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# TEACHING WITH GOD'S HEART FOR THE WORLD



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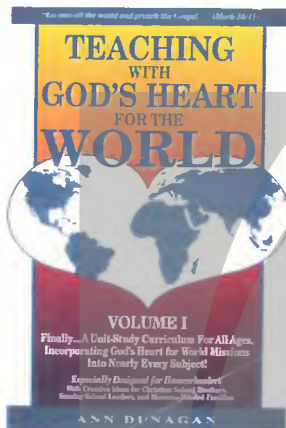
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Dear Friends,

Years ago, some wonderful friends of mine - with a big mission-minded family - presented me with a vision to write a one-year curriculum completely focused on the needs of missions. The idea was to motivate homeschooling families and to encourage Christian teachers and children's ministers to focus our training of the next generation with a heart for God's Great Commission.

We sought the Lord - earnestly - for more of His passion for world missions. We prayed for wisdom on how to convey - with impact - the needs of the lost and the reality of eternity. We contacted multitudes of mission organizations, reviewed boxes of mission books and materials, and traveled throughout the US to motivate families for missions. At the same time, both of our families were homeschooling our (many) children and ministering throughout the world.

At times, it felt like our labor was totally in vain. Our "target market" was extremely limited; we weren't making any profit; and the "fruit" of our labor wouldn't be seen for many years. But God was faithful and many seeds were planted. Over a ten-year period (by God's grace!) thousands of copies of this unit-study curriculum were distributed to families all around the world (originally selling for \$79.95 for the two-volume set). Because of faithful parents and teachers, multitudes of children and teens were instilled with a vision for missions . . . and only God knows the results.

And now, at this moment, I'm absolutely delighted to now be able to offer this entire curriculum - totally FREE of charge - via the internet. Some of the material is outdated, and you'll have to use some creativity to adapt some outdated reference materials - but you can do it! Providing this for FREE is an absolute dream-come-true, and I pray that the "reach" of this vision will expand to impact your family . . . and your children . . . and the world . . . for our Lord Jesus Christ!

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me!



And may the Lord bless you . . .  
as you Teach with God's Heart for the World!

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## IN MEMORY

*This guide would have never come about without the vision and support of my good friends Thomas and Elizabeth Adleta of "Family Mission/Vision Enterprises." The general concept and idea was Liz's "baby" for years, and I am honored that she and Tom asked me to write this material.*

*While this curriculum was being "birthed," Tom and Liz and their eight home-schooled children were on a missionary outreach throughout Asia. During this time, Liz miscarried their ninth child, and nearly died herself. As the family held a funeral service for this unborn child, they buried the tiny body (and a part of their hearts) in the soil of this far-off land of India.*

*Liz and I later shared together with tears in our eyes, as we realized more than ever the tremendous cost of world missions. Matthew 10:37-38 tells us, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it."*

*"Teaching With God's Heart For The World" is lovingly dedicated in memory of this little child, Mara Galeed Adleta. May each of us be encouraged and inspired to also obey God...whatever He tells us to do...wherever He tells us to go...at whatever the cost.*

*"Jesus I surrender all...Jesus, I surrender all...Jesus, I surrender all...the kingdoms of my heart."*

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# DEDICATION

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THIS TEACHING GUIDE IS DEDICATED TO THE MULTITUDES OF UNREACHED PEOPLE HIDDEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT MANY OF YOU WHO READ AND STUDY THESE PAGES WILL RESPOND TO GOD'S HEART AND GO TO THEM, SO THAT THEY TOO MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS!

"FOR THE HARVEST TRULY IS RIPE, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW."



**GUTEN TAG!**

**Hi!**

**JAMBO!**

**God dag!**

**HELLO!**

**SHALOM!**

**HEJ!**

**BONJOUR!**

**DAG!**

**BIENVENIDOS!**

**Ciao!**

**WILKOMMEN!**

**HOLA!**

# *SECTION I:*

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# TEACHING WITH GOD'S HEART FOR THE WORLD

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to "*Teaching With God's Heart for the World!*" The purpose of this guide is to provide a world missions resource especially designed for the homeschool family—yet appropriate for anyone with a heart for the Lord. If you are a homeschooler, Christian school teacher, Sunday school or VBS leader, or even a concerned Christian parent or mission-minded adult, then you are in the right place! My desire is to lead you (whether you're a parent, child, young person or an entire family) to become an active and vital part of world missions...not only in the future, but right now and today!

Just look at the situation: here in America, there are thousands and thousands of homeschool families. The majority of these families are Christians, and all of them (obviously) already have a strong desire to teach and train their children.

At the same time, there is such a tremendous need for world missions—for people to LEARN and SHARE about the world's need, for people to PRAY (I mean people who will *really* pray and intercede), for people who will GIVE and financially support world-wide missions, and for people to actually GO (whether short-term, "career missionaries", or perhaps somewhere in-between).

Think about it for a moment: what group of people would be better to "target" for world missions?

Already, we homeschoolers are a bit on the "radical" side (or at least we're used to "*going against the flow.*") Most of us are accustomed to making sacrifices for what we believe is best. In addition, we already spend hours together every day as a family, and many of us are already trying to incorporate a Christian world-view into our children's studies. On top of all that, IF God would call us, as homeschool families, to the mission field, we already have one of the biggest hurdles crossed! Most missionaries struggle over what to do with their children's education—dreading even the thought of boarding school separation. But we homeschoolers are already prepared! We can just keep doing what we're already doing (and think of the potential for exciting field trips and hands-on geography lessons!) Many homeschoolers wouldn't even miss American television—or the infamous "*vital social interaction with like peers!*"

To sum up my conclusion, I think Christian homeschoolers are PERFECT candidates for world missions! However, if you got to know me better, I actually think most EVERY Christian is potential missionary material! I have personally seen the need for missions first-hand in over twenty countries throughout the world. This need is so great, that it is often hard to even comprehend! Literally

BILLIONS of people need Jesus Christ, yet the workers are so few!<sup>1</sup>

Just think, maybe one of YOUR children could help meet this need someday...or better yet, maybe the Lord would call YOUR WHOLE FAMILY to take an active part in world missions!

This guide was written for YOU, to help you incorporate the need for world missions into every subject of your children's homeschooling, and into nearly every aspect of your normal life.

These ideas are "tried and tested," and literally from the front lines of the battle. This guide wasn't written by a theologian or professor—to an audience of educational experts—but by a simple mission-minded Christian: to fellow parents and teachers like myself and like you!

I have been writing this guide in the midst of my everyday life: while homeschooling my own four children, changing dirty diapers, potty-training a toddler, doing mountains of laundry and dishes...with a few days off (here and there) to conduct some fun birthday parties, and to make chocolate chip cookies.

This has been an extremely busy time in my life. Some of my weekly "to-do's" include directing the children's ministry at church, leading worship, and writing newsletters for our family's mission-evangelism ministry (called "Harvest Ministry"). In addition, my husband was just appointed as the pastor of our

home church, which has been quite an adjustment for all of us! (Just to mention, our senior pastor has always had a heart for missions, and now he is leaving for a sabbatical of mission ministry in the Philippines, along with his wife and seven homeschooled children—ages 2 to 17—AND his 81-year-old mother! What a great example to us all!)

I actually wrote a large portion of this guide in East Africa, while on my third mission outreach there. In the midst of children's crusades and ministry seminars, visiting remote village churches, and conducting city-wide evangelism crusades, I was thinking of YOU, and how to impart to you God's heart for the world.

I say all that just to let you know where I am coming from. I really believe in world missions, as well as in the importance of giving our children a quality education. At the same time however, I understand how busy (and often crazy) the life of a homeschool parent can be!

As you teach your children, take time to enjoy the benefits and flexibility of homeschooling! Have fun with your kids, and make opportunities for field trips, special projects, and even family travel! Most of all, take time for daily prayer and the Word of God, and let the Lord direct and bless your school year, and your lives!

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# How To Use THIS GUIDE

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The "heart for world missions" is an attitude that can be incorporated into nearly ALL areas of study, including: Bible, Reading, Writing, Language Arts, Foreign Language, Geography, History, Science, Math, Music and Art. In addition, this curriculum includes international dinner plans, field trip ideas and family video suggestions. This guide is specifically geared for the homeschool family, however there are many others who could also benefit from these ideas.

## **IF YOU DO NOT HOME SCHOOL**

*(But are a concerned Christian parent just the same!)*

I am so glad you are reading this, and want to emphasize that you too can share the missions vision with your family! Included throughout the daily lesson plans are ideas for family projects and international meals that would be fun for any family to do together, and could help enlarge your family's world view. Each daily lesson also includes a time of devotions (Bible reading, family discussion, prayer focus ideas and a weekly prayer project) that would be perfect for an evening time of family devotions.

You may even want to follow your children's studies at school (I would highly recommend that you do) and share related mission ideas when appro-

priate. For example, if your child is already studying about India in school, you could flip over to the section on Asia, and perhaps share with him about William Carey and his missionary work in India, or about India's Hindu religions, and then you could finish by praying together for the people of India.

The back resource section may also help you to be aware of the many mission-oriented materials that are available.

## **IF YOU ARE A CHURCH WORKER OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Every church or Sunday school should be involved with training children and young people in the importance of world missions. This guide has many ideas that could help. In addition to the Bible studies and resource section, this guide also includes a history of world missions, a guide to missionary Bible verses (these would be great for sword-drills), and a brief biography of many famous missionaries.

Many of the mission resources listed in the back are designed for Sunday School classes. You may also want to plan a Vacation Bible School with a world missions theme. The resource evaluations will help you know what is available.



## IF YOU TEACH IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

You have the potential of reaching MANY Christian families with the missions vision. This guide can give you ideas on how you can incorporate the study of world missions into your already established curriculum or yearly schedule. You may even want to consider researching an unreached people group as a class, or taking a class missions trip during spring break. (There are many Christian schools that do this—sometimes even in conjunction with a foreign language class or international study.)

If your school has a regular chapel service, you could even prepare a special "missions chapel" put together by your class. By doing this, you could help share the heart for missions with your entire school!

## IF YOU ARE A MISSION-MINDED ADULT

Believe it or not, there's good material in here for you too! You could use this guide as a resource tool to help you with your own study of world missions. You probably will want to start with the section on "*Building a Foundation for Missions*", and learn about why world missions is important.

Of special interest may also be the section in Week I on personal prayer. This is important for all of us. In addition, I would encourage you to browse through the resource section in the back, and begin reading some of these excellent mission books and biographies.

## AND...IF YOU ARE A HOME SCHOOLER

Then this guide is especially for you. It is arranged as a daily (unit-study style) curriculum guide that could be modified for nearly all age levels. It is put together in a 160-day year format which would give you approximately 10-20 extra days throughout the year for special field trips, standardized testing, craft days, etc.

This first volume includes 80 days of specific lesson outlines, which should take you half-way through the school year. Included is a special Thanksgiving week (with emphasis on the North American Indians, the Quaker Pilgrims, and early missionaries) along with a Latin American Christmas week. If followed according to the daily guides, this first volume will be completed approximately three weeks past your Christmas vacation.

For the remainder of the year, please look in the back of this volume to see highlights from *Teaching with God's Heart for the World—Volume II*. You won't want to miss it!

This curriculum is designed to be easy to use. Each daily guide lists specific ideas for family devotions, reading, writing, and language arts, along with weekly ideas for geography, history, science, math, arts and crafts, music, and family activities including an international meal and family video ideas.

Most homeschool families have several children working at many different grade levels. The unit-study method of teaching is perfect for this situation. The entire family can be studying along the same theme, although the difficulty of specific assignments will have to be adjusted for each child. Assignments under Science, Math, Geography, Crafts, and Field Trips are geared more for the elementary-age students (along with other reading ideas for younger children). Ideas under Family Devotions, Writing, Art, Music, International Meals, and Family Video Ideas would be appropriate for most grade levels. Specific details for each of these subjects are listed in Chapter Four under "General Teaching Helps".

If you are already using a standardized home school curriculum, you can still use many of the ideas in this guide as a supplement. My heart in writing this guide is to encourage you, as a home school parent, to bring God's heart for world missions into nearly every subject of your schooling. Christian missions is more than another subject! Instead, it is another way of looking at our entire world!

## SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Before you begin, I recommend that you obtain a current "scope and sequence" schedule from a local school district in your area. This would give you a specific, current list of the topics of study, and the desired achievements that each of your children should reach at his or her own grade level. At times, you may need to adapt the material in this guide to flow with this schedule.

This guide is not meant to limit you, but to equip you with new ideas to help make your school year a special one! Feel free to add to—or subtract from—the daily lesson plans as you feel it is appropriate for your children. Throughout this guide are several blank "Note" pages which have been included for you to use for additional lesson plan ideas.

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# SUGGESTED WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Every homeschool family usually develops their own weekly schedule over time, adjusting and emphasizing subjects as appropriate for their own family needs. To help make this guide easier to follow however, I have divided the weekly topics of study into the following daily schedule:*

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## MONDAY:

Bible: Bible reading, family discussion  
memory verse (handwriting)  
family prayer and prayer project  
Reading/Writing/Language Arts:  
(emphasize vocab/ in spelling note  
book)  
Math  
Foreign language  
Geography

## THURSDAY:

Bible: Bible reading/ family discussion,  
family prayer  
Reading/Writing/Language Arts:  
(emphasize creative writing/style and  
form)  
Math: Special Feature  
Foreign language  
Art (study of art, and a craft project)

## TUESDAY:

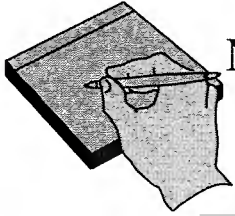
Bible: Bible reading, family discussion  
family prayer (write in journals)  
Reading/Writing/Language Arts:  
(emphasize punctuation/capitaliza-  
tion)  
Math  
Foreign language  
History/world religion focus

## FRIDAY:

Bible: Bible reading/ family discussion,  
family prayer  
Reading/Writing/Language Arts:  
(emphasize spelling test/letter  
writing)  
Math  
Music (and foreign language songs)  
Family field trip  
International meal for dinner  
Evening videos

## WEDNESDAY:

Bible: Bible reading/family discussion,  
family prayer  
Reading/ Writing/ Language Arts:  
(emphasize grammar/parts of  
speech)  
Math  
Foreign language  
Science



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# USING THE LIBRARY AND MEDIA

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## LIBRARY HELPS

Every homeschool family should use their local library on a regular basis. There are so many good books and teaching tools available in most towns and cities...and all for no cost at all! We need to take full advantage of this privilege!

At the beginning of each week of lesson plans, there is a box that lists book ideas and subject topics for a weekly "LIBRARY AND MEDIA SEARCH." This has been included for your convenience. There's no need to search through all the daily lesson plans for what you will be studying that week. Just simply check the weekly box, and then use your library computer, data system or ask your local librarian for help.

If you plan ahead and check out materials that would be appropriate, you can really make your school year full of variety and interest.

## USING THE TV AND VIDEO

Most of the time, our family television is disconnected. In fact, we usually only hook it up on Fridays to watch the evening news. However, if you plan ahead, you could even use this media as a great teaching tool (just don't ever let the television use YOU).

If you glance over a weekly television guide, you could watch for shows (especially on the Public

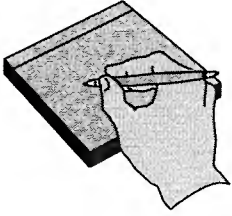
Broadcasting Station) that are of international interest. By planning ahead and thinking about the entire year, you could even video-tape certain programs to use later in the year (just make sure to mark the tapes well, or you may not be able to find the program again when you need it).

For example, lately on PBS, there was a short Japanese folk dance, complete with music and costumes on the children's program called "Kid's Song" and also a special feature complete with maps and music about how pasta is made in Italy. Other times there may be a feature on "Wildlife from Africa" or perhaps "Exploring the Himalayas."

In addition, there are many good videos you can rent, including classic historical movies, family movies with an international theme, and *National Geographic* documentaries. Each week, I have suggested several different ideas you may want to consider.

## CURRENT NEWS

Also, the current news, including television, radio, newspaper and magazines can be excellent for your international study. Some of these features (such as a special international report, or a year-end news summary) you may even want to video tape to incorporate later into your lessons.



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# CHAPTER 1

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## OUR CALL

### *Is World Missions Really That Important?*

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"WORLD MISSIONS" is not just an isolated topic we should study, but it is an attitude and an exciting (although challenging) way of life!

Just as being a Christian should influence every aspect of our lives, so also should God's heart for the lost totally change our outlook and our priorities.

For many Christians in North America today, missions is merely a dreaded obligation or at best, a necessary responsibility. For hundreds of years, the church has always "supported the missionaries" and so, the tradition continues...yet often without God's heart and His passion, or at times, without even the purpose of winning lost souls to Christ.

When most Westerners think of a missionary, strange images may come to mind. They may immediately picture some young adventurer—all clad in khaki safari clothes—trudging through the jungles with a machete. Perhaps they even imagine him meeting a group of dark-skinned natives dancing around mud huts and a raging fire—all to the beat of tribal drums and "booga-wooga" music.

Or maybe your only view of a missionary is of some strange old couple (in outdated clothing) presenting a typically dull presentation for your Sunday evening service. Completing this picture is

the never-ending blurry slides and (of course) uninspiring stories of terrible food and awful living conditions among those "poor heathen souls."

But what is missions really all about, and what is the purpose of world missions today, and thus, the reason for this homeschool guide?

Consider first the word "MISSION". The very term brings to mind definitions such as "goal, vision, and purpose." As Christians, what is our goal and our vision, or the purpose for our lives? According to the Word of God, **our mission should be to glorify God in our own lives, and throughout the entire earth!** We need to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to obey His words to "*go into all the world...*"

We need to ask ourselves if we **really** believe the Bible is true, and that it is the inspired Word of God. Do we **really** believe people must be "saved" or "born-again?" And do we **really** understand the reality of heaven...and of hell? If we do, then this belief should totally and radically impact our entire lives!

Just stop and think for a moment about how different **our** lives would be if **we** were born in another culture—among heathen people, and in a land isolated from God and filled with extreme poverty, sickness and disease. What would it be like

if **you** were born in an area where praying to an idol of stone was your only hope, or where giving homage to your dead ancestors and constant fear of evil spirits consumed your life? Wouldn't you want someone to share the Gospel with you?

In North America, we are so blessed, yet, "where much is given, much more is required." (Luke 12:48)

**Some people think, *Well, why should we go overseas when we have so many needs right here in our own country?***

Yes, we have needs, but did you know that in America, we already have over one million full-time Christian workers (or one full-time Christian leader for every 230 people in the nation), while among the "unreached" or "hidden" peoples, there is only one missionary for every 500,000 people!<sup>1</sup> 96 percent of all Christian finances worldwide are spent in America—on only 6 percent of the earth's population, leaving only 4 percent of the finances for the rest of the entire world!<sup>2</sup>

Eighty-five percent of all the Bibles today are printed in English—for only 9 percent of the world who read English—yet 80 percent of the world's population have never even owned a Bible while Americans have an average of 4 in every household.<sup>3</sup> We hear the Gospel again and again, while nearly 2.7 billion people are still waiting for their **first** chance to hear!<sup>4</sup>

Even among missionaries, did you know that only 15 percent of all missionary finances are used for work among these unreached people, while other studies show that nearly 80 percent of all North American missionaries are involved primarily in social work—and **not even** in proclaiming the Gospel, winning lost souls, or establishing churches.<sup>5</sup> Just what was it that Jesus called us to do?

One missionary, Dr. Oswald Smith, responded with these now-famous words, "Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?"<sup>6</sup>

**Others argue, *Why should you go overseas and try to change someone else's culture?***

Changing other cultures is NOT the purpose of world missions! As Christians, we bring the cross-

cultural, life-changing message of Jesus Christ and His forgiveness for man's sins. We do not go to bring our Western or American culture, but our desire is to present the Gospel in a way that is culturally sensitive to whatever people we may meet.

**They continue to say, *But why should you go to those remote foreign tribes? Wouldn't they be better off just left as they are?***

My answer to that question is a loud "NO! NO! NO!" The heathen are never better off as they are, yet we are often blinded to this fact by a Hollywood version of what my husband and I call the "**tropical native paradise.**" So often, the media will picture these remote tribes living in peaceful bliss and harmony...yet, this is only an illusion!

By God's grace, I have had the opportunity to minister throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, and Africa—from remote villages to crowded inner cities. Throughout these travels, I have never seen this image of a tropical paradise! At times, the land and beaches are beautiful, and people may be warm and friendly...yet, their lives without Christ are often filled with misery.

I can remember walking through a squatters village in the Philippines and seeing streams of human waste openly flowing down their walking paths. I remember watching a group of Filipino children toss a bucket of garbage into an already dirty river, and then jumping in the middle of it and throwing the garbage on each other. These poor children were merely playing...yet, they were oblivious to the filth and potential for disease. Although it was tropical, it was so far from God's Garden of Eden.

In Costa Rica, I can remember watching people crawl on their bare knees as a penance for their sins. And in Guatemala I saw many devoted people sacrifice large sums of money just to carry a religious icon...yet, in their faces, there was no joy, and no assurance of their salvation.

In a remote city called "Mubende" in Uganda, East Africa, my husband and I ministered to a tribe of people who actually worshiped a large tree. These Africans were aware of their sins, and even the need for blood sacrifice...yet, their religion gave them no hope. They blindly offered animal sacrifices to this



tree, and at times, even the human sacrifice of their young children.

Other areas I have seen have been bound by fear, or controlled by evil witchcraft. Still others are filled with tribal hatred and warfare.

Even this very day, I see mankind's need for God more than ever! Right now, I am writing this chapter from a remote city in Tanzania, East Africa. Just this morning, my husband and I heard some terrible news. We learned that a group of radical Muslims bombed the crusade grounds where we were scheduled to sing and preach and show the *JESUS* movie. In the process, they also bombed a school killing eight innocent, precious children and wounding eighty others—all in protest of Christianity. I don't know how anyone could do such a thing. How my heart aches for these people who are so far from God's plan.

In some places, such as Rwanda, Bosnia, Ethiopia, and Iraq, government systems have planned for the elimination or starvation of entire people groups. In other areas, twisted religious beliefs (such as the Hindu reverence for the cow and the rat in India) have actually caused self-inflicted food shortages and hunger.<sup>7</sup>

Poverty...Sickness...Disease...War...and Hunger...these are all symptoms of a world without Christ. Yet, it is because of **man's sin** that we must obey His command to GO!

Even when a country is developed and prosperous, individuals without Christ are still separated from God by sin and destined to spend eternity in hell...unless they are washed by the precious blood of Jesus!

The good news however, is that Jesus Christ came to destroy the barrier of sin! He gave His life on the cross so that **all** people everywhere could enjoy God's eternal life in heaven.

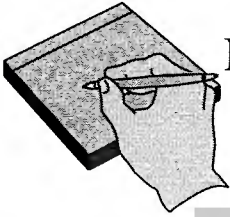
John 3:16 sums up the entire message of the Bible with words that we all know by heart:

*"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."*

This is the Gospel, and our mission as Christians is to share it with others! We must share the blessings God has given to us! We must share our time, our talents, our finances, and most of all, we must share our faith!



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## CHAPTER 2

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# OUR BIBLICAL BASIS

### *What Does God's Word Say About World Missions?*

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**Since the time of Adam and Eve, all people have sinned and are in need of a Savior.**

*Genesis 2:17* But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

*Genesis 3:6-7* So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

**From the beginning, God required that innocent blood be shed for guilty sinners.**

*Genesis 3:21* Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

*Leviticus 17:11* For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

**All people on the earth are descendants of Adam and of Noah.**

*Acts 17:26* And he has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth...

*Romans 5:12* Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

*Romans 3:23* For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

*Romans 3:10* As it is written, "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Taken from *Psalms 14: 3* There is not one who does good. No, not one.)

*Hebrews 9:22* And according to the law most all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

*Revelation 13:8b* ...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

*Genesis 10:32* These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these nations were divided on the earth after the flood.



## God originated languages and Nations.

*Genesis 11:1, 6-8* Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.... And the Lord said... "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from the earth, and they ceased building

the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. *Psalms 86:9* All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord.

## God is no respecter of persons.

*Acts 10:34-35* But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all.

*Romans 10:12-13* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For WHOSOEVER calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*John 3:16* For God so love the WORLD, He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

*James 2:1-9* My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with a gold ring, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?...But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

## God revealed His love for the Gentiles even in the Old Testament Law.

*Leviticus 16: 29-30* ...and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

*Leviticus 19:10* And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

*Leviticus 22:18* ...Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who offers his sacrifice for any of his vows or for any of his freewill

offerings, which they offer to the Lord as a burnt offering -- you shall offer of your own free will a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats.

*Numbers 15:14-15* And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever is among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord, just as you do, so shall he do. One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.

## God gave provisions for the "stranger" or Gentile in the Old Testament Passover.

*Exodus 12:48* And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land...

*Numbers 9:14* And if a stranger dwells among you, and would keep the Lord's Passover, he must do so according to the rite of the Passover and according to its ceremony; you shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and the native of the land.



## God promised that through Abraham and His descendants, all nations of the earth would be blessed.

*Genesis 12:1-3* Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation, I will bless you and make your name great: and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

*Genesis 18:18* Since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

*Acts 3:25* You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

## Through the mighty signs and wonders in Egypt, many nations heard of God's power, and gave Him honor and glory.

*Exodus 7:5* And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

*Exodus 18:10-11* And Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, He was above them."

*Exodus 15:1,14* ...I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The people will hear and be afraid...trembling will take hold of them...

## Through the Old Testament prophets, God revealed His heart for world missions.

*II Kings 5:15* (Captain Namaan of Syria speaking to the prophet Elisha after his miraculous healing of leprosy) And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel..."

*fathers have inherited lies.... Will a man make gods for himself which are not gods?" Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know...My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is the Lord."*

*Isaiah 45:1-3* Thus says the Lord to His anointed... "To subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors...I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places."

*Ezekiel 39:21* I will set my glory among the nations; all the nations shall see my judgement which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.

*Daniel 2:28* (before Daniel interpreted a dream for King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon) But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days..."

*Isaiah 45:22-23* Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other...that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.

*Joel 3:9, 13, 14* Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.... Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.... Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!"

*Jeremiah 1:5* Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.

*Jeremiah 16:19* O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our

*Amos 9:7, 9* Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?" says the Lord.... "For surely I will command and will sift the house of Israel among all nations."



## David was known as a "man after God's own heart." Notice God's heart for world missions as revealed in the Psalms.

*Psalm 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.*

*Psalm 8:9 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!*

*Psalm 18:49 Therefore I will give thanks to you O Lord among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.*

*Psalm 22:27-28 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. And all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.*

*Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness. The world and those who dwell therein.*

*Psalm 33:8, 12 Let all the earth fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him...Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.*

*Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.*

*Psalm 47:1-2 O clap your hands, all you peoples...He is a great King over the earth.*

*Psalm 48:10 According to Your name O God, so is Your praises to the ends of the earth...*

*Psalm 49:1-2 Hear this, all peoples; give ear all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.*

*Psalm 57:9 I will praise You O Lord among the peoples, I will sing to You among the nations...*

*Psalm 65:5, 8 By awesome deeds in righteousness you will answer us, O God of our salvations. You Who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the far-off seas.... They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs.*

*Psalm 67 God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Then the earth shall yield her increase; God our own God shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.*

*Psalm 72:11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him.*

*Psalm 77:14 ...You have declared your strength among the peoples.*

*Psalm 82:8 Arise O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit all nations.*

*Psalm 96:2-3 Sing to the Lord, bless His name. Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among the peoples.*

*Psalm 98:2 The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.*

*Psalm 105:1 ...make known His deeds among the peoples.*

*Psalm 117:1 Praise the Lord all you Gentiles! Praise Him all you peoples...*

## God was glorified in the sight of other nations through Old Testament leaders.

**JOSEPH:** *Genesis 41:16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace." And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"*

**MOSES:** *Exodus 7:5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.*



## God's heart for the Gentiles is seen through major Old Testament Characters.

### **ABRAHAM INTERCEDES FOR SODOM:**

*Genesis 18:32* Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."

**HAGAR & ISHMAEL:** *Genesis 21:17* And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."

**JOSEPH:** *Genesis 45:8* (Joseph speaking to his brothers) So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

**RAHAB:** *Joshua 2:18* Unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window.... *Joshua 6:25* And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had..."

**RUTH:** *Ruth 1:16* ...for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

(Ruth, a woman from Moab, later became the Great-Grandmother of King David, and is listed in the lineage of Christ—See Matthew 1:5.6)

**SOLOMON:** *I Kings 10:9* (The Queen of Sheba acknowledged God after seeing King Solomon's great wisdom) "Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel..."

**SHADRACH, MESHACH and ABEDNEGO:** *Daniel 3:28* Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!"

**JONAH:** *Jonah 1:1-2* Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Ninevah, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

*Jonah 4:2* So he (Jonah) prayed to the Lord, and said, "O Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm."

## Through the birth of Christ, Jesus proclaimed that He came to this world for all people: Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, near and far.

*Matthew 2:1-2, 11* Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Luke 2:8, 10, 13, 14* Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.... Then the angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to ALL PEOPLE.... And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And ON EARTH pcece, goodwill toward men!"

## Although Jesus' ministry was first to the lost sheep of Israel, He demonstrated God's heart for all nations through his ministry.

**THE WOMAN AT THE WELL:** *John 4:9* "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans... (Jesus offered her living water.)

**ROMAN CENTURIAN:** *Matthew 8:10* (After he asked Jesus to only speak the word of healing for his servant) ..."Assuredly, I (Jesus) say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"



## When Jesus died on the cross, His blood was shed for all people on the earth. Only through the blood of Jesus can people be saved.

*John 1:12* But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe on His name.

*John 3:16* 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 1:29* Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

*Colossians 1:20* And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of his cross.

*Revelation 5:9* "...You are worthy to take to scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

## There is only one way to heaven, and that is through salvation in Jesus Christ. Without Christ, our sins separate us from God.

*John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

*John 3:3* Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

*John 3:17-18* For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

*Romans 10:9-10* That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the

scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

*Acts 4:12* Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

*Romans 6:23* For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Matthew 26:39* (Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemene) "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.'"

(If there was any other way of salvation, other than through the blood of Jesus, why would God have allowed His only Son to die on the cross?)

## The final words of Jesus on this earth, known as "The Great Commission" verify the vital importance of world missions.

*Matthew 28:18-20* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

*Mark 16:15-16* And He said to them, "Go into all the

world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

*Acts 1:8* "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.



Without Christ, the heathen are miserably lost, and destined to spend eternity in hell. Their ignorance of the Gospel can not save their souls, however, it is not their ignorance that condemns them, but their SIN that separates them from God. This biblical belief was one of the primary motivations of the early missionaries of the past. Understanding the importance of reaching the heathen should ignite us with a passion for the lost and an urgency to spread the Gospel to those who have not yet heard it.

*John 3:5* Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, He can not enter the Kingdom of God."

*Romans 3:23* For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

*Romans 10:14-15* How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace..."

*Galatians 3:8* And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles (or the "heathen") by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

*Galatians 5:19-21* Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**God places within every person a knowledge of God their creator, and a knowledge of their sin, so that none will be without excuse.**

*Ecclesiastes 3:11* He has made everything beautiful in His time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

*Psalms 19:1-3* The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world...

*John 1:9* That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

*Romans 1:18-20* For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

**It is God's desire for everyone to be saved.**

*Ezekiel 33:11* Say to them: "As I live," says the Lord God, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways!..."

*John 3:17* For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

*II Peter 3:9* The Lord is not slack concerning His

promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

*John 3:16* For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

*Romans 10:13* For WHOSOEVER calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.



## The disciples and the early church were actively involved in missionary work.

**PHILIP IN SAMARIA:** Acts 8:4-6 *Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*

**MINISTERING TO THE ETHIOPIAN:** Acts 8:26-27,35 *Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise, and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."...So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia...had come to Jerusalem to worship...Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.*

**PETER AND CORNELIUS:** Acts 10:19-22 *While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them." Then Peter went down.... And they*

*said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you..."*

**PETER'S TEACHING:** Acts 10:34 *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth, I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*

**PAUL AND BARNABAS:** Acts 15:36 *...Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit out brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing."*

**PAUL'S WRITING:** Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek.*

## Throughout the Bible, the world is referred to as a field "ripe for harvest." We must bring in the harvest of souls throughout the earth, before this harvest is lost.

**Proverbs 10:5** *He who gathers in summer is a wise son; he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.*

**Joel 3:13-14** *"Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow -- for their wickedness is great." Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.*

**Matthew 9:37-38** *Then He (Jesus) said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

**Luke 10:2** *"...The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

**Mark 4:29** *But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.*

**John 4:34-36** *Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."*

**Revelation 14:15** *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."*

## In heaven, we will worship together with people from all nations and peoples, declaring God's heart for the entire world.

**Revelation 5:11** *...And have redeemed us to God by Your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*

**Revelation 14:6** *...Preach to those who dwell on the earth -- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.*

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# CHAPTER 3

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## OUR HERITAGE

### *A Brief Summary of World Missions Throughout the Ages*

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**Throughout our world's history, God has orchestrated the events of time to accomplish His over-all plan for mankind. The following brief historical overview incorporates God's heart for world missions, and His purpose of bringing His message of salvation to the very ends of the earth.**

#### **THE OLD TESTAMENT AND ISRAEL**

Since the creation of the world, and Adam and Eve's first sin, God began to prepare the way for mankind to be saved.

For a thousand years, people began to multiply on the earth. In about 3000 B.C., a man named Noah was born, who alone was righteous before God. Because of the terrible wickedness at that time (about 2348 B.C.) God destroyed the entire earth with a flood, sparing only Noah and his family, and the animals on the great ark.

Many years later (2249 B.C. or perhaps earlier) mankind had again increased on the earth -- both in numbers, and in wickedness. While building the mighty Tower of Babel, God saw that it was not good for all of mankind to be united; so, He confused their tongues. At that time, people began to spread throughout the earth, and individual nationalities, languages and customs began to be developed.

In about 2000 B.C., God chose a man named

Abraham to be the father of a chosen people, through whom "*all the nations of the earth would be blessed.*" (*Gen. 28:14*). Through his son Isaac and his grandson Jacob (or "Israel"), the nation of Israel was born (and through his son Ishmael, came the Arab race, and the Islamic people today).

For hundreds of years, the people of Israel lived and multiplied in the land of Goshen during the time of the great Egyptian civilization. Later, they became the slaves of Egypt until the great Exodus led by Moses. (Estimated dates of Israel in Egypt vary from 1715 B.C. to somewhere between 1498 to 1200 B.C.)

Through Moses, God established His law, and the importance of the blood sacrifice. These laws, rituals, and sacrifices could not take away man's sins, but only "cover" them, and demonstrate man's great need for a Savior.

After years of wandering in the wilderness, the people of Israel finally entered into their



promised land, where they were led by judges, and then kings: reaching the height of their kingdom during the reign of King David and his son, King Solomon. Prophets were raised up to speak God's word, as well as to point the way to the coming Messiah.

## THE GREAT EMPIRES

Just as specifically prophesied by these men of God, many great empires were established and destroyed—from Babylon (625-539 B.C.) to Persia (539-330 B.C.) to Greece and Alexander the Great (330-323 B.C.) and finally to the height of the Great Roman Empire—and God's perfect time for the Savior's birth. The stage was set, and everything was in place: international roads, communication and sea routes were well established, the Greek language was common and widespread, and Israel's bondage had her crying out for the Messiah louder than ever before.

## THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST

At this perfect time in our world's history, God chose to send His only Son down to earth to make a way for man to be saved. In an obscure little town called Bethlehem, in the ancient city of David, Jesus Christ was born. Heavenly angels announced His birth to simple shepherds, declaring that finally there was news of "*peace on earth, good will toward men.*" Later, wise men from the East came to pay homage to the newborn king. Even in His birth, Jesus declared that His coming was for all mankind: for both Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, near and far.

The life of Jesus Christ was different than any other life in history. He healed the sick, raised the dead, performed many mighty miracles, and taught many about the kingdom of God. Jesus Christ lived His entire life perfectly, and without sin. Yet, He allowed Himself to be arrested, beaten, and crucified on a cross to pay the death penalty for man's sins. At the age of thirty-three, Jesus Christ died and was buried in a tomb; yet, three days later, He arose from the dead and appeared unto many of His followers! After forty days, Jesus ascended into heaven, leaving us with these last words, now known as the Great Commission:

*"Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)*

## EARLY CHURCH MISSIONS

After Christ's ascension into heaven and the establishment of the church, God continued to work out His plan of redemption.

Through both the voluntary mission outreaches of the early disciples (through men such as Paul, Silas, Barnabas, Philip, and the apostles) -- along with dispersion due to terrible persecution -- God's message of salvation began to spread throughout the world.

Ironically, it was the political acceptance of Christianity (When Constantine made Christianity at first legal in 313 A.D., and later the official and only religion in 375 A.D.) that brought the world into the Dark Ages. By the time of Emperor Theodosius I (379-395 A.D.) the empire began to persecute all other religions, forcing everyone to become a Christian.

## MEDIEVAL EUROPE AND THE DARK AGES

For over a thousand years (400 - 1500 A.D.) Christianity became distorted into merely a "religion" and a political tool. Popes and leaders began to use their religious power to gain wealth and military victory. Huge groups of people were baptized in mass -- without any true conversion -- while the Holy Bible was restricted to isolated groups of monks and friars. Religion was at the center of this Medieval age, yet the true light of the Gospel was so dim, it was almost extinguished.

During this time, German Barbarians and Viking invaders from the north came in to conquer Europe -- and as a result, they too became influenced by this religious Christianity.

## THE CRUSADES AND THE HOLY WARS

Years later, the ancestors of these new Europeans launched out in the "Great Crusades" (in the late 10th to the 15th centuries) to win back the land of Israel from the conquering Muslims (who had declared their own "Holy War" or "Jihad.")

Through the use of force, the Christian religion spread back into the Middle East, yet only temporarily. Later, other "Christian" warriors (such as the Teutonic Knights) actually used violence and military force to "convert" the heathen to Chris-



tianity. This type of religious conquest has led to a distorted view of Christian missions that has negatively impacted the world to this day.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONS

The Roman Catholic church continued to spread during this time, into other places such as India and Africa, through the missionary efforts of Boniface, Saint Francis of Assisi, Xavier and others. Through both these missions and through the crusades, religious Christianity began to spread openly worldwide; yet, it was primarily "under the surface" where the true Gospel was preserved and where God's kingdom was prepared for expansion.

Throughout time, there has always been a remnant of people who have kept God's word and His Gospel alive. Even through these Dark Middle Ages, there were those who had a true belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. Many worked diligently in isolation to preserve and hand-copy the Holy Scriptures, while other believers were persecuted and even martyred for their faith. Yet, God's kingdom could not be destroyed!

## THE RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION

It was during the Renaissance and Reformation (in the 15th and 16th centuries A.D.) when this true light of the Gospel began to rekindle. Through men such as Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli, there was an emphasis again on salvation by faith, while others, such as John Calvin, began to see the need for evangelism and world missions.

There was a new quest for knowledge, and a surge of invention and discovery. New tools, such as the printing press of Johann Gutenberg, allowed greater access to the Bible and information. Christian literature could now be printed in volume and easily distributed into the hands of the commoner, and many began to see their personal need for salvation.

## THE AGE OF EXPLORATION

With this quest for knowledge came a desire to explore. Beginning in the 15th century and continuing into the 18th century, the Gospel began to spread primarily through political exploration and colonization. Many explorers, such as

Christopher Columbus, were deeply religious (although many historians today may claim differently), and had a heart not only for discovery, but also to bring the message of Christianity to the heathen natives. Others, such as the Quaker Pilgrims, came to America to find a place to freely worship God as they believed they should.

## THE FATHER OF MODERN MISSIONS

In 1792, a man named William Carey published a little book called *An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen*.

Soon afterwards, he preached a powerful message on missions. "Expect great things from God," he challenged, "attempt great things for God." As a result of his teaching, a new mission board was established and Carey himself (now known as the "Father of Modern Missions") soon went to India where he and his co-workers translated the Bible (or New Testament) into forty-four different languages or dialects, and he was actively involved in evangelistic work.

## EARLY MISSIONARIES

By the 18th and 19th centuries, many more brave men and women began to see this need for Christian missions. During this time, great missionaries (such as John Eliot and David Brainerd to the American Indians; Robert Moffat, David Livingstone and Mary Slessor to Africa; Hudson Taylor to China; and Adoniram and Nancy Judson (the first missionaries from America) to India, began to spread the Gospel into areas formerly isolated from Christianity.

## WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Since that time, many thousands of missionaries and national ministers have taken the message of Jesus throughout the earth. So much has been accomplished; however, still today there remain approximately 2.7 billion "unreached" people throughout the world.<sup>1</sup> Consisting of over 11,000 distinct "people groups" these unreached people are still isolated from the Gospel.<sup>2</sup> Every day, multitudes of these people are dying in their sins...without any hope of salvation...unless someone goes to them to share the Good News.

Today, we have even more technical

advances, such as the airplane, telephone, computer networks, radio, television, and satellite information, that can help us reach the lost as a rate the early missionaries could have only dreamed of. Combined today with the move toward national missions,<sup>3</sup> along with the tremendous time of spiritual hunger in the world today, there is potential for completing the Great Commission in our lifetime!

## AN UNPRECEDENTED TIME IN HISTORY

When we see events in modern history, such as the break-up of the former Soviet Union in 1991 and the fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany, we can know that God is still at work—opening doors for a time of spiritual harvest. In the former communist countries people are searching for answers and multitudes are coming to Christ as never before.

Around the world today, God is moving in miraculous ways. In Albania, for example, there is now complete freedom of religion and a hunger for Christ, despite its former atheism.<sup>4</sup> In Latin America, evangelical Christians have grown from 200,000-300,000 in 1900 to 21 million in 1980, and 46 million in 1990!<sup>5</sup> In East Africa, revival is taking place as multitudes in unreached areas are hearing the Gos-

pel for the first time. Even in the heart of Asia, South Korea, a former Buddhist nation, is now largely Christian, with 10 of the largest 20 churches in the entire world. South Korea now sends out thousands of its own missionaries to other nations around the world!<sup>6</sup>

In addition, there are more people alive today, as our world's population continues to grow, especially in third-world countries where the Gospel has yet to be preached. And the need for world missions is greater than ever before.

## WILL YOU BE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN?

Throughout the ages, God has worked through so many people, from both simple and willing Christians, to even ungodly and selfish rulers, to see the spread of His kingdom. God's perfect plan will be established on the earth, but he is still looking for people both available and obedient to help see his plan accomplished.

The Bible tells us that the "*harvest* (of souls on the earth) *truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*" (*Matthew 9:37*) "*And this Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*" (*Matthew 24:14*)



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## CHAPTER 4

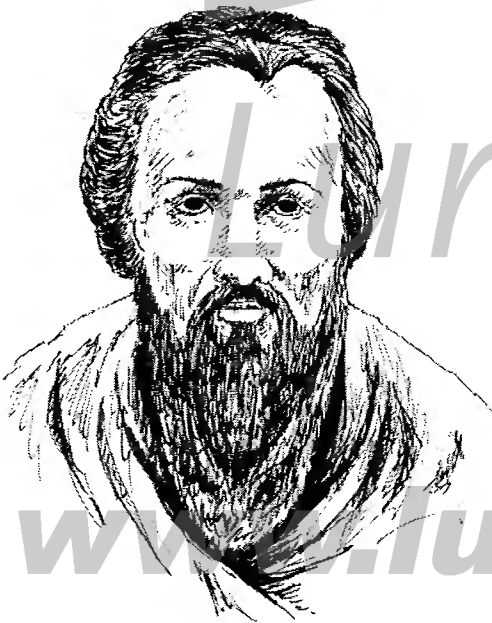
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# OUR EXAMPLES

### *Famous Names and Faces in World Missions*

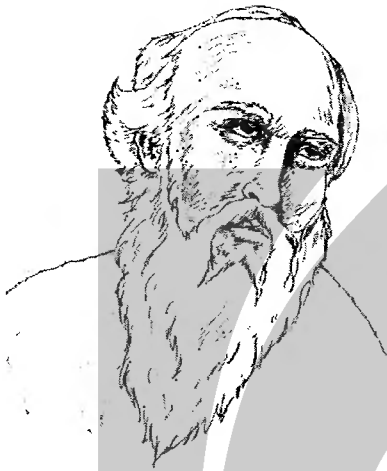
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**Throughout the years, simple men and women of God have dedicated their lives to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These famous missionaries and Christian world-changers can encourage and inspire us to fulfill God's calling on our lives.**



**IGNATIUS**  
(35-107)

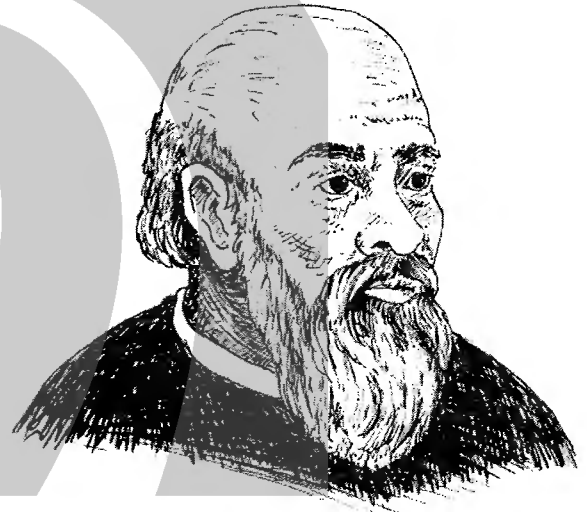
Ignatius was a friend of John the apostle, and of Polycarp. He served as the Bishop of Antioch, and was the first person to use the term "Catholic"; however, he never used this word for anything other than the body of born-again believers. In a letter he wrote to the Ephesians, he stated, "And pray ye without ceasing in behalf of other men. For there is in them hope of repentance that they may attain to God." His heart for the Lord can be seen in these words, "I would rather die for Christ than rule the whole earth. Leave me to the beasts that I may by them be a partaker of God...welcome nails and cross, welcome broken bones, bruised body, welcome all diabolic torture, if I may but obtain the Lord Jesus Christ."<sup>1</sup> In A.D. 107, Ignatius was thrown to the lions and eaten alive for his Christian faith.



**POLYCARP**  
(69-155)

Polycarp was born in the city of Smyrna, and later became the bishop of this area. He was a disciple of the apostle John, and a friend of Ignatius. Polycarp is known as the last survivor who had personally talked with eyewitnesses of Jesus. When he was a very old man, he was arrested, and condemned to death. When commanded to recounce his faith in Christ, he replied, "Eighty-six years have I served Him, and He hath done me no wrong. How can I speak evil of my king who saved me?"<sup>12</sup> Because of this stand for Christ, Polycarp was burned alive. According to tradition, his body would not burn, so he was killed with a sword and then burned.

into Ireland. Years later, he received a vision from God which called him back to this country. He returned to the heathen tribes of Ireland where he converted and baptized thousands of people. Tradition tells us that he used the Irish three-leaf clover to teach the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Patrick, his father, and his grandfather, were proud of the fact that they were accountable only to God. It was not until later, that the Catholic leadership declared him to be a saint, in attempts to bring the country of Ireland under the authority of the church.



**COLUMBA**  
(521-597)

Born in the country of Ireland, Columba was a Celtic missionary to the people of Scotland. As a young man, he studied at Celtic schools, and became a priest. Beginning in his home country, Columba had a great evangelistic heart, and is said to have established many churches and monasteries throughout Ireland.

Later, Columba traveled to Scotland with twelve others to help him, and established a monastery and ministry training center where other evangelists were sent out to preach the Gospel, build churches and to establish other monasteries. In addition, Columba was actively involved in translating the scriptures. He died in the process of writing the Psalms, and was found dead on a Sunday morning before the altar of the church.



**PATRICK**  
(389-461)

Patrick was born in Britain, and is known as the first missionary to Ireland. From the time he was 16 years old to age 22, he was taken as a captive



### FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1181-1226)

Francis was born into a wealthy and worldly home. Later, he became a soldier. While at war, he was taken as a prisoner for a year, and afterwards his priorities changed.

From that time on, Francis gave himself to prayer and seeking God's will. He devoted much of his finances to repair a church in Assisi, but since his father objected to this, he left home and took a vow to poverty. He dressed in a rough brown robe and traveled around the country of Italy preaching.

Those who followed after him became known as friars. They lived like monks, except that they preached and did missionary work outside of the monasteries.

### ULFILAS (311-381)

Ulfilas was one of the early missionaries of the Roman church. He was raised in a pagan environment, with a mother who was believed to be Gothic, and a Christian father who was taken captive by Gothic raiders.

For forty years, Ulfilas conducted evangelistic work among a Gothic barbarian tribe living outside the Roman Empire (in the area of modern-day Romania). Rome at this time had combined church and state, and saw missionary work as a means of expanding the Roman Empire. Ulfilas however, was motivated by a heart to spread the Gospel, despite many hardships and persecution. He was one of the very first people to translate the Bible into another native tongue, even developing his own alphabet for this unwritten Gothic language.



### BONIFACE (680-754)

Boniface is known as one of the most successful Catholic missionaries of Medieval Europe. He had a deep concern for the "un-Christianized pagans" and his travels took him to Holland, Rome, and Germany. In one place, he came against pagan worship by cutting down the tribes' sacred tree ("The Oak of the Thundergod"). Thousands of people saw that the Christian God was higher than their tree god, and were baptized. The first part of his ministry was characterized by similar actions, such as destroying pagan temples, shrines, and sacred stones. Later, his focus changed to the founding of churches and monasteries. He died in the country of Holland, in the process of preparation for a confirmation service for new converts.

### MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

Known as the great German reformer, Luther was actually born in Eisleben, Saxony. He became a priest and a monk, and strived for true righteousness. After reading a passage from Romans (1:17) he discovered the importance of personal faith. From this time, he became critical of many church practices, and in 1515 he attached his *Ninety-five Theses* (coming against the practice of indulgences) on the door of the church of Wittenberg. He was charged with heresy against the church, and was given a death warrant (known as the "Edict of Worms"), although it was never carried out. Later, he spent approximately twenty years translating the New Testament into German. He continued to teach that: 1) man is justified by faith alone, 2) every believer is a priest with direct access to God through Christ, and 3) the Bible (not tradition)

is our sole source of faith and authority for the Christian.<sup>3</sup>

Martin Luther was so sure of the soon return of Christ, that he actually did not see the importance of foreign missions, and claimed that the Great Commission was only for the New Testament apostles. Later, other Lutherans realized the importance of missions, and became active in world evangelism.

### FRANCIS XAVIER (1506-1552)

Known as one of the most famous early Jesuit missionaries, Francis Xavier was born of a Spanish noble family in a castle in Basque. He took a vow to poverty and celibacy, and committed his life to spreading the Catholic faith. With less than 24 hours warning, he was called to India to replace another Jesuit missionary.

During his missionary work, he concentrated on evangelizing children, and emphasized the importance of baptism. He never mastered the language of the people, but had a heart to travel to many different places. "I want to where there are out and out pagans" Xavier once said.<sup>4</sup>

Along with his work in India, he traveled to Japan, founding the Jesuit work there. Later, as a result of other Jesuits, there were approximately 300,000 professing Catholic Christians in Japan. He later died on an island just off the coast of China.



ULRICH ZWINGLI  
(1484-1531)

Zwingli received his education in Switzerland and Austria, and later became a priest in the Roman Catholic church. As a pastor in Zurich, Switzerland, he began to preach against many of the unscriptural practices of the church. In 1522, he made an open break with

Rome after studying the writings of Martin Luther, and replaced the Roman mass with the first reformed communion service. He removed images, relics and organs from the church, and centered his services around the preaching. He was one of the leaders of the Reformation, although he differed with Martin Luther on his view of Holy Communion. (Zwingli believed the elements were only symbolic, whereas Luther believed they were literally the body and blood of Christ.) Zwingli believed in armed warfare, and died in a battle against the Catholic states with his sword in his hand. He is known as a man who defended the Bible over tradition.



JOHN WYCLIFFE  
(1320-1384)

John Wycliff was born in England where he preached the Gospel to the poor and the lost, instead of only to those in high places.

When asked "How must the Word of God be preached?" Wycliff answered, "Appropriately, simply, directly, and from a devout, sincere heart."<sup>5</sup>

Later in his life, he was prohibited from preaching by the Bishop of London. Because of this, he devoted his life to his writing, and translating the Bible from Latin into English. Thirty-one years after his death, the church ordered that all of his books be burned, his bones dug up and burned, and his ashes scattered on the Thames River. Today, the largest Bible translation ministry, Wycliff Bible Translators, is appropriately named after him.



**WILLIAM BOOTH**  
(1829-1912)

Known as the founder of "The Salvation Army," General William Booth had a tremendous passion for the lost. He was born in England, and began reaching out to the poor and outcasts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1865, he and his wife, Catherine, founded their ministry with an emphasis on street preaching, personal evangelism, and practical help for the poor. The purpose of "The Salvation Army" can best be summed up by Booth's own words, "Go for souls, and go for the worst."<sup>6</sup>

Through his work, millions have professed faith in Christ. Today, the ministry of "The Salvation Army" continues to reach around the world with the same emphasis of help for the poor and the Gospel message of salvation through Christ.

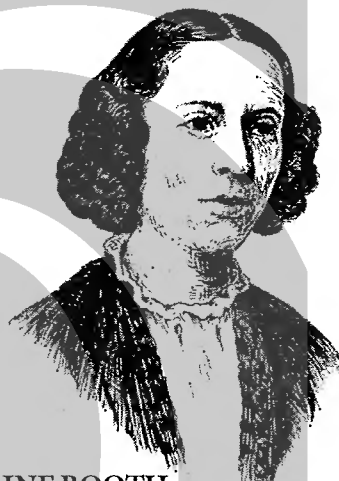


**JOHN HUSS**  
(1369-1415)

John Huss translated some of Wycliff's sermons into the Bohemian language, and was affected by his teachings. He maintained that Christ, not Peter, was the head of the church, and because of this stand, he was

condemned to death as a heretic. Before he was burned at the stake, he declared, "In the truth of the gospel, which I have written, taught and preached, I die willingly and joyfully." As the flames rose high around him, he sang, "Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, have mercy on me."<sup>7</sup>

By the godly example of his life, teachings and death, he encouraged many people in their faith. Some credit Huss with beginning the Reformation.



**CATHERINE BOOTH**  
(1829-1890)

In "The Salvation Army," men and women have worked side-by-side in ministry from the very beginning. Catherine Booth was a woman intent on winning the lost to Christ, and stepped out boldly in ways that many women (even today) are hesitant to do. She assisted her husband in ministry, along with writing six books and various pamphlets. Catherine was the mother of eight children, all who became workers in the kingdom of God. These children took the Gospel to many nations including India, France, Switzerland, and the United States. One of her daughters once said, "She was the light of our home, the inspiration of our childhood, the ideal of our ambitions, the responsibility of our confidences, the guardian angel of our souls..."<sup>8</sup>

At her death, over 50,000 people flocked to London to honor the "Mother of the Salvation Army." More than 36,000 attended her funeral, and even through her death, many people came to Christ.



**MARY SLESSOR**  
(1848-1915)

When Mary was a girl, her mother had dreamed that her brother John would become a foreign missionary. He died however when Mary was twenty-five, and she determined to take his place.

Sparked by David Livingstone's death, Mary Slessor came to Africa and set a new standard for women's missions. Up until that time, most single women missionaries would only stay at a missions base, where it was safe...but not Mary! She wanted adventure, and was willing to go where even men could not survive.

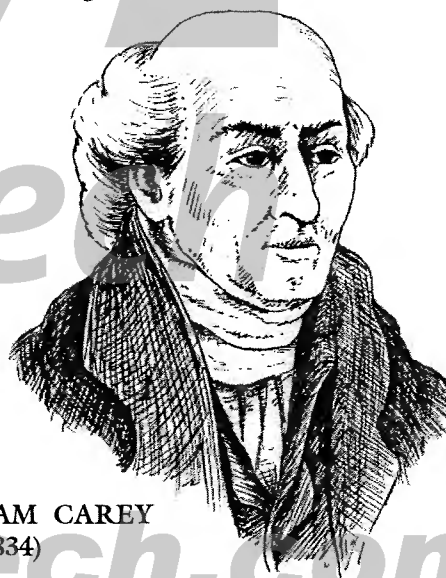
Throughout her missionary work, Mary lived and dressed like the African people. With her red hair, bare feet, and often scanty native clothing, other missionaries were often judgemental of her. Yet at her death, even they honored her as a great woman of God. Her work had included supervising schools, traveling to remote villages, dispensing medication, and preaching the Gospel of Christ. She died in her simple mud hut in Africa.



**JOHN CALVIN**  
(1509-1564)

John Calvin was one of the leaders of the Reformation in France. Through his teachings on the doctrine of election, he discouraged some people from seeing the importance of missions. At times, others did not see the purpose of world evangelism when they believed God had already chosen whom he would save. Calvin himself, however, was the most missionary-minded leaders of the Reformation. He sent dozens of evangelistic ministers back to his home in France along with four missionaries to evangelize the Indians of Brazil.

John Calvin was the founder of Calvinism, and is known for his writing of *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*.



**WILLIAM CAREY**  
(1761-1834)

Born in England, William Carey came to be known as the "Father of Modern Missions." Although he was raised in a poor family, he had a great desire for learning, and had mastered five foreign

languages (Dutch, French, Greek, Latin and Hebrew) by the time he was twenty years old. He became a preacher, and from the beginning of his ministry, he primarily preached on the importance of foreign missions.

When he shared his burden for the heathen at a ministerial meeting, he was reprimanded with these words, "Sit down young man, when God sees fit to convert the heathen, He will do so of His own accord." Despite this opposition, Carey believed strongly in this need, and wrote a small book entitled, *An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens*. Soon afterwards he preached a powerful message on missions. Using Isaiah 54:2, 3 as his text, he challenged others to "expect great things from God...attempt great things for God."<sup>9</sup>

Because of his leadership, an English missionary society was founded. Soon afterwards, Carey traveled to India to serve in missionary work. During his 42 years of ministry, he and his co-workers translated the entire Bible into 26 languages and the New Testament, or parts of it, into 25 more. In addition, he developed several dictionaries in native languages, and was actively involved with evangelism.

**AN EXCERPT FROM WILLIAM CARRY'S BOOK**  
*An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen*

"As our blessed Lord has required us to pray that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven, it becomes us not only to express our desires of that event by words, but to use every lawful method to spread the knowledge of his name. In order to do this, it is necessary that we should become, in some measure acquainted with the religious state of the world; and as this is an object we should be prompted to pursue not only by the gospel of our Redeemer, but even by the feelings of humanity, so an inclination to conscientious activity therein would form one of the strongest proofs that we are the subjects of grace, and partakers of that spirit of universal benevolence...which appear so eminent in the character of God himself."<sup>10</sup>



**ROBERT MOFFAT**  
(1795-1856)

Robert Moffat was born in Scotland, and is known as a patriarch of South Africa missions. As a child, his parents imparted to him a strong missionary zeal—as his mother would read aloud stories of missionary heroes.

Moffat spent fifty-three years in Africa with only one furlough, despite the death of two of his sons in 1862. During this time, he served as an evangelist, a Bible translator, an educator, an explorer and a diplomat. Despite his work, he is probably best known as the father-in-law of the great missionary explorer, David Livingstone. Actually, Moffat was one who encouraged Livingstone in African missions. "On a clear morning," Moffat challenged Livingstone, "the smoke of a thousand villages could be seen where the name of Christ had never been heard."<sup>11</sup>

Moffat's wife, Mary, died only months after their return to England. From that time, Moffat continued to minister as a missionary spokesman.

**HENRY M. STANLEY**  
(1841- ?)

As a newspaper correspondent for the *New York Herald*, Henry Stanley was sent out in 1871 to look for David Livingstone after he had not been heard from for a long period. After finding him, he greeted the missionary with the famous line, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume."<sup>12</sup> During their time together, he was so impressed with Livingstone, that he decided to continue in missionary work himself. During his mission work in Africa, he led the king of the Buganda (now a major tribe in Uganda) to Christ. At one time, he also wrote a passionate letter about the need for missions which sparked many more people to become missionaries.



**HUDSON TAYLOR**  
(1832-1905)

James Hudson Taylor was born in Barnsby, England, as the son of a Methodist minister. His father had desired to be a missionary to China, and he prayed that his son would go in his place. At the young age of four, Hudson Taylor was known to have said, "When I am a man, I will be a missionary and go to China."<sup>13</sup> Although weak and frail as a boy, he did go to China in 1854, where he began ministry by working in a hospital. He married the daughter of another missionary, and is known for living, dressing, talking, and eating like the Chinese people he was ministering to. He later translated the Bible into the Ningpo dialect, and founded the China Inland Mission. In 1870, during his ministry in China, he lost his wife and two children to cholera. Later, he married again, and spent the rest of his life recruiting missionaries from England and North America. Before his death, he had raised up 205 mission stations throughout China, 849 missionaries, and 125,000 witnessing Chinese Christians. He died in Changsha, China.



**DAVID LIVINGSTONE**  
(1813-1873)

Known as one of the greatest missionary-explorers of all time, David Livingstone was a man with a heart for Africa. He was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in humble surroundings. As a child, he worked in a textile mill from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M., and bought a Latin grammar book with his first pay check. He was raised in a church family, and was converted to Christ as a teen. Motivated by the challenge of unreached villages, he joined Robert Moffat in his African mission.

Throughout his life, Livingstone traveled 1400 miles into the interior of Africa, covering one-third of the continent. During this time, he was maimed by a lion, attacked by fever and dysentery, and his first wife died. Despite these hardships, Livingstone continued to share the Gospel,<sup>14</sup> along with his explorations, and careful scientific observations. He is known for contributing more to African geography than any other individual.

In 1873, Livingstone died in Africa. The natives lovingly buried his heart near Lake Tanganikamil (now known as Lake Victoria) and then had his body sent back to his homeland of Scotland. His death sparked a great missionary fever throughout Europe.

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**COUNT ZINZENDORF**  
(1700-1760)

Nicolaus Ludwig Von Zinzendorf was born in the 1700s to a wealthy German family. As an adult, he once saw a painting of Christ with a crown of thorns with the inscription, "All this I did for you, what are you doing for me?"<sup>15</sup> Count Zinzendorf was tremendously moved, and proceeded to found the Moravian church, and a world-wide missionary movement that was unprecedented throughout the 18th century.

A tremendous spiritual revival began and in 1727, the Moravians began an incredible prayer vigil that continued—uninterrupted—seven days a week, 24 hours a day, for over 100 years! As a result of this prayer combined with missionary evangelism, the Moravians brought the message of Christianity throughout the world.



**JOHN ELIOT**  
(1604-1690)

John Eliot was born in England, and educated at Cambridge University. As one of the first and probably the greatest missionaries to the American Indians, he is

often referred to as an "Apostle to the Indians." John Eliot was at first, however, a Congregational minister in a small frontier town called Roxbury, located two miles outside of Boston. In 1644, at the age of 40, Eliot began to have a heart for the Indian people. He spent two years studying the Indian language and began to travel with a young Indian interpreter. Eliot began to conduct evangelistic meetings for the Indians, often giving out treats following the services. Once, as he shared the Gospel message, one of the Indians responded with the question, "Why has no white man ever told us these things before?"<sup>16</sup>

Because the new Indian believers were often isolated from their people, John Eliot set up a town of Christian Indians. By 1671, Eliot had gathered 1,100 Indians into fourteen "Praying Towns." Desiring the Indians to grow spiritually, Eliot translated the Bible into their language, although he was often criticized for "wasting his time" with the Indian language when he could have been teaching the Indians English. Along with evangelism and Bible translation, John Eliot was known for his optimism (despite hardships) and his ability to get others involved.



**ADONIRAM JUDSON**  
(1788-1850)

Adoniram Judson was born in Massachusetts, the son of a minister. As a young adult, Adoniram was well-educated, and graduated valedictorian of Brown University in only three years. For a time, he rejected his Christian upbringing. However he later attended a new seminary his father was involved in and there made a "solemn dedication" of himself to God. After reading a British missionary message, Adoniram vowed that he would be America's

first foreign missionary.

Adoniram and his wife, Nancy, first went to India, although they were soon forced to leave to Burma (where he had desired to go in the first place). He served overseas for 33 years, and completed the Bible in the Burmese language. Later, he built a Burmese-style "Zayat" (where the Burmese people could come and hear the Gospel in a relaxed atmosphere that was culturally accepted).

During his mission experiences, Adoniram faced many hardships including the death of his wife, Nancy; and later, the death of his second wife, Sarah. During a war between Burma and Britain, he was accused of being a spy, and confined to a death prison where he lived for a year and a half.



**NANCY (ANN) JUDSON**  
(1780's-1826)

As a young woman, Nancy had a life-changing religious conversion, and began to have a great burden for the unevangelized. When she later left for India with her new husband, Adoniram (only three days after the wedding), she said that she was not going because of "an attachment to an earthly object..." but because of an "obligation to God..." with "full conviction of its being a call."<sup>18</sup>

En route to Burma, Nancy experienced a still birth, and had to be carried off the ship. In Burma, she gave birth to little Baby Roger, although at only six months old, he too died, of a fever.

During their ministry in Burma, Nancy and Adoniram did not enjoy the secluded atmosphere of the traditional missions house, and so they moved out to live among the Burmese people. Nancy quickly learned the Burmese language, as she spoke daily with the Burmese women.

When Adoniram was imprisoned, Nancy pleaded almost daily with the guards for his release. During this hard time, she gave birth to a third child, named Maria, although soon afterwards, both Nancy and baby Maria died of a fever.

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### **DAVID BRAINERD** (1718-1747?)

David Brainerd grew up in Haddam, Connecticut as one of nine children. His father died when he was eight years old, and his mother died when he was fourteen. Despite this hard beginning, David began to study with an elderly minister, and in 1742, he was offered missionary support by a Scotland mission society.

As Brainerd traveled to many Indian tribes to preach the Gospel, he was initially discouraged by their poor response. However, he was eventually able to lead his Indian interpreter (and the Indian's wife) to Christ, and afterwards he began to see tremendous results in his ministry. Throughout New Jersey, the Indians were very open to Christianity, and would often come from miles away just to hear him preach. During the summer of 1745 (during the time of "Great Awakening,") revival began to break out among the Indian people. As David Brainerd preached, "many of them were then much affected and appeared surprisingly tender, so that a few words about their souls concern would cause the tears to flow freely and produce many sobs and groans."<sup>17</sup>

He had hoped to marry a young woman named Jerusa, although he became sick with tuberculosis. Although she nursed him by his side for nineteen months, David Brainerd died at the young age of 29. The following Valentine's Day, Jerusa also died, of tuberculosis (which she had apparently contracted from him.) Although Brainerd's missionary service lasted only five years, his work was very significant to the native American Indians.

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### **MARCUS & NARCISSA WHITMAN** (Marcus: 1803(?) - 1847, Narcissa: 1808 - 1847)

Marcus Whitman and Narcissa Prentiss were both influenced by a missionary named Samuel Parker to take the Gospel to the unreached Indian people of the west. At first, Narcissa wanted to go alone, however the mission would not take single women. Later, Marcus approached her about his missionary ambitions, and the possibility of marriage.

Marcus went out first, although he returned

home within just a few months. Soon afterwards, Marcus and Narcissa were married, and the very next day they left for Missouri to join a missionary expedition to Oregon.

Although the journey was very difficult, Narcissa loved the wilderness, and was overwhelmed by the beauty of God's creation. At times, there were personal challenges (especially since Marcus Spaulding—who had previously proposed to Narcissa—was also a part of the expedition).

In Oregon, the Whitmans settled at Waiilatpu, to minister to a tribe called the Cayuse. There, they were entirely on their own, and became very busy building shelters and planting crops, along with medical work, language study and evangelism.

Others came to join the Whitmans, although at times this new "help" only seemed to cause more trouble and strife. Sometimes, Narcissa was so active in caring for all the visitors (including seven children whose parents had died on the journey) that she had little time for anything else.

The Whitmans have been accused of trying to bring both Christianity and their own culture, instead of presenting the Gospel in a way that was culturally understandable to the Indians. In the end, the Indians were faced with terrible plague, and although the Whitmans tried to help, the Indians believed that their medicine must have been filled with poison. In 1847, several Indians (whom the Whitmans knew well) came to the mission and massacred Marcus, Narcissa, and thirteen other men.



**AMY CARMICHAEL**  
(1867-1951)

Amy Carmichael was born in Northern Ireland to a wealthy family. When she was eighteen, her father died, and being eldest of seven children, Amy received much of the family responsibility.

At the age of twenty-four (in 1892) Amy received a "call to missions," and soon left for Japan and later to Ceylon. After returning home for a brief time, she set sail

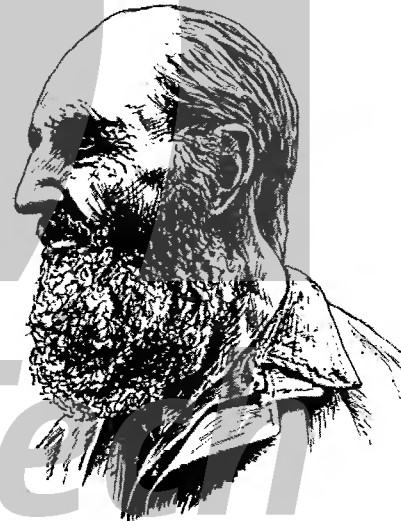
for India, where she lived and ministered for 55 years without a furlough.

Amy Carmichael was best remembered for her life work of saving Indian temple children (especially girls) from being sold as temple prostitutes to Hindu men who came to the temple. After twelve years, she had 130 children in her care, and many hundred had been rescued.

Because she never married, Amy founded a fellowship of single women called Sisters of the Common Life (a Protestant religious order, although not bound by vows).

During her life, Amy Charmichael wrote 35 books describing her years in India, and is remembered as one of the most beloved missionaries of all times. Another missionary, Sherwood Eddy, said of Amy, "She was the most Christ-like character I have ever met...her life was most fragrant, the most joyfully sacrificial that I have ever known."<sup>19</sup>

Amy's last twenty years were spent as an invalid. She died in India at the age of 83.



**C.T. STUDD**  
(1870's-1931)

C.T. Studd was raised in a wealthy English family. His father enjoyed horseracing, but was dramatically converted at a D.L. Moody gospel crusade. After this conversion, C.T.'s father sold his horses, and began holding Gospel meetings of his own, later leading all three of his sons to the Lord. Six years later, C.T. Studd went to a Moody campaign and committed his life to full-time missionary service. At that time, C.T. was attending Cambridge University, and was considered by many to be "England's greatest cricketer."



During a missionary movement now known as the "student volunteers," C.T. Studd and six of his friends left for China as "The Cambridge Seven." There, he met his future wife, Pricilla, and continued his missionary work with opium addicts.

Throughout his life, C.T. Studd was extreme, and often radical. When he received a large inheritance, he gave it all away, and instead lived by faith.

After returning to England from China, C.T. Studd traveled throughout Europe and the United States speaking about the need for missions and raising hundreds of new missionary volunteers.

Later, he returned to India for six years, although he primarily ministered to English speaking people. He was by then fifty years old and often sickly (and his wife had a very bad heart), he felt called to Africa and the Belgium Congo.

During his time in Africa, C.T. Studd worked extremely hard 18 hours a day. He lived as an African, and often expected those around him to make the same sacrifices. Only once during his eighteen years in Africa did he return to England (where his wife had remained).

Many aspects of Studd's life were very controversial, including a missions pamphlet he wrote entitled "D.C.D." (standing for "Don't Care a Damn" except for Jesus and souls). In addition, he pushed himself so intensely in ministry that he began to take a drug called morphine for added energy. He became addicted to this drug, and as a result, the missionary organization he had founded (WEM Worldwide Evangelism Crusade—formerly Heart of Africa Missions) had to force him to resign. Shortly after this, in 1931, C.T. Studd died.

## NATE SAINT, JIM ELIOT, PETE FLEMING, ROGER YODERAIN AND ED MCCULLY (Auca Masacre: 1956)

With Nate Saint as their M.A.F. "Missionary Aviation Fellowship" pilot, these five devoted young men devised a plan called "Operation Auca" in order to share the Gospel with a very remote tribe called the Aucas located in Equador. For several months, the missionaries airlifted various gifts to the Aucas, including clothing, knives, and lifesize pictures of themselves. Once, the Aucas sent back a gift including a live parrot and a smoked monkey.

Because of this gesture, the men decided it was time to land. After one peaceful visit, the five missionaries landed together on the Auca's "Palm Beach" and all five were brutally killed with wooden spears (leaving behind five young widows). Time and Life magazines both reported the incident, and although many believed it was a tragic waste of young lives, many were encouraged to become missionaries. As Jim Eliot often said "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."<sup>20</sup>

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# Contemporary World Missionaries

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**BROTHER ANDREW**  
(*God's Smuggler*)

Brother Andrew is known today for his mission (and "Bible Smuggling") work through "Open Doors" ministry. For years, Brother Andrew has focussed on areas of the world where the Gospel is forbidden, often defying government laws and authorities in order to fulfill God's Great Commission. For years, his theme has been that "It is better to obey God rather than men."<sup>21</sup>

As a young man, Brother Andrew served as a Dutch army commando, and was known for his daring acts. However, while at war in Indonesia, he was shot in the ankle and hospitalized. While in the hospital, he read the Bible; and in 1950, he was converted and immediately challenged to become a missionary.

On a visit to Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, he was tremendously moved by the scarcity of Bibles—which led to fifteen years of ministry to Eastern Europe. In the 1960s he began to focus on the Far East, and in 1965, he began to minister in China.

Smuggling Bibles into closed countries is only one facet of Open Doors ministry, although this is what this ministry is best-known for (especially as a result of the book, *God's Smuggler*). Over the years, this type of illegal ministry has raised much controversy, as well as tremendous support. Despite all of the opposition however, literally millions of people have received God's Word, and multitudes have come to Jesus Christ.



**REINHARD BONNKE**  
(*Mass-Evangelism*)

For many years, this German-born missionary worked as a traditional African missionary, and was often frustrated because he was seeing "little fruit" in his ministry. He kept having visions of a "blood-washed Africa" and mass-evangelism crusades. As he began to share what he believed was God's calling, others criticized him, claiming he was just full of pride and wanting attention. In prayer, Reinhard submitted this idea to the Lord, and believed God responded by saying, "If you don't do it, I'll just have to find someone else."<sup>22</sup>

From that time on, Reinhard Bonnke has conducted mass evangelism crusades throughout the world, especially throughout the continent of Africa (From Capetown to Cairo). Often these city-wide crusades draw hundreds of thousands of people...sometimes up to 500,000. Throughout these crusades, many different Christian churches work together, as salvation through the blood of Jesus is emphasized, along with prayer for the sick, and turning from witchcraft.

Reinhard Bonnke is the founder of German-based Christ for All Nations and has authored several books including *Evangelism by Fire*.

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**DR. BILL BRIGHT**  
(*The JESUS Movie*)

In 1947, Dr. Bill Bright (of "Campus Crusade for Christ") received a vision from the Lord to produce a film on the life of Christ. He realized that a large majority of the world's unreached population can not read, and thought about how effective a movie about Jesus could be if it was created and then translated into many different languages.

Although Bill Bright did not have the money, or financial backing, God brought together producers and professional people to make this dream become a reality, including one couple who were willing to finance the entire project.

The result of this vision is *The JESUS Movie*, which is currently translated into over 250 different languages, and is one of the greatest soulwinning tools today. Another man with "Campus Crusade for Christ" named Paul Eshleman worked to develop this project, and is currently involved in distribution. This ministry currently has over 11,000 missionaries and national ministers working in 105 different countries around the world. In addition, other ministries of all denominations are using this tool to reach the lost.<sup>23</sup>

**BRUCE OLSEN**  
(*Bruchko*)

At the young age of nineteen, Bruce Olsen began his missionary work in Columbia. With no prior mission experience, and no financial or mission organization backing he set off with only a deep call from the Lord. Soon Bruce felt led to reach out to the "Motilone" Indians on the border of Venezuela and Columbia (a murderous remote jungle tribe). Since 1961, he has lived and worked among these people, learning their language and culture, translating the Bible, and sharing the Gospel in ways that were culturally appropriate. Many times, he faced discouragement, loneliness, sickness, disease, and hunger. At the beginning of his ministry, he almost died from an arrow wound, and in 1988 he was kidnapped by communist guerrillas and had to endure ten-months of torture and captivity.

For years, there seemed to be very little spiritual results from his work; although in time, his ministry began seeing an incredible response. A great percentage of people from this tribe have now become Christian, and some have even begun to evangelize other nearby tribes. Bruce has introduced newer methods of farming, health care and education, and his best-selling autobiography,

*Bruchko*, has had a great effect on world missions. Because of his work, he has won the friendship of four presidents of Columbia, and has had the honor of appearing before the United Nations.



**YONGGI CHO**  
(*Church Growth*)

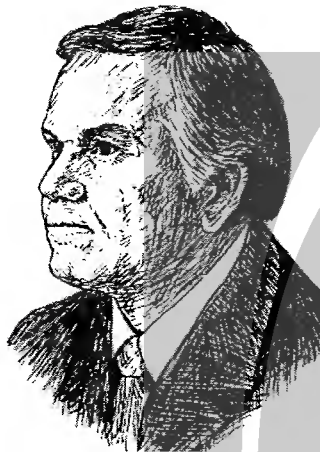
Yonggi Cho was born in a Buddhist family in 1936 during the Japanese occupation of Korea. He was a sickly child with tuberculosis and was converted to Jesus Christ by a Christian girl who visited him.

In 1958, Cho began a simple "tent church" in war-torn Seoul, Korea that has now grown to the largest church in the entire world. (Full Gospel Central Church consists of over 750,000 active members.) In addition, this church has sent out thousands of members to begin "daughter churches" in other locations and has sent out many hundreds of their own full-time missionaries throughout the world. According to Cho, the most important purpose for church growth is missions.

Cho has ministered throughout the world on church growth and his model "cell-church ministry" has been an example to many. However, Yonggi Cho believes his success is primarily a result of prayer. "I pray, and I obey," he is often quoted as saying. His church has a place called "Prayer Mountain" where members of his congregation pray and intercede around the clock.<sup>24</sup>

Today, South Korea (formerly a Buddhist country) is now largely Christian, and is home to 10 of the largest 20 churches in the entire world.

almost synonymous for "Bible translation." Throughout the years she has served as one of the top spokesmen for this important work, and has helped make this area of ministry more widely understood.



**LOREN CUNNINGHAM**  
(YWAM)

As a young minister, Loren Cunningham had a vision of "waves of young people" moving across the continents to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. At first this dream and idea was rejected by his denomination, however he stepped out in faith and as a result founded Youth With A Mission, a non-denominational, international mission ministry. Today, YWAM is one of the largest missionary organizations in the world, currently with over 7,000 missionaries in 106 different countries. YWAM has also founded "The University of the Nations" which has campuses around the globe along with a mercy-ship ministry. YWAM is known for their motto, "To Know God...and to Make Him Known," effectively combining short-term/high-impact missions with long-term missionary work, including discipleship training, and evangelism.<sup>25</sup>

**RACHEL SAINT**  
(Bible Translator)

Even years before the Auca tragedy (in which Rachel's brother Nate Saint and four others were martyred), Rachel worked with a young Auca woman and had learned their language. Some time later (following the massacre), this woman invited both Rachel and Elisabeth Eliot to come and live among these same people. Both Rachel and Elisabeth responded to this request, and were actively involved with translating the Bible into the Auca language. Today, Rachel Saint has become a name



**ELISABETH ELIOT**  
(Missionary and Author)

After the Auca massacre of Jim Eliot (Elisabeth Eliot's first husband), Elisabeth has continued to have a strong heart for the Auca Indians. She once said she had "no regrets" about the events that led up to her husband's death, and is known to believe that "this was not a tragedy...God has a plan and a purpose in all things."<sup>26</sup>

Upon the invitation of her friend, Rachel Saint, Elisabeth later went to live and work among these same Auca Indians (accompanied by her young four-year-old daughter, Valerie). Together, Elisabeth and Rachel worked with Bible translation work among the very people who had killed their loved ones. Their courage and unflinching love for these remote people have inspired many in missionary work.

Elisabeth Eliot is probably best known for her beautiful and inspirational writing. Beginning with *Through Gates of Splendor* (sharing the story of the Auca massacre), she has written many books about world missions and family life, as her work continues to be an encouragement to many people.



**LESTER SUMRALL**  
(*still strong at age 80*)

Lester Sumrall has been in worldwide evangelistic ministry for over 60 years. He has done missionary work throughout the world, and has founded many overseas churches which are still growing strong. He has authored over 100 books and teaching materials, and founded Harvest Bible College, in addition to LeSEA Broadcasting. At the age of 80, he began an additional facet of ministry called "The End-Time Joseph Program to Feed the Hungry" which is a worldwide pastor-to-pastor benevolence ministry.



**BILLY GRAHAM**  
(*International Evangelist*)

Billy Graham was born in 1918 in Charlotte, North Carolina. As a boy, he grew up on his father's farm and enjoyed baseball. At the age of 15, Billy attended an evangelistic crusade meeting of a man named Mordecai Ham, and felt the preacher was "looking right at him." Later Billy Graham said, "I do remember a great sense of burden that I was a sinner before God..."<sup>27</sup> After several meetings, Billy went forward during the altar call and gave his life to Christ. Later, he learned that one of the businessmen who had helped plan this crusade had prayed that God

would raise up from Charlotte a man to preach throughout the world.

After Bible school, Billy Graham began preaching and holding evangelism crusades of his own. Today, these massive city-wide crusades continue around the world involving churches from all Christian backgrounds. Billy Graham also uses the TV and radio as a tool for evangelism (with his "Hour of Decision" program), and has served as an advisor and friend of many recent U.S. presidents.

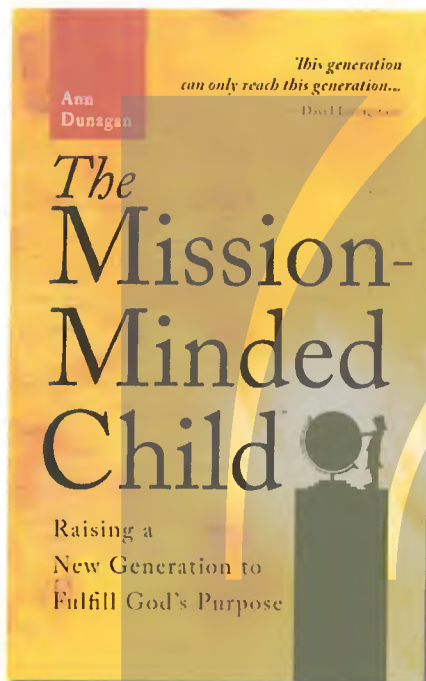


**DON RICHARDSON**  
(*Peace Child*)

In 1955, at age 20, Don Richardson responded to a very specific missionary call to a savage headhunting tribe located in New Guinea.

Don and his wife, Carol, were assigned to the cannibalistic Sauwi tribe, and began to learn their language and culture. At first, however, they were frustrated because this tribe "idealized" treachery. When these people heard the story of the Gospel, they thought Judas (not Jesus) was the true hero. It was not until Don discovered an important part of their culture called the "peace child," that he learned how to share the Gospel effectively. This tribe believed that if an enemy offered them a baby from their tribe, then the war could be over, and these people could be trusted. Don used this analogy to share about the birth of Christ, and because of this, the people could finally understand the Gospel. Don wrote a book entitled *Peace Child*, which shares this moving story.

In addition to this work, Carol has served as a missionary nurse, treating nearly 2,500 patients each month. The Richardsons also translated the New Testament into the Sawi language, and built a huge "Sawidome" (seating over 1,000 people) for Christian work. Another book he wrote, *Eternity in Their Hearts*, has encouraged many missionaries to find "redemptive analogies" in the culture within which they are ministering.



# The Mission- Minded Child

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Ann, you have done a fantastic job [in writing *The Mission-Minded Child* . . . Just think, the mature (31-year-old) missionary of 2025 is 10 years-old-today! May this generation rise up and fulfill the Great Commission, hastening the coming of our LORD! —Dorothea Lander, Children's Mobilization Coordinator for Wycliffe USA

We are truly hoping that the Lord will open our children's eyes and hearts to the tremendous harvest field that they may be called to work in someday. May the Lord bless *The Mission-Minded Child* and your efforts for Him.

—Mrs. Valerie Shepard, Daughter of Jim & Elisabeth Elliot

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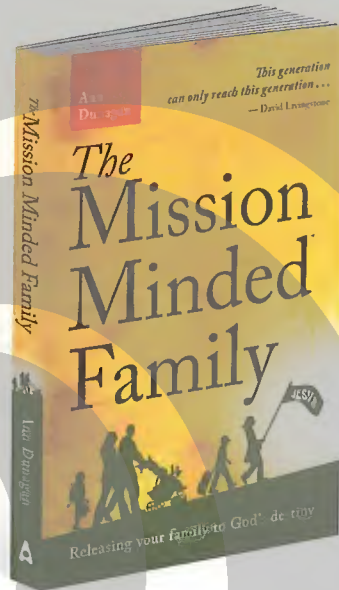


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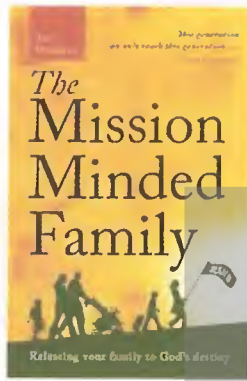


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## *The Mission-Minded Family*

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Contrary to what some in missions have mistakenly thought, we do not have to neglect our family responsibilities in order to accomplish God's will in our ministry to others. Sacrificing our children on the altar of missions is very close to a modern form of Molech worship, which God continues to abhor. The family is not an obstacle to ministry; it is a vehicle for ministry. But like all road-worthy vehicles, the family must be maintained in order to go the distance and finish its course over a lifetime. And it has been made for the road, not for the garage. It actually becomes stronger and more effective as all of its members devote themselves together as a team for service to others outside the family.

One way of harmonizing the obligations of the family with those of mission is to think of each Christian householder as an Ambassador for Christ and his or her home as an Embassy of the kingdom of God. An embassy has gates and schedules. It serves its host nation from a position of strength. It has God-given authority over all of its own interests. But it is intended to be open and accessible by means of routine hospitality. It exists to serve as a display of the goodness and wisdom of God's ways. It is a place where others can literally taste and see that the Lord is good and where the Gospel of the Kingdom is readily proclaimed and explained to all who will listen.

*The Mission-Minded Family – Releasing Your Family to God's Destiny*, by Ann Dunagan, is an excellent thought-provoking resource to assist Christian families in moving in this more sane and biblical direction. By establishing this balance between our personal lives and our outreach to others we can enjoy a productive mission while launching a new generation into the same missionary lifestyle. By honoring God's wisdom, our families can effectively raise our own children for the Lord, and simultaneously, reach our world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

God is too good and too wise to give us conflicting obligations. Every obligation from God is perfectly compatible with every other obligation that comes from God. Not only are our obligations to family and missions compatible, they are mutually supportive in His purposes. Households united in ministry together provide the best launching pad for a new generation of ministry, because "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise..." (Prov. 13:20).

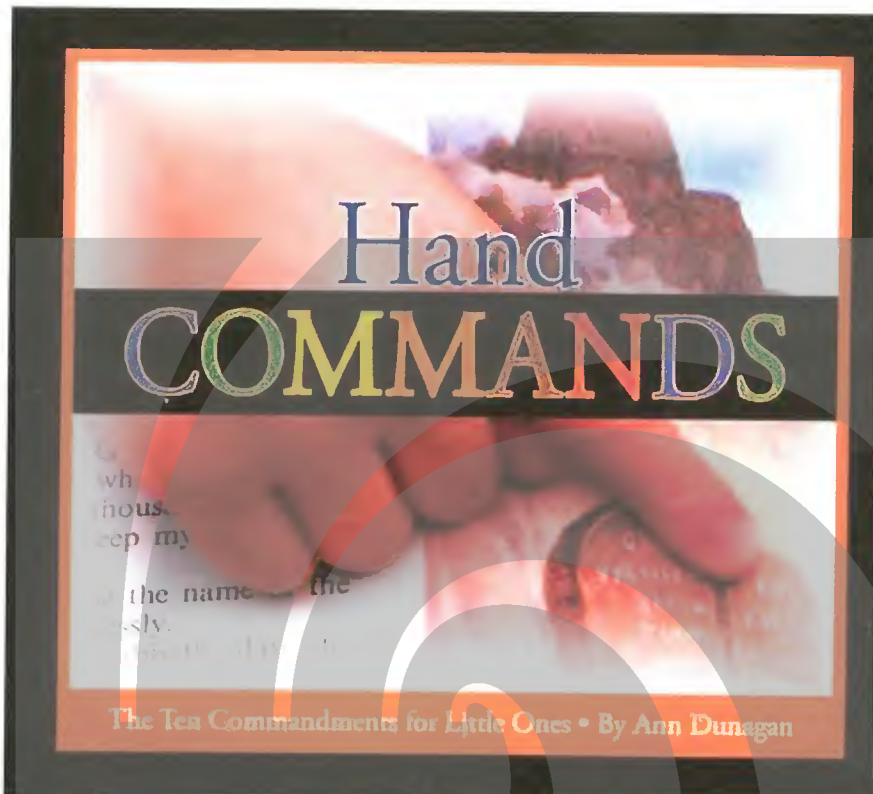
As you read *The Mission Minded Family*, you will be "walking with the wise." Ann Dunagan will walk with you through a very important topic, one that could spare you and your children the heartache that many well-meaning missionary families have had to endure because of shortsighted missionary traditions. With all due respect to their sacrifices, in the end I am confident that you will discover with a growing wave of missionary families that God is indeed good, and that the sacrifices He demands of us as missionaries are compatible with the responsibilities He has entrusted to us as a family. May your own adventure in missions raise up the foundation for many generations of effective service in the Gospel.

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