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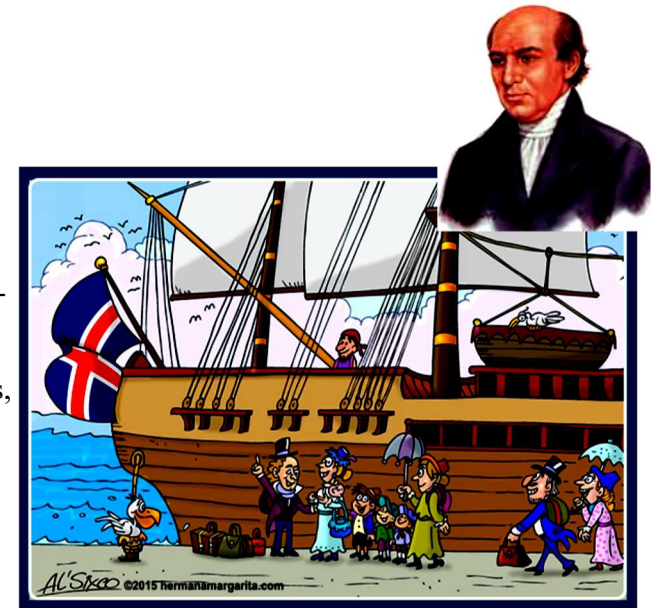

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Issue 56: William Carey

Father Of Modern Missions

When eight-year-old Felix went to India with his parents, they spent five long months on the ship *Crown Princess Mary*. It was a hard, hard journey.



It was 1793, and there were no phones or any other ways to talk to anyone in another place. There were no cars or other things with motors, either. They went to India on a sailing ship. In the last three months of the trip, they didn't even see any other ships — only sky and sea.

Felix and his brothers had just the ship's deck to play on. We don't know what their activities were but we can imagine that maybe they did some fishing with their dad, **William Carey**.



Why did Felix spend five long months on a ship at sea? Because his father, the shoemaker William Carey, had a deep desire to obey Jesus' Great Commission... **“Go and make disciples of all nations.”**

When Felix's dad, William, was a child, he learned from books and nature. William Carey loved plants and flowers, birds and insects. But there was a problem. The sunlight affected his health. He got sick when working outside. William's father decided he should be a shoemaker so he could work indoors. When William grew up, that's what he did.

As he worked, William began to read the Bible and learned that one of Jesus' commands was to take the Gospel to those who have never heard the message of God's love.

While the *tap, tap, tap* of his hammer was nailing shoes, William read the Bible in different languages. He learned Latin, Greek, and Hebrew as well as Italian, Dutch, and French.

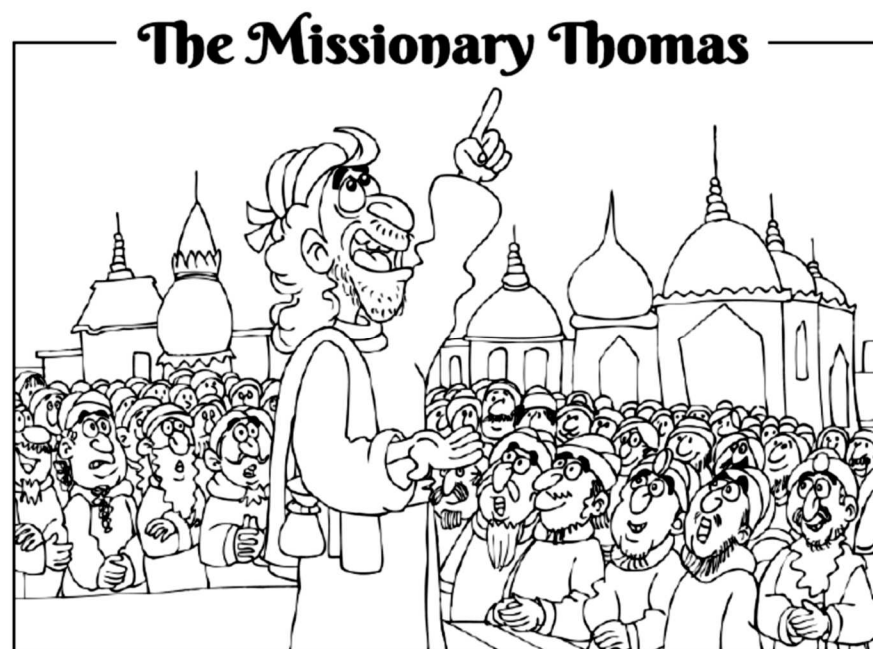
William began to think of ways to take the Gospel to countries outside his own, which was England.

One day William asked some ministers if their churches had done all they could to tell other nations about Jesus. The ministers said: "Young man, sit down. When God wants to convert them, He will do it without your help or mine."

William knew that answer was not right. He asked God to help him to go to India and preach about Christ.



William always said: "The people of India have not heard of God's love. I have to announce the good news of Jesus Christ to them."



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★ Think About It ★

Jesus told us to take the Gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and all over the rest of the world. All together, 41.6% of the people of the world are still unreached with the Gospel. These dots show where they are.

Do we need to take the Gospel to them?
 Yes No

Would you like to do that some day?
 Yes Maybe No



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Pray for the Nations
Badhik in India

Population: 9,700
 World Popl: 9,700
 Total Countries: 1
 People Cluster: Hindi
 Main Language: Hindi
 Main Religion: Hinduism
 Status: ■ Unreached
 Evangelicals: 0.00%
 Chr Adherents: 0.00%
 Scripture: Complete Bible

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"Declare his glory among the nations." Psalm 96:3

Will you pray for them?

You can get prayer cards like this for all unreached groups at Joshuaproject.net/pray/cards

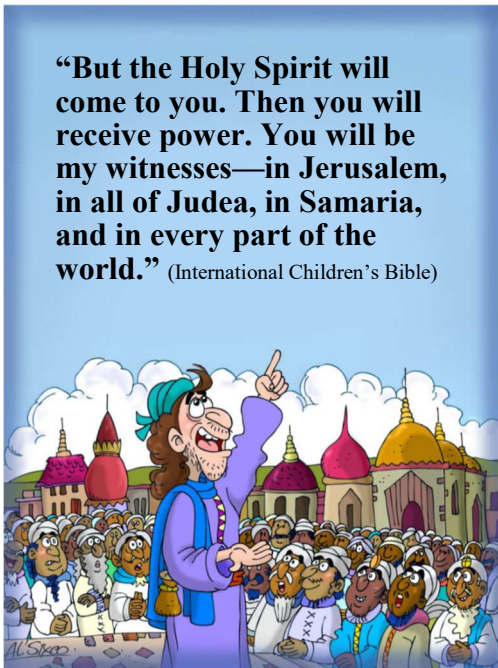
The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

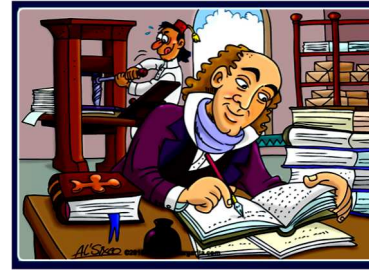
Back when William Carey lived, there were two common translations of the Bible in English. One was the King James translation. For Acts 1:8 it says,

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

In our kind of English, Acts 1:8 says,



When William Carey read that, he knew he must go to India and tell the people there about Jesus. Mr. Carey wasn't the first one, though. A man named **Thomas**, one of the men who travelled with Jesus, listened closely to what Jesus said. Thomas knew he must obey. Some people in India say that Thomas brought the Gospel to them first.



When William and his family finally got to India, he learned the local language and began to teach about Jesus. William discovered he wasn't very good at preaching, but he was very good at learning languages.

There were lots of languages in India. William wanted everyone to have the Word of God, so he learned almost all of the languages. He started with Bengali and Sanskrit.

William's first translation was Genesis into Bengali. This was the beginning of how William Carey gave the people of India the Word of God in their own languages.

William translated Bibles and also printed them. Printing was done with metal type, small letters that were

assembled in a box, which was then placed in the printing press. They needed many different types because there were so many different kinds of letters in the different languages.

One day the printing shop caught on fire. Translations of the Bible that were ready to be printed were burned. So were more than half a million sheets of paper that were to be used to print New Testaments.



Missionary William started over after the fire. He again translated and printed the books that had burned.

During his life, William made 212,000 copies of the Scriptures in 40 languages to reach 300 million people! 🌟

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William Carey Is Called the Father Of Modern Missions because...

1. Over 300 years ago, when William Carey lived, most Christians did not understand Matthew 28:18-20, but he did. He knew that God wants us to tell people of all nations about Him. Mr. Carey taught the Great Commission and spent his life doing it.
2. Things Mr. Carey said still encourage people to be missionaries. Things like:



- ★ “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.”
- ★ “To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him.”
- ★ “You have been saying much about Dr. Carey and his work. When I am gone, say nothing about Dr. Carey. Speak about Dr. Carey’s savior.”

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