing Everyday Publications books to the mission effort.

Pictures:

(Left) Alma holds her recently published book "Chitokoloki"; (Right) A worker displays some books in the Chitokoloki Christian Bookstore



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