

# DAVID LIVINGSTONE

I am going to introduce David Livingstone. He was the most famous African missionary. He was born at Blantyre (this is 8 miles south of Glasgow) on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1813. He was born in poor family. He had three brothers and one sister. When David was 10 he was sent to work at the mill. He was working till night and then he went to school. Later he put himself through medical school. He studied also Greek and theology.

David first planned to become a medical missionary in China, but the Opium wars made China a bad place. But then God sent Robert Moffat into his life. Moffat had said these words which influenced David Livingstone: “I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages, where no missionary has ever been. So he decided to turn to Africa.

After a four-month journey, he landed in Cape Town, in modern South Africa, in 1841. He opened first mission station in Mabotsa. He taught black people about Jesus and Christianity. Now in Africa is more than 250 million Christians making Christianity.

He married Robert Moffat's daughter Mary and had four children during his life in Africa.

David Livingstone discovered Lake Nyasa, Niagami, Shirwa, Tanganyika, Victoria Falls, Shire River, sources of the Zambezi, Congo, and Nile Rivers and Valley of Mabotsa.

Livingstone received a gold medal from the London Royal Geographical for being the first man to cross the entire African Continent from west to east.

David Livingstone died in Chitambo on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1873. Livingstone's many friends buried his heart in Africa and his body sent to England.

Livingstone joins the class of the greatest explorers in the world. He has done a big thing for mankind because he united white men and black men together.