

An Excerpt and Book List

*Amazing
stories!
True stories!
Stories to build
up lives!*

Wonderful Missionary Books

“The frequent reading of missionary books is excellent for the health of the soul. Children in Christian homes ought to be put through a long course of such reading, from the time they are able to read at all. Nothing is better calculated to secure their hearts to the cause of Christ... Further, parents who wish to read to their young children can do no better than to read them missionary books.”

- **Glenn Conjurske**

Christian biographies, especially those of missionaries and martyrs, have unique benefits unequalled by any other literature recommended by librarians or on the Newberry or Pulitzer prize lists. For Christian families, a wealth of blessings are sure to be found in these wonderful books!

We invite you to enjoy this inspiring excerpt. Read it aloud to your family! If it leaves you wanting more, look through our book list at the end. We hope to keep adding to it on our site, where this booklet can also be found, www.inKLEINations.com

- Excellent examples of real godly character.
- Opportunity to walk with the wise.
- Allows us to see things outside of our part of the world.
- Appeals to the **whole family**. Not usually focused on teen or children's issues, etc.
- Evenings with the family gathered around, listening to the reading a missionary book cannot be surpassed.
- Gives exposure to history and world events, in a way that puts them in perspective, without giving MAN the glory.
- Inspires compassion for those who have not heard the gospel.
- Gives us a glimpse into hardships that many people face around the world.
- Gives us a glimpse into the sacrifices others have made for the gospel.

E X C E R P T
GRACE STOTT'S PREPARATION
FOR MISSIONARY WORK IN CHINA

I continued in London a few months, when it was definitely settled that I should accompany Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and party, who were to sail the following May. Almost as soon as that decision was arrived at my health began to give way, though up to that time I scarce remember one day of sickness. After trying several places, with the vain hope my illness might prove a temporary weakness, and that I might still be able to go forward, the doctors gave it as their definite decision that I ought not to go to China at present. Mr. Taylor* reluctantly communicated this decision to me, but added, "I hope you will be able to follow us in a year." This news was a great blow to me; I had thought I was willing, for God's will only, that I would be content to go or stay, just as He called; but when the word came "stay" I was bitterly disappointed. This led to much heart searching: for the first time I saw how easy it was to deceive oneself, and night after night I cried to God to save me from self-deception.

One night, when on my knees, with tearful confession of self-will, it seemed as if I heard a voice saying, "If you still want to serve me go back to Glasgow, and take my messages to the Salt Market and the district round about." My heart almost stood still: the Salt Market was one of the vilest and most wicked places in Glasgow, inhabited almost exclusively by thieves and women of ill-repute. It was hardly fit for a man to go into such a place — could it be God was sending a young girl there, uncalled by man, unprotected, and without means of support — could that be God's will for me? I knelt in silence; I dared not speak. I had had one lesson in self-will, and dared not say "No," while I feared to say "Yes." At last the answer came, "Yes Lord; if Thou wilt go with me every step of the way." I then told the Lord that as I could not go alone I should refuse to go any day I did not feel His presence and power with me. From that hour strength seemed slowly to return. Meantime arrangements were being made for the sailing of the Lammermuir party. I offered to remain a few weeks and help with the outfits.

About a fortnight before the ship sailed, one of the party withdrew through the illness of her mother. Passages had been paid, and unless another took her place the money would be lost. Mr. Taylor turned to me: I had been getting stronger— was it not possible that God, having made me willing to stay, was now opening the way for me to go? To Mr. Taylor it almost appeared so. I prayed, but could get no light; it seemed as if the Lord, having given me His orders, would hear nothing more on the subject, so I had to say, "I can't go," even though it almost broke my heart to say the word.

The Lammermuir sailed on May 26, 1866, and as I watched her towed slowly out from the docks I felt China must be left behind for the present. Mr. Taylor's home was broken up the day they left, but friends had kindly invited me to spend a few days with them previous to returning to Glasgow, and it was here I had my first lesson in faith. The friend who had been as a mother to me after my grandmother's death had died during my stay in London. I had, therefore, no home to return to. I had paid all my incidental personal expenses, and never having referred to money matters, friends must have supposed I had plenty, but in fact I only had just enough to take me by rail to Glasgow. Wishing to have a few shillings in my pocket, by which to obtain lodgings, I wanted to go by steamer, that being the cheaper way. Friends tried to dissuade me, not knowing my reason; the expenses were figured up and after removal of luggage, &c., &c., I found I would save but 4s. 6d., and they urged it was not worth taking so long a journey for that sum. I had been asked to visit a young lady on that day, and was about to write a note to say that, leaving by steamer, I could not keep my engagement, when the thought came to me, could I not give up that 4s. 6d. for the Lord's sake? Perhaps He had some service for me to do, or I might interest her in China, so I decided to go by the night train and keep my engagement.

We had a time of sweet fellowship together, and, when leaving, she pressed a small packet into my hand, saying, "Take this as from Him." When I opened it there was exactly 4s. 6d. inside. Oh, how strengthened and helped I was by that simple act. It seemed as if God had said, "Do not doubt; I will care for you."

I had never heard of living by faith, and if asked could hardly have told the meaning of the words; but I did know if an earthly master sent his servant to do some special work for him, he would at least see that he had enough to eat, and I dared not think my heavenly Father would treat His child worse than that, so I was "without carefulness" in this matter. I had learned to use my needle well, and thought I might help to support myself in that way. Having some warm Christian friends, I had no doubt that if I told them I wanted needlework they would be sure to let me have some, and for the rest the Lord would provide. My business was to do His will.

On my return to Glasgow I was still far from strong, but gave from ten till two daily in visiting the poor degraded outcasts of Salt Market district. No needlework offered, my Father seeing I was too weak to do anything more than the daily visiting. I soon learned why God had sent me in this way, for almost the first questions fiercely asked were: "What Church has sent you here?" "No Church." "Who has sent you?" "No one." "Are you not paid for coming?" "No." "Then why do you come?" "Because I love

you; I have been saved myself, and I want you to be saved too.” And when they found that I was not only willing to read with and pray for them, but to nurse poor sick ones, kindle a fire, make beef tea, or sweep a hearth if need be, beside nursing their babies, both hearts and homes were opened to me at once. At first the elders of the Church to which I belonged were uneasy at so young a girl going into dens of such wretchedness, and one elderly man warned me of the dangers to which I was exposing myself, and feared that evil might befall me; but I felt that was God’s business. He had sent me, and He was responsible, and never during the three and a half years I laboured amongst them did I receive the least insult or hear unbecoming language if they knew I was present.

After three months, during which God had provided for all my wants in a remarkable manner, sending money from whence I did not know, so that I had lacked nothing, I was one day asked to speak with a few of the elders. They said they thought perhaps God had called me, and they would like a share in the work — would I accept a small sum from them weekly? I told them I could not be put under any rule whatever; I had to feel my way to depend on God for wisdom by the hour, and must work just when and how I could; that if their money would mean being under their control, I must decline; but if they would like to help, no matter in how small a sum, leaving me quite free, I would rejoice in their fellowship. From that hour, until I left for China, three and a half years afterwards, they stood by me, helping me on, but never interfering. In this way the Lord supplied all my wants.

It was not long before I began to see that I was the one God wanted to train through these means. I had all my life had a hatred and dread of sin and sinners. A bad person filled me with disgust, and it was not till I was sent down there among the utterly lost that I began to separate between sin and the sinner, and while hating the one to love the other. They had human hearts, and readily responded to the touch of love, and I felt circumstances and God’s grace alone had made me to differ. During that time, so far as I knew, only two had been converted, but God had put His child into His own school, and He was teaching her lessons that would have to be lived out when He gave her her life’s work. Never, never shall I cease to give God thanks for those years of contact with sin and for the faith lessons learned there, yet during all the time I never once lost consciousness that my life’s work lay in China, and I had but to wait His time.

*Hudson Taylor.

— Twenty-Six Years of Missionary Work in China, by Grace Stott; New York: American Tract Society, 1897, pp. 3-9. Cited in *Olde Paths and Ancient Landmarks*, 2815 Boyce Drive, Rhineland, Wisconsin 54501. (This book can be found free in digital form online!)

BOOK LIST

We heartily recommend the following books for family reading (with parental discretion in some). As with any man-made book, we don't necessarily agree with everything they contain, but "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*" 1 Thessalonians 5:21

This list is in no particular order, but we did group similar subjects together as possible. Watch our website later this year for a better organized list! Unless otherwise noted**, all quotations (but not excerpts) are from World Shapers – A Treasury of Quotes from Great Missionaries, compiled by Vinita Hampton & Carol Plueddmann. Also recommended!

A Good Foundation for Your Library

Martyrs' Mirror – Theileman J Van Braght – Similar to Foxe's Book of Martyrs but focused on the Anabaptists

Foxes Book of Martyrs – John Foxe. We suggest avoiding the more modern, greatly abridged copies. Mantle Ministries carries a good one, though it is abridged. Unabridged versions of this book are rare – and HUGE!

Excerpt:

“Three sisters, Chiona, Agape, and Irene, were imprisoned at Thessalonica. They had been educated in the Christian faith... When at last found out and seized, they seemed to lose their timidity, blamed themselves for being so fearful, and prayed to God to strengthen them...

“... [The] governor, not being able to make them swerve from their faith, pronounced sentence of condemnation against them, and [Chiona and Agape] were taken out and burned to death.

“Irene, the youngest of the three sisters, was a beautiful girl, only about eighteen years of age. ...when she had been taken away from the dreadful scene and bought before the governor, she replied to his questions as fearlessly as her sisters had done. In vain [the governor] urged the girl to return to the worship of the heathen gods... She refused utterly to have anything to do with

them, and boldly declared that she would rather follow her sisters to the fire than abandon the true faith. When the governor found that he could not influence the girl, he ordered her to be exposed in the streets, to the insults of the soldiery. [Then] wood was brought, and a fire kindled near the city wall, amidst the flames of which the young martyr's heroic spirit ascended beyond the reach of man's cruelty.”

Pilgrim Church – E. H. Broadbent - Excellent history of Biblical Christianity since the time of Christ

Torch of the Testimony – J. F. Kennedy – Similar to the above.

Operation World – Operation Mobilization - Good resource for fast facts on other countries. New version due out 2010. This book is overall helpful, but you may email us for our concerns about some of the editorial slant.

Our Family's Favorites

God's Smuggler – by Brother Andrew. Amazing stories of God rewarding faith with miracles!

Bruchko – by Bruce Olson - Olson, an American teenager, went alone into Columbia to evangelize a savage tribe

A Chance To Die – The Life of Amy Carmichael – by Elisabeth Elliot

Shadow of The Almighty by Elisabeth Elliot - Story of Jim Elliot (also available on audio, by Blackstone Audio Books)

Memoirs of the Late Anthony Norris Groves – by Sentinel Kulp

Jimmie Moore of Bucktown – An excellent book for family reading!

MORE BOOKS

Tyndale by J. F. Mozley, the story of William Tyndale, Bible Translator, Apologist, Reformer, martyred in 1536

Let Me Die in Ireland by David Berrot. The story of St Patrick, who was neither catholic nor Irish!

William Carey – India 1761-1834, credited with starting the modern missions movement

*“There are grave difficulties on every hand,
and more are looming ahead –
therefore we must go forward.”*

William Carey: Obligated to Go (YWAM)

An Enquiry Into The Obligations of Christians to Use Means for Conversion of the Heathen... -

William Carey -Available online as a free PDF (type the first few words into a Google Search bar!)

Carey, Marshman, & Ward - John Marshman, 2 Volumes

David Brainerd – North American Indians 1718-1757

*My soul longs to feel
more a pilgrim and stranger here below,
and nothing may divert me
from pressing through the lonely desert,
till I arrive at my Father’s house.”*

The Life of David Brainerd – Jonathan Edwards

A Burning and Shining Light – Denise C. Stubbs

Robert Moffat South Africa 1795-1883, Pioneer Missionary, Bible Translator

Missionary Scenes & Labors in South Africa

- Robert Moffat

The Lives of Robert and Mary Moffat - John Moffat

David Livingstone – Africa 1813-1873, Missionary Doctor

“I never made a sacrifice.

Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which He made

Who left His Father’s throne on high to give Himself for us.”

David Livingstone: Africa’s Trailblazer (YWAM)

David Livingstone - C. Silvester Horne; Christian

Liberty Press

David Livingstone - Mrs. J. H. Worcester

Adoniram Judson – Burma 1788-1850, First American missionary

*“I am not tired of my work, neither am I tired of the world.
Yet when Christ calls me home,
I shall go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from his
school.”*

Adoniram Judson, Bound for Burma (YWAM)

To The Golden Shore - Courtney Anderson

My Heart in His Hands (Story of Ann Judson, 1789
-1826, missionary to Burma) – by Sharon James

Memoir of Sarah B. Judson (1803 -1845) - Emily C.
Judson

Sarah B. Judson - Walter N. Wyeth

The Life & Letters of Emily C. Judson (1817 - 1854) -
A. C. Kendrick

Emily C. Judson - Walter N. Wyeth

J. Hudson Taylor – China 1832 – 1905 Started the China
Inland Mission

*“We did not come to China because the missionary work here
was either safe or easy, but because He called us. We did not
enter upon our present positions under a guarantee of human
protection, but relying on the promise of His presence. The
accidents of ease or difficulty, of apparent safety or danger, of
man’s approval or disapproval, in no wise affect our duty.”*

Hudson Taylor - Deep in the Heart of China (YWAM)

Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret – Dr Mrs Howard
Taylor

Hudson Taylor & Maria - J. C. Polluck

Hudson Taylor - Marshall Broomhall

A Retrospect - J. Hudson Taylor

Hudson Taylor: Could Somebody Pass the Salt?
(children’s book) - Catharine Mackenzie

Cambridge Seven - Young, affluent students from Cambridge
University who left in 1885 as missionaries to China with the
China Inland Mission. C. T. Studd - Montague Henry Proctor
Beauchamp - Stanley Smith - Arthur T. Polhill Turner Dixon
Edward Hoste - Cecil H. Polhill Turner - William Wharton
Cassels

“If Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”

CT Studd – Norman Grubb

CT Studd – No Retreat (YWAM)

Anthony Norris Groves – Middle East 1795 -1853, an amazing example of Christ-like character!

“What a mercy it is to have the world, with its honors, its pleasures and its hopes, crucified with Christ; when he thinks to make a deadly thrust at us, he finds he can only touch that which we have ceased to value, because we have a better inheritance; one incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.”

Christian Devotedness – By Anthony Norris Groves, available free online!! His testimony of believing Jesus’ instruction to “Lay not up for yourselves treasure on earth...” Powerful!!

Anthony Norris Groves – GH Lang

Father of Faith Missions - Robert Bernard Dann

Daniel (Dan) Crawford - Africa 1870 – 1926

Thinking Black - Dan Crawford

Back to the Long Grass - Dan Crawford

Jonathan Goforth – China 1885-1936

Goforth of China – Rosalind Goforth

When God's Spirit Swept Korea – Jonathan Goforth

By My Spirit – Jonathan Goforth

Climbing (autobiography) - Rosalind Goforth

A Thousand Miles of Miracles - Archibald E. Glover - story of 3 missionaries & 2 children who narrowly escaped the Boxer Rebellion of 1900.

Eric Liddel – China - 1902 -1945, Olympic runner who went to China as a missionary

“Obedience to God's will

is the secret of spiritual knowledge and insight.

It is not willingness to know,

but willingness to do (obey) God's will that brings certainty.”

Eric Liddel: Something Greater Than Gold -(YWAM)

Amy Carmichael -India 1867-1957 Missionary Mother

“It may be He has only sent me here as a stopgap.

Part of a soldier's duty is to fill gaps, you know. One must as willingly be nothing, as something."

Mimosa - Amy Carmichael, story of a Indian girl who becomes a Christian, alone.

God's Missionary - Amy Carmichael

Things as They Are - Amy Carmichael. The missionary relays to Christians at home the state of affairs in India.

Rose in Briar - Amy Carmichael. Written to those suffering illness from one suffering illness.

A Chance To Die – The Life of Amy Carmichael – Elisabeth Elliot

With Daring Faith -Rebecca Davis

God's Madcap - Nancy E. Robbins

Amy Carmichael: Can brown eyes be made blue?
(children's book)- Catharine Mackenzie

African Footprints - Zelma Virgin - a biography of John Alexander Clarke (1876-1960) and his sixty years of service in Africa; includes a good deal of African history

Gladys Aylward –China 1902 -1970 Missionary Mother (like Carmichael)

The Small Woman – Gladys Alward & Christine Hunter

John and Betty Stam – China – 1906/7 – 1934, Martyrs in China. A very touching story

John and Betty Stam – Bethany House

John and Betty Stam: Missionary Martyrs - Vance Christie

Rescue Missions. These true stories were written in the early 1900's. They tell of the gospel outreaches in the US to outcasts, drunks, even criminals. *Very* exciting reading!

Down in Water Street – Sam Hadley

Jerry McAuley: Apostle to the Lost – Compilations

Jimmie Moore of Bucktown – An excellent book for family reading!

Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, Pete Fleming, Ed McCully, Roger Yoderian -1956 Five young missionaries who were martyred while trying to reach the Auca Indians in 1958. Their testimony brought many to the mission field.

"I think a call to the mission field is no different from any

other means of guidance. A call is nothing more or less than obedience to the will of God, as God presses it to the soul by whatever means He chooses.”

Pete Fleming quoted in Through Gates of Splendor

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliot quoted in Shadow of the Almighty

“A fact that is mixed in a very important way with our work is the thing that became commonly known during the last war as expendability. During the last war we were taught to recognize that, in order to obtain our objective, we had to be willing to be expendable...”

“We know that there is only one answer when our country demands that we share the price of freedom-- yet when the Lord Jesus asks us to pay the price for world evangelization, we often answer without a word. We say it costs too much...”

“The Lord tells us that 'he that loveth his life... shall lose it.' It's inescapable.

“Missionaries constantly face expendability. And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives. They forget that when their lives are spent and the bubble is burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.”

Nate Saint, quoted in Jungle Pilot

Through Gates of Splendor (the story of the martyrdom by Jim Elliot's wife) – Elisabeth Elliot

Jungle Pilot (Nate Saint) – Russel T. Hitt

Pete Fleming: A Man Of Faith - Ken Fleming

The Savage My Kinsman - Elisabeth Elliot - story of Elisabeth Elliot, with her 3 yr old daughter Valerie, & Rachel Saint (brother of Nate Saint) who spent one year living with the Aucas. (Parental discretion needed: photos)

Send Me To A Hard Place, (autobiography) - Agnes MacDonald (1933-1992) with Alma Turnbull - Agnes MacDonald's service in Zambia and Pakistan

Angola Beloved (autobiography) -T. Ernest Wilson (1902-1996)

Martyred in Mexico (Ricardo Garcia) – Valente Hernandez

God at the Controls – by Jean Dye Johnson (new title **When Things Seem Impossible**). A hostage missionary bush pilot escaped from Communist guerrillas in Columbia

God Planted Five Seeds – by Jean Dye Johnson - the story of Cecil Dye (father of Paul Dye), Bob Dye, Dave Bacon, George Hosbach, & Eldon Hunter, who were martyred by the Ayore Tribe, and how their death blazed the trail for future missionaries to win the Ayores to Christ

“...perhaps more Christians at home would become more aware of their responsibility to lost men and less concerned over the material things of this life, if the expedition failed and we lost our lives.”

- Cecil Dye**, written shortly before his death

By Their Blood – Martyrs of the 20th Century

Jesus Freaks – Voice of The Martyrs & DC Talk

John Wengatz, missionary to Africa who worked at a mission in Angola from 1910 until 1931, shortly after the death of his first wife, Susan. He later worked at other various mission sites in Africa.

Miracles in Black – John Wengatz. Missionary adventures in the jungles of Africa

Songs in the Jungle - Sequel to the above, written as a call for help on the field

On The Alaskan Trail (children's book) – Margaret Jean Tuininga

The Leopard Man (children's book) – Margaret Jean Tuininga

Missionary Stories With The Millers (children's book) – Mildred A. Martin

Turning the World Upside Down published by Echoes of Service - various contributors - A century of missionary endeavor.

Awaiting the Dawn, by Dorcas Hoover. Moving story of a missionary family enduring the martyrdom of their father in South America.

Called to Die by Steve Estes. Story of martyred linguist Chet Bitterman, who died in Bogotá in 1981.

Biography Series

YWAM- **Christian Heroes, Then and Now** (by Geoff and Janet Bengé)

Bethany House- **Men of Faith and Women of Faith**
(Various Authors)

Barbour Publishing- **Heroes of the Faith** (Various Authors)

NOT BOOKS

Diana Waring resources. Some now published by Answers in Genesis. www.answersingenesis.org

Excellent audio history presentations from a Biblical perspective, with many book recommendations. Particularly pertinent to this study are the sets:

True Tales/More True Tales -World Empires, World Missions, World Wars

What in the World's Going on Here? 2 Vols

Heroes of The Faith

Paul Dye – NTM missionary pilot in South America.

“The only way we can glorify God in our death is to glorify him in our life.”*

When Things Seem Impossible (DVD)

New Tribes Mission

www.ntm.org. A thrilling testimony and re-enactment of the amazing escape and rescue of missionaries taken hostage in 1985. Also excellent is the audio re-telling, with some different aspects of the story told, available free online from Charity Ministries at

http://charityministries.org/msg_detail.a5w?vlast_index=569

“The Taliabo Story” & “Delivered from the Power of Darkness” (DVD) - New Tribes Mission, www.ntm.org These stories demonstrate the power of the gospel over the kingdom of darkness.

Empty Cities (DVD) Moody Science Series, Dr. Irwin Moon. This video begins with graphic scenes of village life (which we skip over) but has a powerful message. The biblical explanation for the decline of great civilizations.

Wikipedia – You can find tons of information on missionaries and martyrs, cross referenced to hundreds more.

*Does your family have a favorite
that is not on this list?*

*Please give us the title and author
and your comments
so we can check it out! Email us at
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COME OVER AND HELP US

By Sarah Judson (1809-1845)

*(Wife of Adoniram Judson, missionary to Burma. This poem was written in her youth.
She died on the mission field in Burma)*

Ye on whom the glorious gospel
Shines with beams serenely bright
Pity the deluded nations
Wrapped in shades of dismal night
Ye whose bosoms glow with rapture
At the precious hopes they bear
Ye who know a Saviour's mercy
Listen to our earnest prayer!

See that race deluded, blinded
Bending at yon horrid shrine
Madness pictured in their faces
Emblems of the frantic mind
They have never heard of Jesus
Never to the Eternal prayed
Paths of death and woe they're
tread in
Christian! Christian! come and aid!

By that rending shriek of horror
Issuing from the flaming pile
By the bursts of mirth that follow
By that Brahmin's fiend-like smile
By the infant's piercing cry
Drowned in Gange's rolling wave
By the mother's tearful eye
Friends of Jesus! come and save !

By that pilgrim, weak and hoary
Wandering far from friends and home
Vainly seeking endless glory
At the false Mahomet's tomb
By that blind derided nation
Murderers of the Son of God
Christians grant us our petition
Ere we lie beneath the sod.

By the Afric's hopes so wretched
Which at death's approach shall fly
By the scalding tears that trickle
From the slave's wild, sunken eye
By the terrors of that judgment
Which shall fix our final doom
Listen to our cry so earnest
Friends of Jesus! Come, oh come!

By the martyr's toils and sufferings
By their patience, zeal, and love
By the promise of the Mighty
Bending from His throne above
By the last command so precious
Issued by the risen God
Christians! Christians! come and help
us
Ere we lie beneath the sod!

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"Seek first the kingdom of God..."

Matthew 6:33

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