Missionary Stories For Children #2



Compiled by Sandy Harris Designed by Norma Hays This book is dedicated to missionaries all over the world who have given their lives as witnesses for Jesus Christ.



Jesus says, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, ...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

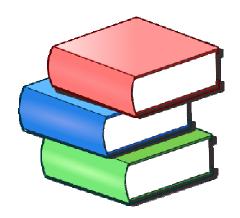
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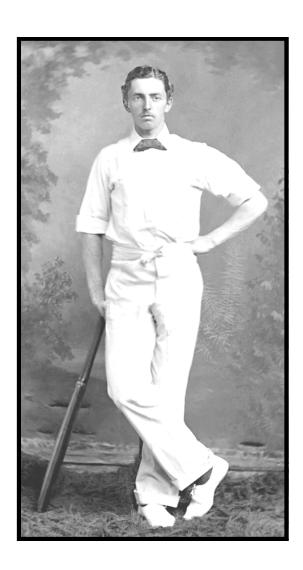
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"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." C.T. Studd



C.T. Studd 1860-1931

Would you like to grow up in a house as large and lovely as a king's palace? C.T. Studd grew up in England in the 1870's, and he lived in a house that to us would look like a castle. C.T.'s father heard the famous preacher Dwight L. Moody at a revival meeting and gave his heart to the Lord. Because of their father's witness, each of his three sons, including C.T., asked Jesus to be his Savior.

C.T. was a gifted athlete and played sports at Cambridge University, where he was a good student. He and six other young men formed a group called the "Cambridge Seven" who went to China as missionaries.

While he was in China, C.T.'s father died and left him ten million dollars. Immediately, C.T. gave it all away, because he wanted to depend upon God alone for all that he needed.

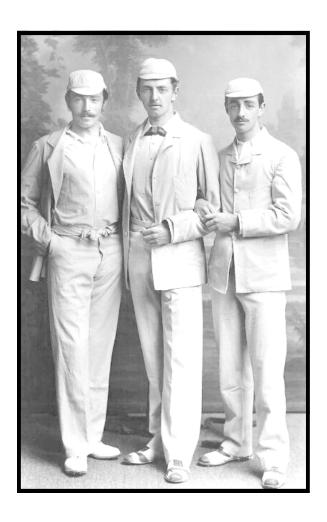
He gave some of his money to Dwight L. Moody who used it to found the Moody Bible Institute which is famous for training young men and women for the Lord. Some of the money went to William Booth in England who was the founder of the

Salvation Army, and part of it went to George Mueller who was well-known for the orphanages he built to help hundreds of homeless children.

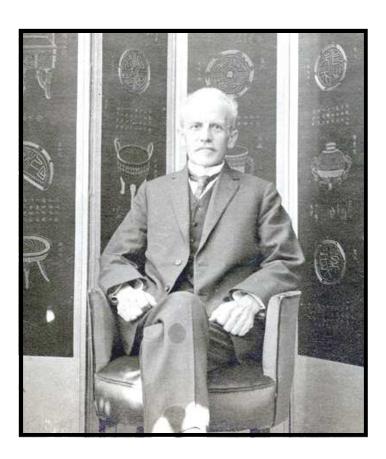
Later C.T. founded Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (WEC), whose missionaries worked in parts of Africa, Latin America, India, and Asia in areas where no one had ever heard about Jesus. WEC continues today to spread the good news of Jesus over the entire world.

C.T. Studd often suffered sickness, and for five years he and his wife never went out of their house without curses from their unbelieving neighbors. His burning desire for others to know Jesus as their Savior, though, was what took first place in his life. He could have had an easy life, filled with pleasure, servants, and much more money than any of us could image, but instead he chose to be a servant of the King of heaven. How greatly did his love for Jesus please our heavenly Father! "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." C.T. Studd

C.T. Studd and his two brothers asked Jesus to be their Savior!



He believed that the people could learn a lot more about God if they had the Bible in their own language.



Horace Underwood 1859-1916

Horace Underwood was born in England in 1859, to a family who cared very deeply about world missions. When Horace was still very young, his mother died, and he and his brother Fred were sent to a boarding school in France.

From the very first night, the school proved to be a good place of training for Horace's missionary life. As the two Underwood boys knelt by their beds to say their prayers, the other boys in the room threw pillows, boots, and hairbrushes at them and teased them terribly. It wasn't long, though, until the quiet example of Fred and Horace persuaded all the other boys in their dormitory to say prayers at night.

Horace's family moved to America, and he graduated from New York University. He worked as a student pastor when he was in seminary, and he constantly challenged his church to give more and more money to missions. The church warned him that if they gave so much money to missions, they couldn't pay his salary! "Never mind," he told them, "if that turns out to be the case, I will gladly go without my salary."

One of Horace's church members said that when Horace went to the mission field, he would love the people right into the kingdom of God.

On Easter morning, April 1885, Rev. Horace Underwood and his friend stepped off the ship as missionaries to Korea. Horace taught physics and chemistry at a medical college, and he then started an orphanage for homeless Korean children. One of his first loves was Bible translation. He believed that the people could learn a lot more about God if they had the Bible in their own language.

Horace made many dangerous trips out into the countryside to tell the people about Jesus. He was privileged to help in the first baptisms and in organizing the very first churches in Korea. God even gave him a missionary doctor for a wife!

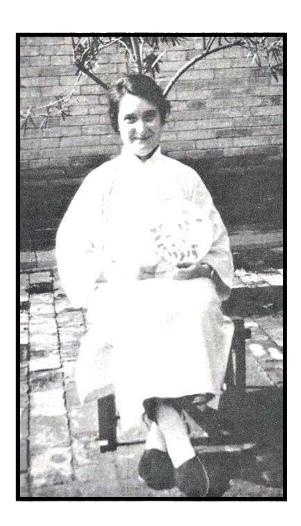


Because Horace's wife became ill with rheumatic fever, they had to return to the United States. Even though Horace was only in Korea for six years, the strength of the great Korean church is partly the result of Horace Underwood's ministry there. Today there are millions of Christians in South Korea and the largest church in the world is there!

Horace Underwood's wife, Lillias 1921



...the man told her that Jesus had freed him from his sins and that he wanted to be a Christian.



Gladys Aylward 1902-1970

Gladys Aylward worked as a maid in a large home in London, England, in order to save enough money to buy a train ticket to China. After Gladys felt God calling her to be a missionary, she scraped and saved every possible cent so that she could go share the Gospel message with the Chinese.

After arriving in China, Gladys lived with an older missionary and started an inn for men who traveled. She and Mrs. Lawson gave the men a clean place to stay, good food, and told them plenty of Bible stories. The Inn of Eight Happinesses, as it was called, became famous among the travelers, but Mrs. Lawson soon died, and Gladys was left by herself to run the inn.

One day the mayor of the city sent word to Gladys that there was a riot in the city prison. He wanted her to go there to see what she could do to help. One of the men had gotten hold of a weapon and had already killed someone, and there was fighting among the other men. The governor of the prison asked her to go inside to stop the fighting. When she looked shocked, he told her that because she was a Christian, her God would not let anything happen to her! As she walked into the prison yard,

she saw wounded men lying on the ground all around her. Then she saw the man who started this riot. In his hands was the weapon, and as he looked at Gladys, he ran toward her and screamed. She stood completely still and told the man to give her his weapon. Slowly, the angry look left the man's eyes, and he handed it to Gladys. As she saw the small wooden cages where the prisoners were kept, she knew she would have that kind of anger too, if she were locked up in one of them.

She spoke to the mayor and got his permission for the men to weave cloth, grind corn, and raise rabbits. Gladys often visited the prison to talk to the men about Jesus.

One day, a man began making fun of Gladys as she told the Bible stories. He became involved in a fight with another prisoner and was chained at his wrists and ankles. Gladys went to visit him and she prayed that he would accept Jesus as his Savior. Two days later, Gladys visited the prison again. The young man's wrists and ankles were free. When she asked what happened to his chains, he told her that the night before, even though he couldn't see Jesus, he knew that the Lord was there in the cell with him. He said that his chains had fallen off just like it had happened to Peter in the Jerusalem jail in her Bible story. Most importantly, though, the man told her that Jesus had freed him from his sins and that he wanted to be a Christian.

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During a war in China, Gladys took a group of almost one hundred homeless children over the steep mountains to find a safe place to live. Each night they slept among the rocks, and the weather was quite cold. The younger children cried from hunger and bruised feet. As they came to the Yellow River, Gladys saw a boat which could take the children across. The Chinese soldier told her that it was very unusual that day that the enemy planes weren't bombing the river because they constantly had been dropping bombs in that area. Gladys said that she knew why. God, who had brought them there, had kept them safe and would make sure they crossed the river without being bombed.

As they reached the city where they were headed, Gladys wasn't only tired, she was ill. She stayed in the hospital for quite a while until she was well. She later went to the island of Formosa, which is now called Taiwan. She once more cared for homeless babies and children and shared with them God's love. Gladys Aylward died at her orphanage in Taiwan on January 4, 1970. Two of the children she helped and who now have children of their own, are in charge of the orphanage and continue to help Chinese children who have no family to care for them.

He felt that not only did their bodies need healing, but they needed to be saved from their sins as well.

Map of China



L. Nelson Bell 1894-1973

While a student at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, Nelson Bell's good friend Bill asked him one day if he had ever thought of becoming a medical missionary. At that very moment, Nelson heard God speak in his heart, "That's what I want you to do."

Nelson wrote to the girl he was planning to marry to tell her of his plans. Virginia was a lovely young woman and had been Nelson's sweetheart since high school days. Virginia was thrilled with Nelson's news because she had always wanted to be a missionary! After Nelson finished medical school, they were married and sailed for China in 1916.

By the spring of 1917, Dr. Bell knew enough of the Chinese language to take charge of a large hospital. Nelson had great love for the Chinese people, and they felt that love, for they named him "Chong Ai Hua" which means "the Bell who is Lover of the Chinese People."

He treated thousands of sick patients, but always, Nelson would tell these people about Jesus. He felt that not only did their bodies need healing, but they needed to be saved from their sins as well.

In those days in China, there were bandits who roamed the countryside stealing as well as kidnapping people in the middle of the night. The bandits would tell the families of the kidnapped person to pay money to get their family member back or that person would die.

One of Nelson's Chinese friends, whose name was Kao and who was a strong Christian, had his two children kidnapped one night. He nailed up a letter on the city wall telling the kidnappers that he wouldn't pay any money and that he knew God would return the children to him. The man and his wife, along with Dr. Bell and the other missionaries, prayed and prayed for the children's safety. Several weeks went by and Kao's friends who weren't Christians laughed and told him that his God wasn't powerful enough to answer his prayer. A few weeks later, both children were found unharmed. The

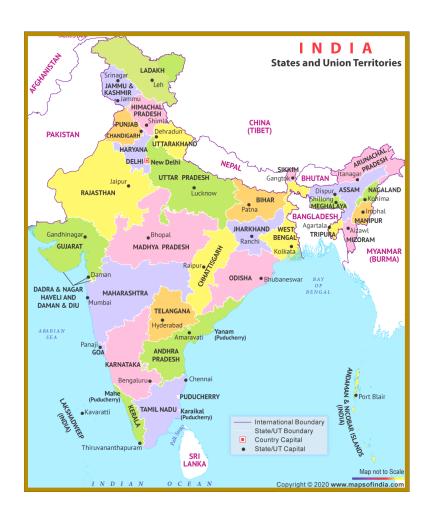
friends who made fun of God now believed how powerful God really was and knew that God truly does answer prayers!

During a war in China, there were planes flying over the mission compound with bombs dropping everywhere. Most all of the missionaries in China left the fighting zones, but Nelson prayed and felt God wanted him to stay as long as possible. There were so many wounded soldiers to be cared for, and Nelson wanted to obey God. Nelson's mother back in Waynesboro, Virginia, prayed for the safety of her son and his family. She was well-known for the hours and hours she would spend in prayer, and Nelson felt that her prayers were extremely important in his life.

When the Communist government finally took over, Nelson, Virginia, and three of their children (their oldest daughter was in college in America) were forced to leave their beloved China and sail for the United States.

Nelson Bell went to be with the Lord in June of 1973, but the work he accomplished for the kingdom of God will continue to live on forever.

Map of India



Evelyn Harris and Jesse Brand 1879-1974 and 1885-1929

Evelyn Harris was one of eleven children and was born in England in 1879. She read a little booklet telling how much the people in South India wanted to hear more about Jesus. At the time she read it, she was already 30 years old, and knowing her family needed her at home, she didn't even think of going to India herself. God had other plans for her, though.

One day, a young, dark-haired missionary whose name was Jesse Brand, came and spoke at Evelyn's church. As she listened to him, she suddenly realized that he was the same person who had written the little booklet she had read about South India. When he asked if anyone felt that God wanted them to be a missionary, Evelyn answered silently, "Here am I, Send me!" From that time on, she knew God was calling her to India.

One of the hardest things that any missionary does is to learn the language of the people who live in the area where they go to share the Gospel. Evelyn began language study as soon as the sun was up, when the temperature in South India was in the low 90's. By noon, it would be over 100 degrees in the shade! Sometimes Evelyn went visiting in some of the Indian homes with another missionary. In one of the homes, she unexpectedly met Jesse Brand again; he had been the missionary who had spoken in her church in London the night she felt God calling her to be His servant in India. "I thought you would be coming," he said. "I could see it in your face the day I spoke in your chapel..."

Soon after, Jesse and Evelyn began dating and later, became engaged. They were married and began their life together in a simple home which Jesse built in the hills of Southern India.

One day Evelyn met a young boy who was very thin and ragged. She gave him a blanket to keep him warm at night, and as she sat by him on the grass, she shared the story of Jesus with him. Later when the little boy was dying of pneumonia (a disease of the lungs), Evelyn visited him and heard him praying a prayer she had taught him, "Forgive my sins, Lord, and make me you child." The young boy was able to enter the gates of heaven because of a missionary who was willing to go and share the good news of Jesus with him.

In 1919, there was a flu which caused many people in the hills of India to die. A Hindu priest and his wife became very ill. They had not been kind to the Brands because the Brands were Christians, and they didn't want their people to believe in Jesus. Right before they died, though, they gave their baby girl to Evelyn, who named her Ruth. Before his death, the Hindu priest was calling out to Jesus to become his Savior!

Jesse Brand died of blackwater fever in 1929, but Evelyn was determined to tell the people of the Indian mountains about Jesus. She often walked twenty-five miles a day just to reach a village in the mountains. As she grew older, Evelyn became know as "Granny Brand." For over fifty years, until she died at age 95, she continued helping the hill people by being a nurse and by teaching and preaching.

Jesse and Evelyn Brand's son, Paul, also became a missionary doctor like his father. For many years he helped people in India who had leprosy. Dr. Paul Brand and his wife are now in the United States and are still helping people who need God's special gift of love.

Update note: Dr. Paul Brand died in July 2003.

Amy wanted to help these children... and lead them to Jesus...

...to these children Amy became "Amma, or Mother."



Amy Carmichael 1867-1951

When Amy Carmichael was three years old, she prayed for Jesus to give her blue eyes because her favorite color was blue. She was born in 1867 in Ireland and was the oldest of seven children. Her parents taught their children the Bible, and they had a very happy family. When Amy was 18, her father died, and she became a great help to her mother with her younger brothers and sisters.

One Sunday afternoon she shut herself in her room and talked with God. This began a special time that she daily spent with the Lord. She began teaching a Bible class for some of the poor girls in her Irish town. Her class grew until they needed a room that could hold 500!

In January of 1892, Amy heard God speak these words in her heart, "Go ye." It had never crossed her mind that God might want her to go as a missionary. She went to Japan, and after fourteen months, she became so sick that she had to leave Japan, never to return. She couldn't understand why she had to go home so soon, since God had called her to the mission field.

Shortly after she returned to England, a friend in Bangalore, India, wrote Amy and asked her to join her. Once again she sailed on a large ship and arrived in India ready to be a missionary for God's Kingdom.

Amy would use tea to stain her arms brown so that if she put a veil up to her face, she could look like the women of India. Only her eyes would show, and they were brown like the eyes of Indian women. Amy finally realized God had given her brown eyes and not blue, and why He had not answered her prayer to change her eye color. A foreign woman would not have been safe on the city streets of India, but because she looked like the women in India, she could go into the city streets to take the love of Jesus to those she met there.

She was horrified to learn that little girls were often kidnapped from their homes, were mistreated badly by men, and then forced to work in Hindu temples. She was determined to rescue all the girls she could, and to these children Amy became "Amma", or "Mother." Amy wanted to help these children, to lead them to Jesus, and to teach

them to serve others as Jesus had served people while He had been on earth. She needed food, clothing, and a place for these children to live, but never once did she tell anybody that she needed money. She felt that since our heavenly Father knew about her needs, she didn't need to mention those needs to people. She trusted God for her needs, and He always made sure she had enough food, clothing, and shelter for the children.

Amy Carmichael started the Dohnavur Fellowship Mission in India and in 1952, there were over 900 people who lived there. She wanted it to be a place where even Jesus Himself would feel at home, and that it would be a place where people would show God's love to each other.

Amy Carmichael died in India in 1951, but today in Dohnavur there is still a group of people who are loyal to Jesus, and who want to help others to come to know Jesus as their Savior and best friend.

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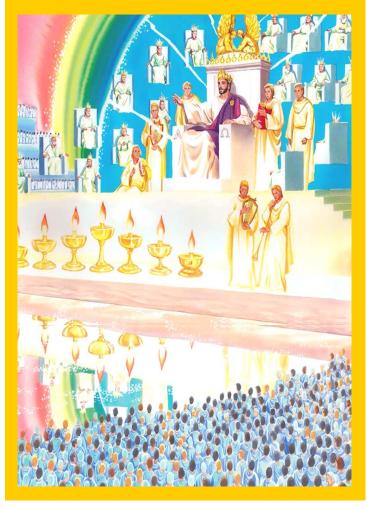
The Plan of Salvation

1. Confess your sin.
"All have sinned." Romans 3:23 NKJV
2. Ask Jesus to save you.
"Whoever will call on the name of the LORD
will be saved." Romans 10:13 NASB
3. <u>Pray</u> like this:
Dear Jesus: "Please forgive me of my sins
and come into my life.
Thank you Jesus, for saving me."
Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life; no one comes to the Father,
but through me. John 14:6 NASB
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"After these things, I [John the Apostle] looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb.'"

Revelation 7:9-10 NASB