

5th November, 1968.

Dr. H. Wilson,
Crieff,
Perthshire,
Scotland.

Dear Dr. Wilson,

This letter will come as a surprise to you. You do not know me, though I saw you long time ago when I was a child at Kasungu. You, your sister and the Rev. A.G. MacAlpine stopped over the week-end at Kasungu. You and your sister were from Scotland on your way to Livingstonia. Rev. MacAlpine was on his way from Bandawe, then his station at Chitenche, to Scotland on furlough. It was at church service that I saw you.

But as it has been such a long time ago, I know you will not remember it. But I still remember the day and the incident. The church service was held in the open air, because, the crowd that Sunday was so big that the building which Dr. Prentice used both as a church and school, could not hold it. So, the service had to be held outside.

I cannot say exactly what year it was, but it was a long time ago. As I can remember, the Rev. A.G. MacAlpine preached the sermon that Sunday. But you and your sister were presented to the assembled congregation as grand-children of the great missionary, Dr. David Livingstone. This is why my memory of you and your sister is still fresh and vivid, although it was long, long time ago when you passed through Kasungu, my home.

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I am writing this letter, because a young man from Scotland just recently arrived here by the name of Hugh MacMillan, tells me you are still alive. If this is true, I will be very very glad to have even a short note from you.

My name is Dr. Banda, from Kasungu. I have been in your country as a Medical student though I never had the opportunity to meet you. But when I was in Edinburgh as a student, I saw the Rev. T. Cullen-Young, the Rev. A.G. MacAlpine and the Rev. James Riddle Henderson. From the Rev. T. Cullen Young, I learnt that you were at that time, living somewhere in the North of Scotland. But I never had the opportunity to meet you. You can easily understand therefore, how happy I am now to hear that you are still alive. Having been educated in the missionary school at Kasungu and reached the stage in education and life which I have reached, the names of old missionaries, particularly missionaries of the church of Scotland in Nyasaland, such as that of Dr. Laws, the Rev. A.G. MacAlpine, the Rev. Donald Fraser, the Rev. Dr. George Prentice, the Rev. John R. Henderson, the Revs. T.C. and W.P. Young and that of your own and others, evoke in me a feeling of filial reverence.

I hope this will find you well.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

HASTINGS KAMUZU BANDA.